

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS 2020-2021 DISTRICT 17 CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

ACBL Grand National Teams Special Condition of Contest are part of the conditions. They may be found at <http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/coc/gnt/GNT2020-21.pdf>

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The D17 GNT Finals will be held at the May Rocky Mountain Regional in Denver Colorado on Saturday and Sunday, May 29 and May 30 for Flights A, B and C and on Monday, May 31 if necessary, for Flight A. If the Rocky Mountain Regional is cancelled, the D17 GNT Finals will be held online Wednesday and Thursday May 26 and May 27. ACBL will provide a director.

Note – the Championship Flight winner from the 2019-2020 D17 Final at the 2020 Tucson Regional will represent D17 at the 2021 National Finals. There will be no 2020-2021 D17 Championship Flight GNT Final.

Conditions of Contest for online play are found at

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Appendix II and III, pages 13-17.

Eligibility:

Flight C: NLM with fewer than 500 Masterpoints
Flight B: 0-2500 Masterpoints
Flight A: 0-6000 Masterpoints
Championship Flight: unlimited Masterpoints

Player eligibility remains as it was for the 2020 cycle

- Flight Eligibility is based on masterpoint totals as of August 6, 2019
- District Eligibility is based on residence as of September 1, 2019. A player who moved to a new District between September 1, 2019 and September 1, 2020 may elect to compete beyond the club stage in either District (but not both)

All players who qualified for the 2020 D17 Finals at the club or unit level are eligible to play in the 2020-2021 D17 Final.

In addition, D17 has waived the club qualification requirements for the 2021 D17 Finals, however, **GNT club qualifying games may be held until May 1, 2021.** There will be no charge by D17 for these games.

Players including those from other districts or non-members may play at the club level.

To play at the District 17 Finals players must:

- Be members of the ACBL and in good standing
- Be members of District 17 or have received special permission.

Teams may be composed of 4, 5, or 6 eligible players and a team captain must be selected.

Play Requirements

For any overall award, a player must play at least 50% of the boards.

For the first-place award, a player must play at least 50% of the combined boards in the semifinal and final matches.

ACBL General Conditions of Contest shall apply to all play.

Conventions

The use of conventions is governed by the ACBL Convention Charts as follows:

Championship Flight – Open+ Chart

Flight A - Open Chart.

Flight B - Basic + Chart.

Flight C - Basic Chart.

Entry Fees

Entry fees for Flight C teams are waived. The entry fee for Flights A and B is \$52.00 per team per session at the Rocky Mountain Regional or \$48.00 if the competition is online.

Preregistration

All teams must preregister no later than May 3, 2021.

Teams may be composed of any player eligible for the flight who is an ACBL member in good standing and a D17 member.

If the D17 Final is held at the Rocky Mountain Regional, the team captain shall email the roster of the team to the D17 GNT Chairman, Bonnie Bagley at bon1bon@comcast.net and shall include each team member's name and ACBL number.

If the D17 Final is conducted online the team captain of Flights A and B shall mail the roster of the team along with a check for the first two sessions of play, which is **\$96.00 payable to District 17** to Bonnie Bagley, 7285 Ross Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80920. Flight C team entry fees are waived and therefore their entry may be emailed to Bonnie Bagley at bon1bon@comcast.net.

All entries for online play must include the following information for all team members:

- Name
- ACBL Number
- User ID for online host
- Site of participation.

District Winners

The winning team of each flight is eligible to compete in the National Final.

Should the first-place team in any flight not elect to advance to the National Finals, the second-place team will be extended the invitation to participate. If neither the first or second place teams are able to participate, District 17 will not be represented.

If at least eight teams compete in the B or C Flights, the second-place teams may also compete in the National Finals. The third-place team in Flights B and C may move up if the first or second place team is unable to compete at the National level.

All teams advancing to the National level must contain at least two of the players who participated in the District Final.

Substitutions

During the District Finals, the GNT Chairman or the DIC may approve an emergency substitute. Only one substitute per team is allowed and is not permitted if four or more team members are available.

