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2006 GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS DISTRICT FINAL INFORMATION

The 2006 Grand National Team District Final will be held on **March 4 - March 5 2006** in Farmington MI at the Finnish American Cultural Center,. On Saturday, each flight will play down to two (2) finalists, with the format to be determined based on number of entries. On Sunday, each flight will play a 56-board knockout to determine the District representative for 2006. Saturday's 1st session will begin at 1:00 p.m., with the second session TBA at the site. Sunday's 1st session will begin at 11:00 a.m.

***** Please note the earlier date and later starting times *****

As in the past, there will be no lower-level qualifying required. Pairs enter the District Final field, directly.

Teams may consist of four (4) to six (6) players. Each player must be a resident of District 12, and a member of the ACBL in good standing at all stages of the competition.

ACBL and District Conditions of Contest are available on the District 12 website. On the home page, select the link for GNT, and select the appropriate document.

There is one important change to the District Conditions of Contest this year: *In order to serve as District Representative at the Summer Nationals in Chicago, at least three (3) members of each winning team must play at the National Final.* There will be **no supplementation or augmentation allowed for any team not meeting this condition**; such a team will be disqualified, and the next team in line will serve as the District's representative.

As last year, early registrants will pay a reduced registration fee. Entries **received** by the District Coordinator on or before Thursday, March 2, 2006 may pay a reduced registration fee of \$88.00 per team. If mailing your entry, be sure to mail sufficiently in advance. Entries received after the deadline must include a registration fee of \$100.00 per team (received **after** March 2 or received at the event). The entry for teams playing in Sunday's final will be \$100.00 per team.

On Sunday, there will also be a Consolation Swiss Teams event that will be open to new entries.