

ACBL DISTRICT 22
2023-2024 North American Pairs
Conditions of Contest

A. General

The 2023-2024 ACBL North American Pairs (NAP) [Conditions of Contest](#) govern this competition. These ACBL District 22 (D22) Conditions of Contest cover circumstances that are unique to D22 and clarify options available under the National Conditions of Contest.

To advance beyond the club level to the D22 finals, a player must be a member in good standing of both the ACBL and its geographical division of D22. Appendix I of the National Conditions of Contest establish requirements for district membership and the procedures for handling exceptions.

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B. Club Level

Club qualifying games will be conducted in June, July, and August of 2023. Clubs may hold two NAP games per each sanctioned session, whether in-person or online, in each of those months. The ACBL table fee will be \$5.10; there will be no additional fee charged by the district for club-level games.

The use of bridge conventions is 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 D22. Players who qualify at the club level can advance directly to the D22 Finals.

D. District Level Finals

The District 22 Finals will be held Sunday, December 16 at the Duncan Bridge Center. Sessions will start at 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM Pacific Standard Time. All three flights will be conducted simultaneously as one day, two session events.

Duncan Bridge Center
34-202 Cook Street
Palm Desert, CA 92211

At the discretion of the Director in Charge, flights may be combined into a stratified event.

Players must have qualified at the club level to play in the district final. Masterpoint (MP) limits for each flight are as of the ACBL June 2023 Masterpoint cycle which is run on May 6, 2023:

Flight A: Open to any player

Flight B: Players with less than 2500 MPs

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

Partners of mixed flights must play in the flight for which the top player is eligible.

The ACBL Basic+ Convention applies for Flights B and C and the Open+ Convention Chart for Flight A. Convention charts are published on the [ACBL website](#).

Per the National Conditions of Contest, the MP awards for the D22 final are:

Flight A: 32 MPs, gold

Flight B: 22.5 MPs, gold

Flight C: 15 MPs, 50% gold and 50% red

E. Advancement to the North American Finals:

The top three eligible pairs in Flight A, and the top four eligible pairs in Flights B and C qualify to the national finals, which will be held at the 2024 Spring NABC in Louisville KY. 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 CoCs.

Travel expense subsidies for those who qualify for participation in the National Finals are administered by the ACBL. D22 will not provide any additional subsidies.

If a qualifying pair is unable or chooses not to attend the NABC, the invitation 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 15, 2024, if they are unable to attend the National Final.

F. Contingencies

The Director in Charge will resolve all contingencies or ambiguities relating to the format or playing conditions of the D22 finals that are not specifically addressed by these conditions.