



ACBL DISTRICT 12
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2006-2007 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

1. ABBREVIATIONS. The following abbreviations are used in these Conditions of Contest:
 - a. DCOC - District Conditions of Contest
 - b. COC - ACBL Conditions of Contest
 - c. DSEC - District Special Events Coordinator (Barry L. Lippitt)
2. APPLICATION OF DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF CONTEST. Unless superseded by these DCOC, participation and play in this event will be governed by the terms of the ACBL COC.
3. CLUB-LEVEL QUALIFYING GAMES. Clubs may run qualifying games in accordance with the COC.
 - a. Clubs **may not** hold any qualifying game:
 - i. At the same time as a Sectional or Regional Tournament is scheduled in the District in that Club's Unit or in a contiguous Unit in the District, without the prior *written* approval of the DSEC; or
 - ii. During the week of the NABC Fundraising Game in August; or
 - iii. At the same time as any national ACBL-wide game played in clubs, such as the National Charity Game run at the beginning of the Summer Nationals.
 - b. The Club Manager of each club holding a club-level qualifying game is responsible for disseminating all required information to

qualifiers regarding the terms, conditions, and pre-registration requirements for all players who qualified in their club, and for issuing Qualification Slips to all qualifiers.

4. UNIT-WIDE CLUB-LEVEL QUALIFYING GAMES. In the event that a Unit wants to hold a Unit-wide club-qualifying level game,
 - a. The Unit must apply to the DSEC *in writing* by July 15, 2006.
 - b. Units may apply to hold Unit-Wide Club-Level Qualifying Games if the total number of scheduled Club-Level Qualifying Games is less than 20% of the total eligible Club-Level Qualifying Games that may be run at clubs in that Unit.
 - c. The Unit must provide notice of the game, in writing or by e-mail, at least two (2) weeks prior to the game, to each member of the Unit. The Unit must also publicize the game on the District website at least two (2) weeks prior to the game.
 - d. The Unit's NAP Coordinator is responsible for disseminating all required information to qualifiers regarding the terms, conditions, and pre-registration requirements for all players who qualified in the Unit-wide Club-Level Qualifying Game, and for issuing Qualification Slips to all qualifiers.
5. UNIT-LEVEL QUALIFYING GAMES. There will be *no* Unit-level qualifying games. Players will qualify directly from the club level to the District Final.
6. DISTRICT FINAL. The District Final in each flight will be a two-session playthrough event held in East Lansing, MI on Sunday, September 17, 2006.
 - a. Pre-Registration for District Finals. All players are encouraged to pre-register for the District Finals. Registration forms and entry fee information will be available on the District website no later than July 15, 2006. Pre-registrants will pay a discounted fee based on the timing of their registration. The schedule of discounted fees will be based on the date that the DSEC *receives* the registration *and* registration fee.

- i. *Deadline for Pre-Registration.* The deadline for Pre-Registration is Thursday, September 14, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.
 - ii. *No guarantee for walk-ins.* There will be no guarantee of participation for partnerships who do not pre-register. Partnerships seeking to play who do not pre-register will be allowed to play solely at the discretion of the Director-in-Charge, based on available seating capacity for the event. Seating capacity will be calculated and arranged based on the number of pre-registrants.
 - iii. *Special accommodations.* Partnerships requiring special accommodations must identify their needs on the Registration form. Accommodations will be met as possible within the context of the playing site and facility, and will be in the sole discretion of the Director-in-Charge.
- b. Registration by Partnership. Players must preregister by partnership, and not individually. Changes to partnership may be made up to check-in for the District Final on September 17, 2006. Registered players who change their partnerships will be expected to modify their registrations prior to the event; refund of fees for any players who cancel their registration as part of a realignment of partnerships will be subject to the conditions of the next paragraph.
- c. Cancellation of Registration. Registrants may cancel their registrations prior to the event. Refund of registration fees will be subject to the date of cancellation; this information will be included in the registration and fee information on the District website. *No registration fee will be refunded to any registrant who does not cancel their registration within forty-eight (48) hours of the check-in for the District Final, except as at the DSEC's sole discretion.*
- d. Check-in for Play. On the day of the District Final,
 - i. Each partnership must be checked in for play no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the published time for commencement of play;

- ii. Each individual player must present the Qualification Slip issued at the Club-Level Qualifying Game. Failure to present the slip may result in ineligibility for the event.
- e. Conditions of Play.
- i. *Convention Chart for Event.* Flight A will be contested under the ACBL-Midchart Convention Chart. Flights B and C will be contested under the ACBL General Convention Chart. Penalties for violating this condition will be at the discretion of the Director-in-Charge.
 - ii. *Two-Session Event.* All contestants are expected to play both sessions of the two-session event. Partnerships will be permitted to withdraw after the first session *only* with the Director-in-Charge's express permission. No portion of the entry fee will be refunded to withdrawing partnerships.
 - iii. *Substitutions.* In the event of an emergency that arises *after* commencement of play, a substitute may be employed to play a portion or the balance of a session, only with the consent of the DSEC and the Director-in-Charge. Any substitute must play at a level comparable to or below that of the person replaced, and the substitution must not have an unfair effect on the tournament field, in the DSEC and Director-in-Charge's sole discretion.
 - iv. *Zero-Tolerance in Effect.* This event will be contested under the ACBL's Zero-Tolerance policy for conduct.
 - v. *Ineligible Players.* Players admitted to play who are determined, subsequently, to be ineligible to play in the event shall forfeit their entry fee, forfeit any masterpoint award, and be subject to further discipline by the District. Such forfeitures and discipline may be extended to the partner of any ineligible player, if, in the DSEC's sole opinion, that partner knew or should have known of the ineligibility.
 - vi. *Committees.* In the event that any appeal shall require the

appointment of a Committee, the DSEC shall appoint members to the Committee. Committees shall comprise an odd number of members. Each committee shall choose its own Committee chair from among its members; however, in the event the Committee members cannot agree on the Committee chair, the DSEC will appoint the Committee chair.

- vii. *Conflict of Interest.* In the event any decision reserved to a playing DSEC presents a conflict of interest, the DSEC may refer such decision to the Director-in-Charge, or to another District Officer, or to the District Director. Such determination of a conflict of interest and referral rests in the DSEC's sole discretion.

For questions or requests for interpretation of these or any conditions of contest, please send an email to the District Special Event Coordinator, Barry Lippitt, at d12coordinator@earthlink.net.