



2022 – 2023 Grand National Teams
District 22 Conditions of Contest

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The District 22 GNT competition will determine a champion in each of four flights of team play. The four team champions have the right to represent District 22 in the National Finals to be played starting July 12, 2023 at the Chicago NABC. In addition, if Flight B or C has at least eight teams entered in the District 22 Finals, that flight will be eligible to send a second team to the National Finals. Each participant in the GNT must be an ACBL member in good standing.

Lack of knowledge does not constitute cause for exception to these conditions of contest. These conditions of contest may not be changed at any level of play during this event. Players qualify as individuals to play in the District 22 Finals. There will be no subsidies awarded by the ACBL nor the District to winning teams.

| Level | Dates | District | ACBL |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Club Qualification | September 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023 | \$1.75 per table | \$2.25 per table |
| District 22 Finals* SOCBC, San Juan Capistrano | April 22-23, 2023 | | |
| National Finals NABC Chicago | July 12-16, 2023 | | |

* Due to space constraints, limited to 30 teams total on a first come, first served basis.

FLIGHTS

Open Championship Flight
 Flight A
 Flight B:
 Flight C

MASTER POINT LIMITS

Unlimited
 Under 6,000 masterpoints per person
 Under 2,500 masterpoints per person
 Under 500 masterpoints per person, Non-Life Masters

Flight eligibility will be established by ACBL’s **September 2022** masterpoint cycle. Masterpoints won after this cycle will not impact flight eligibility for these events.

CLUB LEVEL QUALIFICATION

The club level competition begins September 1, 2022 and will end March 31, 2023. Games will be online or face-to-face. Clubs may hold as many GNT team games as they wish as one- or two-session events. Events should be flighted, if possible. If the event is stratified, use the following limits: Open/2,500/NLM <500

Club qualification games may not be held during the Fall NABC (November 24 – December 4, 2022), D22 Palm Springs Regional (December 12-18, 2022), Western Conference STaC (December 5-11, 2022), or during a sectional within 25 miles of the club game.

For stratified games, the ACBL Open Convention Chart will apply. For flighted games, the Basic Chart (Flight C), Basic+ Chart (Flight B), Open Chart (Flight A) and Open+ Chart (Open Flight) will apply.

Players qualify as individuals and may play on a different team at the D22 Finals. The ACBL will track qualified players.

Clubs will remit \$1.75 per table per session to the D22 treasurer below. Please include the game dates, times, numbers of tables and club.

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District 22 Treasurer
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San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

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<http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/coc/gnt/GNT2022-23.pdf>

District 22 GNT Finals

LOCATION*

South Orange County Bridge Center
San Juan Capistrano

DATE & TIME

QUALIFYING – Saturday, April 22 10:00am and 3:00pm
FINAL – Sunday, April 23 10:00am and 3:00pm

* While we expect to play face-to-face, D22 Finals for all Flights will be held **online** if SOCBC play is cancelled due to the pandemic.

Team Registration

Each team participating in the D22 GNT Finals **MUST** pre-register with the D22 GNT Coordinator, Christine Denny, no later than noon on April 15, 2023.

To pre-register, please email Christine cd3nny@gmail.com with the following information:

1. Contact information for the team captain, including e-mail and telephone number
2. Flight in which the team is entered
3. Full name, ACBL number of each team member, and BBO User ID (for online play only)
4. A pdf of any written defenses (for online play only)

There will be a mandatory captains' Zoom call on April 16, 2023.

The total number of teams for all flights is limited to 30. Late registrants may be accepted, depending upon the number of entrants

Entry Fees

Entry fees for all flights are FREE as there will be no D22 subsidies for winners going to the NABC.

Eligibility

Each person participating in the GNT must have had a principal residence in or have moved into D22 as of **September 1, 2022**. To request an exception or clarify eligibility, please contact Regional Director, [David Lodge](#). The ACBL Special Events department shall decide the correct district for any player if there is any challenge to a player's eligibility. All players entering this event certify, subject to penalties as provided in the conditions of contest for this event and in the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations, that they are eligible to play in D22.

