

NAP – what is it and what are the next steps if you have qualified?



NAP – North-American Pairs is an ACBL-wide grassroots competition that is held each year to encourage all players – from non-Life Masters through to top players – to compete for significant masterpoints and the possibility of a North-American bridge title.

This highly prestigious tournament begins with qualification sessions in bridge clubs (June through August), continues with the District Final in the fall, and ends with the ACBL final at the Spring NABC.

There are three flights. In the District Final and ACBL Final, the flights are separate – you will only play against players in the same flight.

- A : Open
- B : 0-2500 masterpoints
- C : 0-500 non Life-Master

Many qualifying sessions are held in participating clubs, during the months of June, July and August. Check with your club for the dates they have selected or ask them to hold NAP qualifying games if none are scheduled.

District 1 Split Finals

- District 1 runs a split NAP final: one for the Western part of the district and one for the Eastern part of the district. See below for the locations and dates.
- Players must have qualified at the club level in order to play at the district final.
- The two players of the pair need not have qualified together.
- All players must be ACBL members in good standing at the time of play in the final.
- Each final will hold games for 3 flights. You will only play against players in the same flight.
- Flights you are eligible for are based on masterpoints shown in the June Bridge Bulletin.
- Pairs may play in their own category or in a higher one. “B” players qualified in flight “A” can play in flights “A” or “B”. “C” players qualified in flights “A” or “B” can play in flights “A” or “B” or “C”.
- From each final, the top 1 pair from flight A and the top 2 pairs from flights B and C may represent the district at the ACBL final. A 3rd Flight A pair will be selected by the District 1 NAP Coordinator.
- District finals award masterpoints at a regional tournament level – part Red and part Gold.
- Subsidies might be available *for certain players* advancing to the ACBL finals - a combination of subsidies from District 1 and the ACBL. Some units also provide additional subsidies to advancing players from the unit; please contact the unit or district coordinator listed below for more information.

WESTERN portion of District 1: for the qualified players of the following units: Montréal Bridge League (151), Eastern Ontario and the Outaouais Bridge Association (192), Ligue de bridge de Québec (152), Ligue de bridge du Saguenay (199).

Saturday October 14th

Club de bridge Le Mirage
9001 boul. de l'Acadie
Montréal, QC, H4N 3H5

info@lemirage.biz ou mascolo.louise@gmail.com

- 2 sessions starting at 10:30 am; lunch break between the two sessions.
- Entry fee to be confirmed.

EASTERN portion of District 1: for the qualified players of the 2 units in Maritimes: New-Brunswick and Prince Edward-Island (230), Nova Scotia and Newfoundland (194).

Flight A

Saturday, October 28
10:30 a.m. & TBA

Moncton Bridge Club, 720 Coverdale Rd, Moncton, NB
For more information: Bruce Perry 506-874-0623
or email: yerrpsb@gmail.com

Flight B

Saturday, November 4
10:30 a.m. & TBA

MCG Bridge Studio, Suite 160, 6960 Mumford Rd, Halifax, NS
For more information: Kathie Macnab 902-446-3910 (Bridge Studio)
or email: kmacnab@eastlink.ca

Flight C

Sunday, October 29
10:30 a.m. & TBA

Moncton Bridge Club, 720 Coverdale Rd, Moncton, NB
For more information: Bruce Perry 506-874-0623
or email: yerrpsb@gmail.com

- 2 sessions starting at 10:30 am; lunch break between the two sessions.
- Entry fee \$50 per pair.

ACBL NAP Finals

Will be held at the Philadelphia NABC in March 2018 - Flight A on Wednesday and Thursday (March 7 and 8), and Flights B and C on Sunday and Monday (March 11 & 12).

See the document «*Qualification to the National NAP Finals*» for detailed information on the selection of the pairs to represent District 1, and subsidies from the ACBL.

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