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North American Pairs

2026–2027 North American Pairs **District 22 Conditions of Contest**

Effective June 1, 2026

ACBL DISTRICT 22 2026-2027

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The 2026-2027 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 establishes 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 2026. 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 \$5.25; there will be no additional fee charged by D22 for club-level games.

The use of bridge conventions is per the National Conditions of Contest. In early September, the 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 D22 NAP Coordinator of players that qualify; this information is 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 D22 Finals will be held Sunday, October 11th at the South Orange County Bridge Center, 31461 Rancho Viejo Rd., Suite 205, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675. (The date and location were changed to avoid conflict with religious holidays). A two-session playthrough will start at 10:00 AM Pacific Daylight Time. All four flights will be conducted simultaneously as one day, two session events. 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 D22 final. Masterpoint (MP) limits for each flight are as of the ACBL June 2026 Masterpoint cycle which is run on May 6, 2026:

Championship Flight: Open to any player

Flight A: Open to players with fewer than 6000 MPs

Flight B: Open to players with fewer than 3000 MPs

Flight C: Open to Non-Life Masters with fewer than 750 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; the Open Convention Chart for Flight A, and the Open+ applies to the Championship flight. Convention charts are published on the ACBL website.

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

Championship Flight: 32 MPs, 100% gold

Flight A: 27 MPs, 100% gold

Flight B: 24 MPs, 100% gold

Flight C: 16 MPs, 50% gold and 50% red

ACBL Table fees at the District Level are \$7.25.

E. Advancement to the North American Finals:

The top three eligible pairs in the Championship Flight and Flight A, and the top four eligible pairs in Flights B and C qualify to play in the national finals, which will be held at the 2026 Spring NABC in Dallas, TX. Pairs qualifying to play in the national finals qualify as a pair and no new partnerships may be formed; a replacement is allowed under a limited number of specific conditions identified in the National CoCs.

Travel expense subsidies for those who qualify for and participate in the National Finals are administered by the ACBL. D22 will provide additional subsidies - \$200 per player for 2nd place in the Championship, A,B and C flights; \$300 per player for 3rd place in each of the four flights (a greater amount is provided because the ACBL subsidizes only the 1st and 2nd place finishers), and \$200 per player for 4th place in flights B and C.

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 D22 final. Pairs are expected to notify the D22 NAP Coordinator on or before Monday, January 11, 2027, 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.