The substitute must be:

- A D17 ACBL member in good standing.
- Eligible to play in the flight in which the team is competing.
- A substitute is not permitted for more than a 24-hour period or for more than 50% of the boards played, whichever is less.
- No substitute is allowed when a team member is suspended or expelled.

Replacements

The permanent replacement of a player is permitted only with the permission of the D17 GNT Chairman. The replacement must be:

- A D17 ACBL member in good standing.
- Eligible to play in the flight in which the team is competing.
- Must not be eligible for further competition in another flight

Augmentation

Augmentation of a fifth or sixth player to a team after the completion of the District Final will be allowed provided:

- The D17 GNT Chairman is notified and approves.
- The player/s are D17 ACBL members in good standing.
- The player/s to be added are eligible to play in the flight in which the team is competing.

Ineligible Players and Disqualifications

An ineligible player is disqualified. The disqualified player's team will be disqualified unless the DIC determines the teammates were unaware of the deficiency of the disqualified member. Any team reduced to fewer than three original members due to disqualification of ineligible players is disqualified. When a player's team is disqualified after the correction period, the disqualified team's position remains vacant. In ongoing events, teams move up one position.

Subsidies

District 17 provides \$2,000.00 to each first-place team in the four flights when the National Finals are conducted at an NABC (not online). The subsidy is given to the team captain upon registration at the NABC.

District 17 pays the entry fees for the National Finals (includes online National Finals) unless paid by ACBL.

Masterpoint Awards

District

The award for first place overall for the District champion is arbitrary and is based on the number of sessions in the District Final as follows:

a) Championship Flight: • 2 sessions - 32.00 masterpoints • 3 sessions - 40.00 masterpoints • Longer events - 48.00 masterpoints • Overall awards are Gold. Match awards are 100% regional rated Red.

b) Flight A: • 2 sessions - 27.00 masterpoints • 3 sessions - 33.00 masterpoints • Longer events - 40.00 masterpoints • Overall awards are Gold. Match awards are Red and 90% of regional rating.

c) Flight B: • 2 sessions - 22.50 masterpoints • 3 sessions - 28.00 masterpoints • Longer events - 33.50 masterpoints • Overall awards are Gold. Match awards are Red and 70% regional rated.

d) Flight C: • 2 sessions - 15.00 masterpoints • 3 sessions - 17.50 masterpoints • Longer events - 20.00 masterpoints • Overall awards are 50% gold and 50% red. Match awards are red and 50% regional rated.

For all events which are played over at least three sessions, a minimum masterpoint award of 1/3 of the first-place award will be given to any team that advances through 2 sessions to the second day of an event where there was a 50% or greater reduction in teams from the first day (e.g., from 4 to 2).

Masterpoints received in online play have a 20% reduction.

National

The winners of the Championship Flight at the NABC final will receive 120.00 masterpoints; the winners of Flight A at the final will receive 85.00 masterpoints, the Flight B winners 70.00; Flight C winners 45.00. For the Championship Flight, Flight A and Flight B event, overalls will be gold and will extend to the top eight teams if the entry is 16 or more teams and to the top four teams with an entry of eight to 15 teams. Match awards will be red at National rating. Flight C awards will be 1/3 gold and 2/3 red for the NABC final overall.

As with other National events being played online, any National Finals played online will have a 20% reduction in masterpoint awards, award no Platinum points, and not count toward GLM eligibility

Replacements, Substitutions, Ineligible Players & Disqualifications and Tie Breakers

Described in the ACBL Grand National Teams Conditions of Contest

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Zero Tolerance

The ACBL Policy on Zero Tolerance will be observed at all levels of the GNT competition.

<https://www.acbl.org/conduct-and-ethics/zero-tolerance-policy/>

ACBL rules and regulations govern play at every level of the event and supersede District conditions in cases of conflict.

GNT District 17 Play for 2021

The following tie-breaking procedure applies to all cases where a tie must be settled for the purpose of advancement to a subsequent phase of the event from a Swiss or Round Robin phase.

