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**NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS (NAP)
DISTRICT 15**

2017-2018 Conditions of Contest

The following, in conjunction with the ACBL Conditions of Contest, shall constitute the District 15 Conditions of Contest. The ACBL National Conditions of Contest may be referenced on the ACBL website. From the ACBL home page click "Tournaments" and Click "Conditions of Contest".

GENERAL

Each unit in District 15 shall appoint a Unit Coordinator. This person shall be responsible for arranging Unit NAP competition, reporting unit results, and aiding clubs within their unit with questions about the conditions of contest (COC). **The name, address, phone number, and e-mail address of the Unit Coordinator shall be submitted to the District 15 Coordinator no later than June 1, 2017. If the Unit Coordinator does not have e-mail, an e-mail address of a contact person within the unit shall be provided.**

*The Unit Coordinator shall furnish a list of qualifiers at the Club and Unit Level to the District Coordinator no later than **two weeks prior** to the District 15 Finals.*

The Unit Coordinator of the Host Unit for the District 15 Finals shall work with the District Coordinator in facilitating the District Finals.

FLIGHT ELIGIBILITY

Flight A	Open to any player
Flight B	Less than 2,500 Masterpoints
Flight C	Non Life Masters with less than 500 MP

Master point totals for flight eligibility is determined by the ACBL's June master point cycle, run by the ACBL on May 6, 2017.

CLUB COMPETITION

Club level competition may be held only in June, July, and August of 2017. Clubs may hold up to two (2) NAP club qualifying games in each of these months for each weekly sanctioned session. All games should be seeded, regardless of size. All pairs must play a minimum of 21 boards. **Boards should be duplicated when there are two or more sections. No club level qualifying game may be run as a handicapped game.**

Club NAP qualifying games, if stratified, must use these limits: Open/2500/NLM<500. **A stand-alone Flight C game may be stratified. The clubs may select their own limits for strats D & E.**

Points awarded at club level games are half red and half black as Sectional rating. Points awarded at invitational games are black only, 80% of Sectional rating.

QUALIFICATION: There is no qualification needed to play in the Club Level game. All bridge players are welcome.

REPORTING: Results of ALL club level games must be submitted to the Unit Coordinator. The Unit Coordinator must submit ALL club level game results to the District Coordinator. A fee of \$5.00/per table must be remitted to the ACBL for games at the Club Level. A \$1.00 per table surcharge is sent to the District Coordinator. Checks made out to District 15 and mailed to Warren Smith, 2243 N. Bramblewood, #1204, Wichita, KS 67203

RESTRICTIONS: No club level qualifying game may be held during any District 15 regional tournament or during a sectional tournament within 25 miles of the club game. Scheduling conflicts designated in the National COC must be observed.

CONVENTIONS: At the Unit level, the ACBL General Convention Chart applies.

ADVANCEMENT TO UNIT LEVEL: Eligible players finishing in the top 60% of their flight (rounded up and including ties), plus any pair with a 50% game, qualify to the unit level of play. When an insufficient number of pairs (fewer than five pairs) enter a scheduled qualifying event, all players who pay their entry fee are qualified to the next stage of competition. This also applies when an insufficient number of pairs enter the lowest strat of a scheduled stratified game. Sanction fees, player number and names must be submitted to ACBL. **New partnerships between club level qualifiers may be formed at the unit level.**

NOTE: IF NO CLUBS IN A PARTICULAR UNIT HOLD CLUB LEVEL QUALIFYING GAMES, THE UNIT MUST HOLD A CLUB LEVEL QUALIFYING GAME.

UNIT LEVEL COMPETITION

Unit level finals should be scheduled between September 1 and October 22, 2017. The event should be two sessions, if possible. The game should be flighted if possible, but may be stratified if there are an insufficient number of pairs to hold a particular flight. The field must be seeded in either case, with pairs from each flight evenly distributed in the North-South and East-West positions. Each session of a Unit Final must be at least 24 and no more than 30 boards.

