

District 12
Conditions of Contest – 2005 – 2006
Grand National Teams – Flights Open, A, B and C

1. The conditions published by the ACBL (attached) will take precedence over these District 12 Conditions of Contest in the event of a conflict.
2. A player must be a member of the ACBL in good standing at all levels of this event. District 12 does not schedule Club Level games; the competition in District 12 begins at the District Level.
3. A player must be a member of District 12 at any level. A waiver may be requested *in writing* for 1) students enrolled and attending a college or university in District 12 at the time of the District Final, or 2) members of the armed services posted within the District at the time of the District Final. Sufficient documentation establishing the basis for the waiver must be attached to the waiver request. Waiver requests must be **received** by the District Coordinator no later than February 20, 2006.
4. The September 2005 masterpoint cycle (determined before the second week of August) will determine a player's eligibility to participate in any limited flight.
5. The event is open to teams of 4, 5, or 6 players.
6. The District 12 Final will be open to all entries.
7. The District 12 Final will last four (4) sessions.
8. The District final will be held in Farmington Hills, Michigan at the Finnish - American Cultural Center, 35200 W. 8 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48335 on March 4 - 5, 2006. On Saturday, March 4, each flight will be reduced to two teams who will play on March 5 to determine the District Representative for the flight.
9. If a flight has 9 or fewer teams, Saturday's match will be a round robin, unless, in the Director-in-Charge's discretion, a different format would be more appropriate. If a flight has 10 or more teams, Saturday's match will be Swiss.
10. Entry fees will be determined by the District 12 Board of Directors.
11. The District will provide an amount, to be established by District action, for the District representative in each flight, to help offset expenses at the 2006 Summer Nationals in Chicago IL. Finals are held from Wednesday, July 12, 2006 through Saturday, July 15, 2006, in conjunction with the Summer Nationals, which begin on Friday, July 14, 2006.
12. If the District 12 final event is not profitable, Units will be assessed amounts sufficient to make the event break even based on their September 2004 membership.
13. For any overall award, a player must play at least 50% of all boards played by the team at the time he or she (and the team) earned the award.

For the first place award, when the team wins the final, a player must play at least 50% of the combined boards in the semi-final and final matches.

For any given overall award, the player must have played at least 50% of the boards in the match in which they earned the award.

14. All knockout matches will consist of 56 boards. Each match will be divided into 14 board quarters. There are no seeding rights and playbacks are allowed. Should a seating disagreement arise, each captain will submit a geographic lineup for his/her team.
15. Should any match end in a tie, an 8 board playoff, followed, if necessary, by additional 4 board matches, will be played until the tie is broken. Play will resume after a short intermission with captains submitting a lineup to the Director prior to play.
16. The protest period expires 30 minutes after each session.
17. Kibitzers will be permitted, but must remain at one table. Each player has the right to bar one kibitzer without assigning cause. No player has the right to bar all kibitzers from his table. Any kibitzer may be barred for cause by the Tournament Director.
18. The penalty for failure to seat a complete team at announced game time (tardiness) will be:
 - a. First 10 minutes – no penalty
 - b. More than 10 minutes, up to 15 minutes – 1 IMP
 - c. More than 15 minutes, up to 20 minutes – 3 IMPs
 - d. More than 20 minutes, up to 25 minutes – 6 IMPs
 - e. More than 25 minutes, up to 30 minutes – 9 IMPs
 - f. More than 30 minutes, up to 35 minutes – 12 IMPs
 - g. More than 35 minutes, up to 40 minutes – 15 IMPs

The match will be curtailed one board, up to a maximum of four boards, for each 7 ½ minutes or fraction thereof of tardiness after the first ten minutes. Three IMPs per board curtailed will be awarded to the non-offending team in addition to the penalty above.

If play has not commenced (with or without a substitute) forty minutes after announced game time, the match will be declared forfeit.

19. Substitutes are subject to the discretion of the District GNT coordinator and may not strengthen a team. A substitute is not allowed if a fifth or sixth member of a team is available. A fifth or sixth member of a team is presumptively available.
20. Slow play. A total of 2 hours will be allotted for each 14 board quarter. Any boards not started within the allotted time will be canceled, with a 3 IMP penalty per board assessed to the offending team. Players will be responsible for notifying the Tournament Director of late arriving opponents and of slow play during each session.

21. Penalties for not timely fielding a team and for slow play are independent of each other and cumulative.
22. In order for a District winner to represent the District at the National Finals, at least three (3) members of the winning team must commit to play at the National Finals. Winning teams that do not meet this requirement will not be allowed to supplement or augment the team (in accordance with District conditions), and will be disqualified as the District representative. In the event of disqualification of the winning team, the opportunity to serve as District representative within the flight will be offered to the runner-up in the Flight. If the runner-up declines to participate or is disqualified, the District 12 Board of Directors will select players to represent the District.
23. Augmentation of District winners in any particular flight may occur from among players who participated in the District 12 event in the same flight. Teams wishing to augment will be expected to do so with the goal of fielding the best team possible to represent District 12. If augmentation is desired, it must be approved by the District GNT coordinator. Requests to augment the team must be submitted to the District GNT coordinator in writing no later than fourteen (14) days after the District Final concludes.
24. If the District GNT Coordinator is playing in the event, the Coordinator may delegate any discretionary decisions to the Director-in-Charge or any other District member or members in good standing in the ACBL, in order to avoid a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest. The choice of delegee(s) is within the Coordinator's sole discretion, and is not subject to review.