



## 2023-2024 DISTRICT 17 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS (NAP) CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

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### Reference

ACBL Conditions of Contest are part of the District 17 Conditions of Contest put forth below. To view ACBL Conditions of Contest, go to: <http://web2.acbl.org/documentlibrary/play/NAP/CoC.pdf>

### Club Level

Club qualifying games may be held in both VACB and face-to-face clubs in June, July and August. The games will begin June 1 and end August 31.

Club level qualification is earned as an individual and not as a partnership. Players may form new partnerships and play in the District 17 Finals. **There are no Unit Finals in District 17.**

There is no District 17 sanction fee for NAP qualifying games.

### Flight Eligibility

Clubs must run the games with the proper upper limits or the games will be illegally stratified. For NAP purposes, ACBL stratifies by player with the highest Masterpoints of the pair, and not by the average of the pair.

The stratifications are as follows:

Flight A: Open to any player.

Flight B: 0 to 2500 Masterpoints.

Flight C: Non-Life Masters with fewer than 500 Masterpoints.

All stratifications are determined by recorded Masterpoints as of June 1, 2023.

## **District Finals**

The District 17 Finals will be held at the Taos Regional, located at the Sage Brush Inn, Taos, New Mexico. The Flight B two-session competition will be held Friday, September 29. The Flight A and C two-session competition will be held Saturday, September 30.

The ACBL Basic+ Convention Chart applies in Flights B and Flight C, and the Open+ Convention Chart applies in Flight A.

District 17 waives the entry fee for Flight C players competing in the Flight C District 17 NAP Finals.

## **National Finals**

The top three eligible pairs in Flight A of the District Finals, and the top four eligible pairs in Flights B and C of the District Finals qualify to the National Finals held in conjunction with the 2024 Spring NABC, Louisville, KY.

The National Finals for Flight A will be held Wednesday and Thursday, March 13 and 14, 2024. The National Finals for Flights B and C will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 23 and 24, 2024.

## **Subsidies**

ACBL provides free entries for those who participate in the National NAP Finals. First place qualifiers in every Flight will receive a stipend of \$700 each to compete in the National Finals. Second place qualifiers will receive \$300 each. District 17 provides the third place finishers \$200 each and the fourth place finishers \$100 each upon participation in the National Finals.

If a qualifying pair chooses not to participate in the National Finals, the invitation and any travel subsidy will be extended to the next ranked qualifiers.

Any player participating in NAP events must be dues-paying or service-fee paid ACBL member prior to playing in any level of this event except club qualifiers.