QUALIFICATIONS: ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE UNIT FINAL MUST HAVE QUALIFIED AT A CLUB LEVEL GAME. THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR A “BUY-IN” FOR THIS EVENT. ALL PLAYERS AT THE UNIT LEVEL MUST BE ACBL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AND MEMBERS OF DISTRICT 15. Any player that qualified in any club may play with any other qualified player in ANY UNIT in their District. Each player must be a member of a unit of their parent District 15.

REPORTING: The Unit Coordinator must submit the results of the Unit Final to the District Coordinator. The Unit Coordinator must also remit a fee of \$7.00 per table per session to the ACBL. In addition to the results, the unit coordinator must remit a \$1.00 per table surcharge to the District Coordinator. Checks should be made payable to District 15 and mailed to Warren Smith, 2243 N. Bramblewood, #1204, Wichita, KS 67226..

RESTRICTIONS: No Unit Final may be held during a District 15 Regional. Scheduling conflicts designated in the National COC must be observed. No player may participate in more than one (1) Unit Final.

CONVENTIONS: At the Unit stage, the ACBL General Convention Chart applies.

ADVANCEMENT TO DISTRICT LEVEL: Same as designated at club level. New partnerships from unit level qualifiers may be formed at the district level.

DISTRICT LEVEL COMPETITION

The site of the District NAP Finals will be held at the Topeka Sectional, November 4, 2017.

New pairs may be formed for play at the district level.

Attendance permitting, the District Final will be a two (2) session flighted event. A two session playthrough stratified event will be allowed when attendance is insufficient to support separate flights. Each session must be at least 24 and no more than 30 boards.

QUALIFICATIONS: ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE DISTRICT FINAL MUST HAVE QUALIFIED AT BOTH THE CLUB AND UNIT LEVELS. THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR A “BUY-IN” FOR THIS EVENT. ALL PLAYERS MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE ACBL IN GOOD STANDING AND MEMBERS OF DISTRICT 15.

REPORTING: The District Coordinator should be certain to obtain a copy of the District Final results for all flights. In addition, the District Coordinator should ensure that the \$7.00 per table a remitted to the ACBL and a \$1.00 per table remitted to District 15.

CONVENTIONS: At the District stage, the ACBL General Convention chart applies for Flights B and C. Flight A may use the ACBL Mid-Chart.

NATIONAL FINAL QUALIFICATIONS: The top three (3) eligible pairs in flight A and the top four (4) eligible pairs flights B&C qualify to the National Finals. Those who qualify for participation in the national finals will be notified by the ACBL Special Events Coordinator of any subsidy their finish in the district finals may have earned plus the qualified participants will be notified by the district secretary/treasurer of any district subsidy.

Pairs qualifying to the national finals qualify as a pair, and no new partnerships may be formed at the national finals regardless of the circumstances.

Ties for any qualifying position will be broken as follows:

- a) Considering only boards played in common, a pair will receive one point for each board played in common on which it outscores the other tied pair(s) and one half point for each tied board. In addition, on boards not played in common, a pair will receive one point for a score above average and one half points for a score of average.
- b) If the above does not break the tie or in cases where the pairs played no boards in common, compare matchpoints on all boards against average. Award a pair one point for each score above average and one half point for each score of average.

SUMMARY

<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>DISTRICT FEES</u>	<u>ACBL FEES</u>
Club	June 1 through August 31, 2017	\$1/table	\$5/table
Unit	Sept 1 through Oct 22, 2017	\$1/table	\$7/table
District	Nov 4, 2017 Topeka sectional	\$1/table	\$7/table

Table fees are payable to “**DISTRICT 15**” mailed to Warren Smith, 2243 N Bramblewood St Apt 1204, Wichita, KS 67226.

All game results in **.TXT** format must be e-mailed to warglo@yahoo.com.