

Tuesday, Feb 25, is the last GNT qualifier being held on BBO by the Minneapolis Grand Slam Club.

Game format is Swiss Teams. Everyone is invited to play, and you and your partner don't have to be a member of District 14 to participate.

You're welcome to play as often as you wish, even if you have already qualified for the GNTs. This is excellent practice for Swiss Teams in general and for the GNT.

District 14 Finals will be held online March 29 - 30. If you reside in another District, contact your GNT reps to get the dates of your District finals.

Games will be on BBO as VACB101691.

Game time is Tuesdays at 6:30pm Central Time.

Cost is \$6/person.

(Note: BBO has raised the minimum cost of a game to \$6. The MGSC maintains its policy of charging the minimum allowed.)

Partners and teammates can be found at the online partnership desk.

You may also send mail to mgscbridgeclub@gmail.com and we'll do our best to connect you to a team.

We have a Zoom session post-mortem after every game, and everyone who plays will receive our very excellent and detailed club newsletter with a recap of the game and analysis by Mike Cassel.

NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Game time will be at 6:30 CT sharp. Teams not registered by then may not get into the game.

Make sure your entire team is online by game time.

Should one member of a pair be unavailable, that pair will be booted from the queue and replaced with robots.

Captains:

If you have invited your partner to register, you are team captain and you pick your teammates. Your partner will not be able to do this. You must finish the team selection.

When you invite a pair for teammates, only the inviter of that pair will get your invite. If you have been invited by a partner and wish to check your team status, look under "Entries" on the MGSC screen. To choose your teammates, go to the "Select Teammates" tab.

About the GNTs:

The GNTs (Grand National Teams) is a national Swiss Teams competition in which each ACBL District is allowed to send one or more teams to compete.

There are 4 different Flights: Championship, A, B, and C.

While each District has their own rules regarding qualification, District 14 requires players to qualify for the District Finals, where the D14 representatives will be determined.

You can qualify with anyone, and form a team with anyone who has qualified; however only D14 members may compete in the District 14 Finals.

IMPORTANT: Please note that you qualify as an individual.

For the finals, any group of players who have qualified can form a team whether or not they played together in a qualifying game.

District 14 has a long-standing tradition of subsidizing the cost of traveling to the NABC where the GNTs will be contested.

This year it will be at the Philadelphia NABC in July, 2025.

Note to Flight C players:

Flight C is limited to non-life masters with fewer than 750 lifetime masterpoints. This is a great opportunity to go to a national tournament!