Ineligible Players and Disqualifications

An ineligible player is disqualified. The ineligible player's team will be disqualified unless

the Director in charge (DIC) determines that 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.

Flight Status

Masterpoints won by players from other Bridge organizations, such as the ABA and foreign organizations, must be taken into account in determining a player's placement in a flight. A player's bridge experience may also be taken into account to determine a suitable flight. The DIC of the D22 GNT Finals is authorized to make the decision on the player's classification.

Player Substitution Rules

Players on a team winning a flight of the D22 GNT may be substituted by other players only with the approval of the D22 GNT Coordinator. Immediately upon determining that it is necessary to make a player substitution, the team captain will contact the D22 GNT Coordinator and advise the coordinator of:

- the name of the individual to be replaced,
- the name and ACBL player number of the proposed replacement, and
- the reason for the replacement.

Replacement players must be eligible to play in D22.

No team may go forward unless it has at least three members of the team that competed in the D22 Finals.

Team Augmentation Rules

After winning a flight in the D22 Finals, a team may elect to augment its membership to a maximum of six players with approval of the D22 GNT Coordinator. Augmented players must be eligible to play in D22.

Team Substitution Rules

In the event circumstances occur which make it impossible for at least three members of a winning team to play represent the district at the nationals, the team captain must immediately contact the D22 GNT Coordinator and advise the Coordinator of the team's withdrawal from further GNT competition. The D22 GNT Coordinator will substitute the next highest-ranking team in the D22 GNT Finals competition for the withdrawn team. The substituted team, if less than six players, is encouraged to augment its team with players from the winning team if any are available to play.

Issues regarding replacements and/or substitutions not addressed by these conditions of contest are resolved by using the ACBL GNT Special Conditions of Contest.

Zero Tolerance

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

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

Face to Face Format of Play

Flights Open and A will be run as four-session events (three+ teams) on Saturday and Sunday. Sunday will consist of head-to-head play. If there are two surviving teams, there will be a 48-board match with four 12-board segments. If there are four surviving teams, there will be two 24-board semifinals (12-board segments) followed by a 24-board final (12-board segments).

If there are four surviving teams on Sunday, the event leader on Saturday will select its semifinal opponent from the other three advancing teams. The remaining two teams will face each other. If only one team enters a flight, there will be no champion declared for that flight, and District 22 will forgo representation at the NABC from that flight.

| TEAMS | SATURDAY MOVEMENT | SUNDAY KOs |
|--------|--|-----------------|
| 2 | Two 24-board matches (two halves) | - |
| 3 | Two 24-board matches (four quarters) | Two survivors |
| 4 | Three 18-board matches (two halves) | Two survivors |
| 5 | Four 12-board matches (two halves) BAM | Two survivors |
| 6 | Five ten- board matches (two halves)^ | Two survivors |
| 7 | Six eight-board matches (BAM)^ | Two survivors |
| 8 | Seven seven-board matches | Four survivors^ |
| 9 | Eight six- board matches | Four survivors |
| 10 -15 | Six eight- board matches (SWISS) | Four survivors |
| 16+ | Eight seven-board matches (SWISS) | Four survivors |

^Third and fourth teams get more MPs if they play Saturday.

Flights B and C will follow the Open and A format unless there are 8+ teams. In that case, they will play a two-session Swiss or Round Robin on Friday reducing to four teams for Saturday final. The four teams will play a two-session Round Robin to determine the district champion and second place team, who will represent the district at the NABC GNT Finals.

General

1. The [ACBL Open+ Chart](#) shall be in effect for the Open Championship Flight.
2. The [ACBL Open Chart](#) shall be in effect for Flight A.
3. The [ACBL Basic+ Chart](#) shall be in effect for Flight B.
4. The [ACBL Basic Chart](#) shall be in effect for Flight C.
5. The [WBF Continuous Victory Point Scale](#) will be used for this event.