- ♠ Head-to-head result of the two teams played each other
- ♠ Number of matches won: win=1, tie=1/2, loss=0
- ♠ If the event was a Swiss and not a full round-robin, the combined VP of the teams played (Strength of Schedule)
- ♠ Total Net IMPs for the day in all matches
- ♠ Coin flip

If only one team is entered in any flight, that team is determined the winner upon receipt of entry fee, otherwise the event format shall be as follows:

Flight A

13 teams or more:

- ♠ Day 1 – Swiss Teams with 8 seven-board matches scored using the 20-point victory scale, 8 teams advance.
- ♠ Day 2 – Round Robin with 7 eight-board matches scored using the 20-point victory scale to produce winning the team. Carryover will be applied from the first day per ACBL regulations.

9 -12 teams:

- ♠ Day 1 – Swiss Teams with 8 seven-board matches scored using the 20-point victory scale, 4 teams advance.
- ♠ The KO bracket will be drawn by when the first-place team selects their opponent for the semi-final from the other three surviving teams. Ties for first place will be resolved using the tie breaking procedure outlined in these conditions.
- ♠ Day 2 1st Session – 28-board head-to-head knockout Semi-final.
- ♠ Day 2 2nd Session – 28-board Final.

5 -8 teams:

- ♠ Day 1 – Round Robin (48-50 boards total), 4 teams advance.
- ♠ Day 2 1st Session – 28-board head-to-head knockout Semi-final.
- ♠ Day 2 2nd Session – 28-board head-to-head knockout Semi-final

3 or 4 teams:

- ♠ Day 1 – 54- or 56-board Round Robin using IMP scoring, 2 teams advance.
- ♠ Day 2 – 28-board final

2 Teams:

- ♠ 56-board match

Flight B

13 teams or more:

- ♠ Day 1 – Swiss Teams with 8 seven-board matches scored using the 20-point victory scale, 8 teams advance.
- ♠ Day 2 – Round Robin with 7 eight-board matches scored using the 20-point victory scale to produce winning the team. Carryover will be applied from the first day per ACBL regulations.

9 -12 teams:

- ♠ Day 1 – Swiss Teams with 8 seven-board matches scored using the 20-point victory scale, 4 teams advance.

- ♠ The KO bracket will be drawn by when the first-place team selects their opponent for the semi-final from the other three surviving teams. Ties for first place will be resolved using the tie breaking procedure outlined in these conditions.
- ♠ Day 2 1st Session – 28-board head-to-head knockout Semi-final.
- ♠ Day 2 2nd Session – 28-board Final.

5 -8 teams:

- ♠ Day 1 – Round Robin (48-50 boards total), 4 teams advance.
- ♠ Day 2 1st Session – 28-board head-to-head knockout Semi-final.
- ♠ Day 2 2nd Session – 28-board head-to-head knockout Semi-final

3 or 4 teams:

- ♠ Day 1 – 54- or 56-board Round Robin using IMP scoring, 2 teams advance.
- ♠ Day 2 – 28-board final

2 Teams:

- ♠ 56-board match

Flight C

13 teams or more:

- ♠ Day 1 – Swiss Teams with 8 six-board matches scored using the 20-point victory scale, 8 teams advance.
- ♠ Day 2 –Round Robin with 7 seven-board matches scored using the 20-point victory scale to produce winning the team. Carryover will be applied from the first day per ACBL regulations.

9 -12 teams:

- ♠ Day 1 – Swiss Teams with 8 six-board matches scored using the 20-point victory scale, 4 teams advance.
- ♠ The KO bracket will be drawn by when the first-place team selects their opponent for the semi-final from the other three surviving teams. Ties for first place will be resolved using the tie breaking procedure outlined in these conditions.
- ♠ Day 2 1st Session – 24-board head-to-head knockout Semi-final.
- ♠ Day 2 2nd Session – 24-board Final.

5 to 8 teams:

- ♠ Day 1 – Round Robin (48-50 boards total), 4 teams advance.
- ♠ Day 2 1st Session – 24-board head-to-head knockout Semi-final.
- ♠ Day 2 2nd Session – 24-board Final.

3 or 4 teams:

- ♠ Day 1 – 48-board Round Robin using IMP scoring, 2 teams advance.
- ♠ Day 2 – 48-board final

2 Teams:

- ♠ 48-board match