

ACBL District 18

2016 - 2017 North American Pairs Conditions of Contest

A. General

1. National Conditions:

The 2016-2017 North American Pairs (NAP) Conditions of Contest as published by the ACBL (http://www.acbl.org/assets/documents/play/Conditions-of-Contest/Other-NAP_CoC.pdf) govern this competition. These ACBL District 18 (D18) Conditions of Contest cover circumstances that are unique to D18 and clarify options available under the National Conditions of Contest.

2. Participation:

To advance beyond the club level to the D18 Finals, a player must be a member in good standing of both the ACBL and its geographical division of D18.

3. District Coordinator:

D18's coordinator for the NAP is Susan Driggers, 3720 Aspen Place, Casper, WY, 82604; driggers9@msn.com; (307)399-0969

B. Club Stage

Club qualifying games will be conducted in June, July, and August of 2016 as per the ACBL National Conditions of Contest. The use of Bridge conventions is also as per the National Conditions of Contest. Club managers must submit the ACBLScore game files (or equivalent) to the D18 Coordinator via e-mail by the first week of September.

C. Unit Level

The Unit stage of the NAP competition will **NOT** be conducted in D18. Players who qualify at the club level can advance **directly** to the D18 Finals.

D. District Finals

1. Tournament Eligibility:

a) Masterpoint (MP) limits for each flight are as of the ACBL 2016 June MP cycle which is run on May 6th, 2016:

Flight A – Open to any player

Flight B – Players with less than 2500 MPs

Flight C – Non-Life Masters with less than 500 MPs

b) Players **MUST** have qualified at the club level to play in the District Final

2. Event Date and Location:

D18 will have one site for the District Final. It will be played in Helena, Montana at the Queen City Regional at the Red Lion Colonial Inn, 2301 Colonial Drive on Saturday, October 8, 2016, starting at 1:00 pm.

3. Event Format:

All three flights in the D18 NAP Finals will be conducted as a one day, two session, play through event.

4. Entry Fees:

The entry fees will be the same as the Queen City Regional entry fees.

5. Bridge Conventions:

ACBL Mid-Chart conventions may only be used in Flight A of the D18 finals.

6. Advancement to the North American Finals:

The top three eligible pairs in each flight qualify to the national finals, which will be held at the 2017 Spring NABC in Kansas City. Pairs qualifying to the national finals qualify as a pair and no new partnerships may be formed.

E. Subsidies

Travel expense subsidies for those who qualify for participation in the National Finals are administered by the ACBL. D18 will not provide any additional subsidies.

F. Contingencies

The Director in Charge (DIC) will resolve all contingencies or ambiguities relating to the format or playing conditions of the D18 finals that are not specifically addressed by these conditions.