

# DISTRICT 2 GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

## 2017 Conditions of Contest

The event shall be composed of 4 Flights: The events will not be stratified.

Open Championship Flight	No masterpoint limits
Flight A	No player with over 6000 masterpoints
Flight B	No player with over 2500 masterpoints
Flight C	Non-Life Masters with under 500 masterpoints

All flights are defined by masterpoint holdings as of September 1, 2016.

The September masterpoint cycle (run on Aug 6, 2016) determines a player's Flight eligibility.

### General Conditions

ACBL Conditions of Contest are a part of the District Conditions of Contest

A player must be a member of the ACBL in good standing and resident of District 2, in order to participate in the District Final.

A player's physical residence as of Sept 1, 2016 shall establish the district in which the member is eligible to participate beyond the qualifying stage. If a player wishes an exception from this requirement, they must begin the process for the GNT by July 1 2016. Players must seek permission in writing from the District Directors of the district in which he lives and the district in which he wishes to play.

### Event Schedule

Each Flight will play a separate event, with separate hands. Appendix A lists the movements that will be played, depending on how many teams enter the event.

A 2-session Swiss Team qualifier, to a one-session semi-final and a one session final is the desired format.

All events will be held on the Saturday ( and Sunday, if necessary )of the Toronto Easter Regional, March or April each year.

### Team Information

A team may have 4, 5 or 6 members. Each team must designate a Captain, and one person to participate in a Committee (if one should arise)

Pre-registration to the District Final is required. Pre-qualification to the District Final is not.

All players must play at least half of the boards in each match to remain eligible.

### Augmentation / Substitution to NABC Final

A team may add up to 2 players to augment their team in the NABC Final

**OR** A team may substitute up to 2 players for the NABC Final

**NOT BOTH**

### General Information

The North American Final will be held in Toronto, ON in July 2017.

In Flights A, B & C, the ACBL pays entries for the first 2 days.

District 2 will cover all other session fees at the National Finals.

Units are encouraged to subsidize players playing in the National Finals.

Mid-chart conventions will be allowed in the Open Championship Flight and in Flight A.

( Mid-chart conventions must be pre-alerted, and written defenses must be available )



Nine Teams: 4 sessions

Swiss format: Head-on matches                      eight 6/7-board matches (2 sessions)

Semi-final: 4 teams qualify, 1st chooses 3rd or 4th, 2nd plays the other – 1 session

Final: 2 teams – 1 session

Ten+ Teams: 4 sessions

Swiss format: to qualify 4 teams

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