

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

### To All District 1 ACBL Members:

All bridge clubs have now held NAP Qualifying games for the 2018-2019 season. Please read this to know what this competition is all about, to know the dates of the District 1 NAP finals, some information on the ACBL finals, and contact information. Mark your calendar and plan to attend the district final!



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 play against players in the same flight.

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

Many qualifying sessions were held in participating clubs, during the months of June, July and August. This year, most bridge clubs sent their results to Common games, which allows players to check if they have qualified to compete in the district finals.

Here is the link: <http://bridgefinesse.com/NAP/Search.html>.

### District 1 Split Finals

- District 1 runs a split NAP final: one for the Western portion of the district and one for the Eastern portion of the district. See below for the locations and dates of these finals.
- Players must have qualified at the club level in order to play at the district final.
- All players must be ACBL members in good standing at the time of play in the final.
- The two players of the pair need not have qualified together.
- Each final will hold games for 3 flights. You will 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”.
- District finals award masterpoints at a regional tournament level – part Red and part Gold.
- The top pairs in each flight will be offered the possibility to represent the District 1 at the ACBL finals: 3 pairs in flight A, and 4 pairs in flight B and flight C. If the top pairs do not wish to go to the ACBL finals, the offer will be made to the following pairs.
- Subsidies are 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 their 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).

**Sunday October 14th**

Club de bridge Le Mirage

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or <http://www.bridgemontreal.ca/en/championships/nap-2018-2019-paires/>

- 2 sessions starting at 10:30 am; lunch break between the two sessions.
- 25\$ per player (50\$ per pair)

**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, November 3**

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](mailto:kmacnab@eastlink.ca)

**Flight B**

**Saturday, October 27**

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](mailto:yerrpsb@gmail.com)

**Flight C**

**Sunday, 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](mailto:kmacnab@eastlink.ca)

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

## ACBL NAP Finals

The ACBL finals will be held at the Memphis NABC in March 2018 - Flight A on Wednesday and Thursday (March 20-21), and Flights B and C on Sunday and Monday (March 24-25).

[Click here](#) for details on the selection of the pairs to represent District 1, and subsidies from the ACBL.

## Contacts

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