

2026-2027 North American Pairs

District 14 Conditions of Contest (CoC) Supplement to the ACBL CoC

District 14 follows the ACBL Conditions of Contest (COC) for the North American Pairs as established by the ACBL, plus this Supplement. This is the link to the ACBL CoC:

<http://web2.acbl.org/documentlibrary/play/NAP/CoC.pdf>

These are also posted on the District 14 website along with this Supplement.

Qualification: In order to play in the District 14 NAP Final, players must be members of District 14 in good standing, and have qualified for their masterpoint flight or a higher flight in a NAP Club Qualifying F2F or online game.

Online players cannot qualify with robot partners.

To play in the NAP D14 District Final, you do not have to play with the same partner you qualified with. To play in the NABC Finals you must play with the same partner you qualify with at the District level.

A player must participate in all four sessions with the same partner to place.

Unit Finals are not mandated but may be held throughout District 14.

Flight limits: Flight masterpoints are determined as of the June masterpoint cycle run by ACBL Data Processing on May 6, 2026. Any points won but not included in this cycle do not affect masterpoint eligibility.

Championship Flight is open to all Players regardless of masterpoint holding.

Flight A is open to Players with fewer than 6000 masterpoints.

Flight B is open to Players with fewer than 3000 masterpoints.

Flight C is open to Players who are Non-Life Masters with fewer than 750 masterpoints.

Format for Online Final on BBO: All flights will play 4 sessions, two sessions per day, at 1:00 and 5:00 on October 17 and 18, 2026. Sessions will consist of 24 to 28 boards each, depending on number of pairs entered and DIC determination. After the last session is played, the top 3 pairs in the Championship Flight and Flight A will qualify for the National finals. In Flight B and Flight C the top 4 pairs will qualify for the National finals.

Should less than 5 pairs register for flights B and C, all entrants will qualify for the NABC Finals on payment of District entry fees. If less than 5 pairs enter in either the Championship Flight or Flight A, both flights will be combined for 4 sessions of play as noted above. This combined flight is not stratified for masterpoint purposes; awards are as per the Championship Flight. The combined field is ranked, with the top three pairs qualifying for the NABC in the Championship Flight. The top three Flight A-eligible pairs qualify for the NABC in Flight A; any such pair which also qualifies in the Championship Flight must declare in which flight they choose to advance.

Conventions: The Open Convention Chart applies in stratified games at any level. In flighted games, the Basic+ Chart applies in Flights B and C, the Open Chart applies in Flight A, and the Open+ Chart applies in the Championship flight.

Substitutes and Replacements; Ties: Substitutes or replacements may be permitted according to the ACBL NAP General Conditions of Contest: <http://web2.acbl.org/documentlibrary/play/NAP/CoC.pdf>

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Ties which occur in any Flight will be broken based upon criteria established by ACBL and determined by the Director in Charge.

Subsidies: Those who qualify for participation in the NABC Finals will be notified by the ACBL Special Events Coordinator of any subsidy their finish in the District finals may have earned. Subsidies are intended to offset the cost of travel to the NABC; in the event of an online National Final subsidies may be reduced or eliminated at the discretion of ACBL Management. District subsidies will follow the same guidelines.

If a qualifying pair in the District final is unable to compete in the National NAP finals, they will be replaced by the next highest finisher in their Flight. This process will repeat itself until the District has selected three qualified pairs in the Championship Flight and Flight A and four qualified pairs in Flights B and C.

Fees per pair for the 4 session D14 NAP Finals:

For the Championship Flight and Flight A: **\$140.**

For Flight B: **\$120.**

For Flight C: **\$100.**

District 14 NAP Final will be an online event to be held **October 17 & 18, 2026.**

PREPAYMENT REQUIRED BY Saturday, October 10, 2026.

Make payments to **District 14 ACBL**, and send to:

District 14 ABCL c/o Keith Thompson
868 Ottawa Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55107

(Zelle option will be available for payment. Contact NAP Coordinator as below.)

Include: Both Players' *Names*, each Players *ACBL #s* and *BBO Usernames*, Both Players *emails*, *contact numbers*, and the *Flight* you are registering for.

Be Sure To Include:

THE ENTRY FEE FOR THE PAIR with a **check payable to District 14 ACBL
(Note on your check 'NAP' and the flight you are registering for).**

Questions: **DIC (xxxxxxxx) or the NAP coordinator as below**

National 2027 NAP Finals are in Dallas, TX, at the Spring NABC March 11 to 21.

Championship and Flight A March 10 and 11

Flights B and C March 20 and 21

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