

DISTRICT 16
2023-2024 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS (NAP)
CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

The National Conditions of Contest for the North American Pairs (NAP) are established by the ACBL and take precedence over District 16 conditions. The District 16 Conditions of Contest are solely intended to provide additional district specific information. The ACBL National Conditions of Contest may be found on the ACBL website (<http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/NAP/CoC.pdf>).

The District 16 NAP Coordinator is: Larry Davis. If there are any questions regarding the District 16 NAP contest, he may be contacted via e-mail at larrysdavis@att.net or by phone at 512-343-6942.

FLIGHT ELIGIBILITY

Flight A — Open to any player

Flight B — Less than 2500 MP

Flight C — Non-Life Masters with less than 500 MP

Individual masterpoint totals for flight eligibility are determined based on the June 2023 masterpoint cycle run by ACBL data processing on May 6, 2023.

CLUB LEVEL COMPETITION

Club-level competition may be held only in June, July, and August of 2023.

Clubs may hold up to two NAP Club qualifying games for each weekly sanctioned session in each of these months.

Club-level NAP qualifying games, if stratified, must use these limits:
Open/2500/NLM<500.

There is no qualification needed to play in a club- level game. All bridge players are welcome.

There is no District surcharge for games at the club-level. All reporting is done via the club's monthly report to ACBL

UNIT-LEVEL COMPETITION

Unit-level qualification is OPTIONAL for all flights. Unit-level finals can be scheduled between September 1 and December 31, 2023. The Unit NAP Coordinator is responsible for sanctioning any unit finals through the ACBL website, with the date approved by the District NAP Coordinator.

New partnerships from club-level qualifiers may be formed at the unit-level and at the district-level.

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

support a game for a particular flight. All players at the unit-level competition must be 'paid up' members of the ACBL **AND** have qualified at the club-level.

Advancement to unit-level, if applicable: For units holding unit-level finals, eligible players finishing in the top 60% of their flight (rounded up and including ties) plus any pairs with "average" not in the top half of their flight at the club-level 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 level of competition. This also applies to the lowest strata when an insufficient number of pairs enter the lowest strata of a scheduled stratified game.

Note: ALL PLAYERS who: (1) qualify at either the club-level or at the unit-level (if a unit final was held) AND (2) are 'paid up' members of the ACBL may participate at the district finals. New partnerships from club and/or unit qualifiers may be formed to participate at the district-level.

DISTRICT LEVEL COMPETITION

The District final for NAP Flights A, B and C will be held during the San Antonio Sectional, January 13-14, 2024. It will be a 4-session event, consisting of a two-session play-through qualifying event into a two-session play-through final with a carryover as per the ACBL formula (BUT see below * if attendance is low).

The top three pairs in Flight A and the top four pairs in each of Flights B and C will be eligible to play in the National final. The eligible pairs will be notified by the ACBL Special Events Coordinator regarding any subsidy earned based on their finish in the district final. Qualifiers must play in the national level event until eliminated to receive the subsidy.

No new partnerships may be formed between the district and national-level competition. If a qualifying pair is unable to attend the NABC, the invitation will be passed to the next eligible pair based upon its finish in the district final.

*If 16 or fewer pairs enter the District 16 NAP finals for a given flight, such flight will have a one-day, two-session play-through final to determine the national-level qualifiers for that flight.

NATIONAL LEVEL COMPETITION

The finals of the NAP will be held during the Spring NABC in Louisville, KY in March of 2024. The Flight A event is 13-14 March. Flights B and C are held on 23-24 March.

Notes - There is no entry fee for the national-level of the NAP. District subsidies are usually available, based on the current District 16 Board of Directors policy. District subsidies, if any, are contingent upon Zero Tolerance violations at the district and national levels. Some units provide additional subsidies (check with your unit board).