

ACBL DISTRICT 18

2024-2025 North American Pairs

Conditions of Contest

A. General

1. National Conditions:

The 2024-2025 North American Pairs (NAP) Conditions of Contest as published by the ACBL (<http://web2.acbl.org/documentlibrary/play/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. Appendix I of the National Conditions of Contest establish requirements for District Membership and the procedures for handling exceptions.

3. District Coordinator:

The District 18 NAP Coordinator is Ray Fink, Ray.Fink@gmail.com, 208-520-4437

B. Club Level

Club qualifying games will be conducted in June, July, and August of 2023 per the ACBL National Conditions of Contest.

- In-person clubs may conduct two NAP games per each sanctioned session in each of those months.
- Virtual clubs (on BBO) may conduct NAP games only during the following designated weeks: June 3-9, July 1-7, August 5-11.

The use of bridge conventions is also per the National Conditions of Contest. In early September, ACBL will notify all club managers of all players qualifying in both face-to-face and online games.

Club level qualification is earned as an individual and not as a partnership. A player may play at any participating club as often as desired and with as many partners as desired.

Club managers *do not* need to notify the District NAP Coordinator of players that qualify; this information is now available from ACBL Headquarters via the normal Live for Clubs game report process.

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 June 2024 Masterpoint cycle which is run on May 6, 2024:
 - 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. Unlike the Grand National Teams event, there is no buy-in option for the NAP District Final.

2. Event Date and Location:

The District 18 Finals will be held online at <https://BridgeBase.com>. The Finals will be conducted as two-session play-through events, with separate events for each flight.

- a) Flight A
Saturday, 2 November 2024, 10:15am and 3:15pm Mountain Daylight Time
- b) Flight B
Saturday, 9 November 2024, 10:00am and 3:00pm Mountain Standard Time
- c) Flight C
Saturday, 2 November 2024, 10:00am and 3:00pm Mountain Daylight Time

If eligible, players may enter the District Finals in both Flights A and B, or Flights B and C.

The entry fee for the District Final will be **BB\$30.00** (total for the two-session final). Players are responsible for ensuring that they have sufficient funds in their BridgeBase account to cover the entry fee at game time.

3. Pre-Registration Required

Pre-registration for the D18 Final is required. Pairs must send the following information to the District Coordinator, Ray Fink Ray.Fink@gmail.com

- both player names
- both player ACBL numbers
- both player BBO usernames
- which Flight the pair is entering

Flight A and Flight C registration deadline: 10:00pm Thursday October 31

Flight B registration deadline: 10:00pm Thursday November 7

Confirmations will be sent by email beginning October 30th.

4. Bridge Conventions:

The ACBL Basic+ Convention Chart applies for Flights B and C, and the Open+ Convention Chart for Flight A. Convention charts are published on the ACBL website at

<http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/about/Convention-Charts.pdf>

5. Masterpoint Awards:

Per the National Conditions of Contest, the Masterpoint awards for the online District 18 Final are:

Flight	First Overall	Overalls	Section Tops	Session Awards	Session Rating
A	25.60 MPs	100% Gold	Gold	Red	100% of regional
B	18.00 MPs	100% Gold	Gold	Red	70% of regional
C	12.00 MPs	50% Gold 50% Red	50% Gold 50% Red	Red	62.5% of regional

E. Advancement to the North American Finals:

The top three eligible pairs in Flight A, and the top four eligible pairs in Flights B & C qualify to the national finals, which will be held at the 2025 Spring NABC in Memphis TN. Pairs qualifying to the national finals qualify as a pair and no new partnerships may be formed; a replacement is allowed under specific conditions identified in the National CoC.

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. Individual Units may offer travel subsidies for District Finals and National Finals at their discretion.

If a qualifying pair is unable or chooses not to attend the NABC, the invitation (and any travel subsidy) will be passed to the next eligible pair based upon its finish in the district final. *Pairs are expected to notify the District NAP Coordinator on or before Monday, January 20, 2025, if they are unable to attend the National Final.*

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.