

## Grand National Teams 2026

This is Peggy Norris, the new GNT Coordinator for District 14. Please have patience as we transition after the awesome job Keith Connolly has done last year arranging the annual GNT event. And if you see Keith at your local club or a tournament, give him a huge thanks from all of us.

It is time to organize your teams for the online District 14 GNT finals, which will be held on BBO on March 21 and 22. We hope for a strong turnout for this event. If we have at least eight teams participating in Flight B and Flight C, we will be able to send two teams in each of those flights to the national finals in Minneapolis this July. A team can consist of 4, 5, or 6 players. The winning team in each flight will receive \$2000 in travel support from the district (payable after the tournament). All players who participate in the district final must be able and willing to attend the national final at the Minneapolis NABC beginning July 8, 2026. The D14 Conditions of Contest are attached.

The District final tournament will be a two-day event. If enough teams register for a flight, Day 1 will be a Swiss team game with the top 4 teams advancing to Day 2. Logistics for each flight will be announced once registration closes. Tournament Director is Kimberley Hayward.

### Eligibility:

Participation is open to any member of District 14 who has qualified in one of the many qualifying Swiss team games offered online or in your home club. You can check whether you have qualified already and for which flights here:

[https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/GNT\\_Qualifiers/GNT\\_D14.htm](https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/GNT_Qualifiers/GNT_D14.htm)

Alternatively, since we are aware that not everyone has had the opportunity to play in a qualifying game, you can buy into the finals for \$25 in addition to the entry fee.

### Flights:

The masterpoint restrictions on flights are based on your masterpoints on September 1, 2025 - the start of the qualifying season. You can only play in one flight at the District Finals.

FLIGHT C: Non-life masters (no player can have over 750 mp)

FLIGHT B: No player can have over 3000 mp

FLIGHT A: No player can have over 6000 mp

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP: Open

### Registration:

You must register as a team using the form here: [Registration Form](#) . Payment can be in the form of a check made out to D14 and sent to Peggy Norris ([12 Ryan Rd, Deadwood, SD 57732](#)) or through Zelle or Venmo (see QR codes below). Fees for Day 1 are:

FLIGHT C: \$128/team + \$25 for each player 'buying in'

FLIGHT B/A: \$144/team + \$25 for each player 'buying in'

FLIGHT OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP: \$176/team

Registration is due by March 7. Payment for Day 1 is due by March 14. (Once your registration form is received the Team Captain will receive an e-mail with the total amount due.)

Best Regards,

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