

**ACBL GNT
District 1
2026-2027 Cycle
Conditions of Contest**

Last Updated: 2026-09-30

[ACBL Grand National Teams Conditions of Contest for the current cycle](#) apply.

Please pay special attention to:

Information for Players

Substitutes, Replacements and Augmentations, (important changes in 2026-2027)
Masterpoints,

[Appendix III – ONLINE District Finals of the ACBL Grand National Teams Conditions of Contest](#) and [Appendix O to the ACBL General Conditions of Contest: Online Play](#) apply when playing online.

Zero Tolerance

The [ACBL Policy on Zero Tolerance](#) will be observed at all levels of the GNT competition

These are Conditions of Contest:

Qualification

District 1 encourages club level games for participation in the District final. However, club qualification is not required to enter District Finals.

Fees and Payment

Fee: Can\$ 120/team.

Payment of \$30 (Can\$) per player to be collected by RealBridge

Dates/Locations

All Flight will be held Online on RealBridge

Flight C Sunday, April 4, 2027, 9:30am (Atlantic)/10:30am (Eastern) and tba

Flight A Sunday, April 4, 2027, 10:00am (Atlantic)/11:00am (Eastern) and tba

Flight B Sunday, April 11, 2027, 9:30am (Atlantic)/10:30am (Eastern) and tba

Open Flight Sunday, April 11, 2027, 10:00am (Atlantic)/11:00am (Eastern) and tba

Pre-Registration

Pre-Registration and pre-Payment are required for all flights.

Contact coordinator to confirm eligibility

Captaincy

Each team will designate the team Captain from amongst its own playing members or a non-playing team Captain on its registration entry, and said Captain will be responsible for all representation of the team.

Team Composition and Play

Teams may consist of four, five or six players. Eligible players may be added at any time before the district final begins. Each player must play at least 50% of the total boards played by the team. Exceptions to this rule may be made by request to the GNT Coordinator.

Teams that qualify to the NABC Finals with four or five players may augment the team before submitting it to the ACBL. They must notify and get approval from the GNT Coordinator.

VP Scale

The IMPs scale will be used, converted to VP using the **NABC+ VP scale** for Round Robin and Swiss

Number of Teams	Format
2	Two 24 board matches (2 halves)
3	Round Robin. Two 24 board matches (4 quarters)
4	Round Robin. Three 18 board matches (2 halves)
5	Round Robin. Four 12 board matches (2 halves)
6	Round Robin. Five 10 board matches (2 halves)
7	Round Robin. Six 8 board matches
8	Round Robin. Seven 7 board matches
9	Round Robin. Eight 6 board matches
10-16	Swiss. Six 8 board matches
16-32	Swiss, Seven 7 board matches.
33+	Swiss. Eight 6 board matches.

District Winners

The winning team of each flight is eligible to compete in the National Final and if more than 8 teams play in the District Final in each of Flights B or C, the District may send a second team.

National Finals are scheduled to be held at the 2027 Summer NABC in Las Vegas July 14-18, 2027.

Teams participating in the District Finals are required to declare willingness (or lack of it) to attend the National Finals in case they qualify the Sunday 1 week after they play the District Finals, at the latest.

Should the first-place team in any flight not elect to advance to the National Finals, the second-place team will be extended the invitation to participate. Then third-place team, then fourth, etc.

Teams of fewer than six players may augment their rosters with additional players for the NABC finals.

If not enough teams declare willingness to go represent the District (after the declaring period described above):

Registrations will be open for all teams composed of eligible players, for a period of 3 weeks.

Such team will be required to pay the fee described in point 2, and the subsidy in point 7 for Championship/A/B Flights does not apply.

Subsidy

Championship Flight/Flight A/Flight B:

No subsidy.

Flight C:

Can\$ 1,200/team.

Payment of the subsidy is contingent upon the team's participation in the National competition and the payment will be made after the completion of play at the National Finals.

If the National Finals are conducted online, teams will receive no subsidy from the District.

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