Ties

Ties will be addressed as follows:

KO format:

Play additional sets of four boards until there is a winner.

Swiss/Round Robin:

First tiebreak goes to the team that won the match between the two tied teams.

Second tiebreak goes to team that won the highest number of net IMPs.

Third tiebreak goes to the team that won the most number of matches.

Contingencies

The DIC will resolve all contingencies or ambiguities relating to the format or playing conditions that arise during the District finals that are not specifically addressed by these conditions.

Correction Period

A team's captain must make scoring corrections within the earlier of 1) thirty minutes after conclusion of play or 2) the start of play at either table for the next round or tie-breaker segment. Reference: Law 79 C. 1. Error in Score.

Appeals

A team captain may appeal for a review of any ruling made at the table by the Director. Any such request, if deemed to lack merit, may be the subject of a sanction imposed by regulation. The right to request or appeal a director's ruling expires 30 minutes after the official score has been made available for inspection. All appeals must be submitted in writing through email to the Director in charge, with copy to the GNT Coordinator. An appeal shall not be heard unless the team captain concurs in making the appeal.

An Appeals Committee will be made available to hear and rule upon all appeals. The Director in charge shall hear and rule upon such part of the appeal as deals solely with the Law or regulations. His ruling may be appealed to the committee. The Director in charge shall refer all other appeals for adjudication. In adjudicating appeals, the committee may exercise all powers assigned to the Director, except that it may not overrule the Director in charge on a point of law or regulations, or on exercise of his disciplinary powers as defined in Law 91 of the ACBL Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

Regional Director Authority

All ACBL tournament regulations, though not specifically included in these conditions, apply throughout this event. The Regional Director, [David Lodge](#), has final authority on any item not specified in the conditions of contest.

ONLINE Conditions of Contest

The below conditions will apply only in the event the District Finals are held online.

An ACBL Tournament Director will be the DIC. The DIC's decisions for online play will be final. The DIC is empowered to remedy any omissions in these Conditions of Contest. Handicapped players or those without computer skills must contact the [DIC](#) for help.

Should technical difficulties arise, which delay play for one or more matches, play in all unaffected matches shall continue, and 15 minutes will be allotted to resolve the issue before play is suspended. If play is suspended for one or more matches, and in the DIC's opinion, the rest of the contest is unaffected, the affected matches will continue at a later time with different hands than those played during the main competition.

General

All players will play the same boards, barring technical difficulties.

All players are responsible to have read these Conditions of Contest, and a lack of computer skills does not excuse irregularities or violations.

Zoom

Each team must register as detailed in Team Registration on page 3. For 2023 the D22 **Open Flight** on **Day 1** and all flights on **Day 2** will be held online using BBO and Zoom. Each player must set up a free [Zoom](#) account.

Security

1. Zoom will ensure security via the ability for players to continuously see their screen-mates (North and West; South and East).
2. Players requesting exceptions must contact the D22 GNT Coordinator by April 1, 2023.
3. Players are not permitted to be in possession of any electronic communications devices while they are competing. VIOLATION OF THIS CONDITION WILL RESULT IN A MANDATORY PENALTY OF 12 IMPS, AND A SECOND VIOLATION WILL RESULT IN THE TEAM'S DISQUALIFICATION.

The Play

Each pair must post a complete convention card, in ACBL format, with each player's full name, inclusive of any supplemental notes.

Players playing methods requiring a written defense (Open Flight only) must pre-alert their opponents and post a pdf of the method(s) on Zoom chat along with their convention card on BBO.

For more information about alerts, private chats, extraneous information, deviations in tempo, claims, concessions, and undoes of unintended calls please see **III – The Play** in the [GNT 2022-](#)

[2023 CoCs.](#)

Online Format of Play

The same format as the “Face-to-Face Format of Play” applies to an even number of teams in a flight. If an odd number of teams enter a flight, sit outs will be required due to BBO limitations.