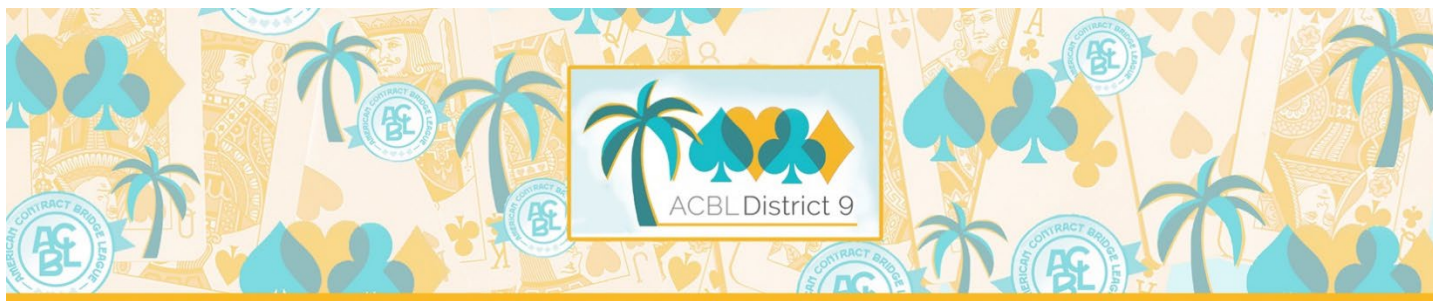




DISTRICT 9 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS 2026-27 CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

ACBL North American Pairs Conditions of Contest are part of the conditions, which may be found at <http://web2.acbl.org/documentlibrary/play/NAP/CoC.pdf>

SCHEDULE

1. Club Level: May be held only in June, July, and August of preceding year of the NABC Final (Online or F2F).

2. District Level: Daytona Regional, The Shores Resort & Spa – November 7-8, 2026.

Championship Flight – Sunday, November 8, 2026 – 9:30am & 2:00pm (2 session event)

Flight A – Saturday, November 7, 2026 – 10:30am & 2:45pm (2 session event)

Flight B – Sunday, November 8, 2026 - 9:30am & 2:00pm (2 session event)

Flight C – Saturday, November 7, 2026 – 10:30am & 2:45pm (2 session event)

All sessions will be at least 24 boards and no more than 30 boards. Second session time may be adjusted if played more than 24 boards.

3. NABC Level: Dallas 2027 Spring NABC (Championship, Flight A: March 10-11, 2027, Flight B & C: March 20-21, 2027).

FLIGHT ELIGIBILITY

Championship Flight: Open to any player

Flight A: Players with less than 6000 MPs as of the June 2026 masterpoint cycle. *

Flight B: Players with less than 3000 MPs as of the June 2026 masterpoint cycle. *

Flight C: Non-Life Masters with fewer than 750 MPs as of the June 2026 masterpoint cycle. *

* The June 2026 masterpoint cycle is run by ACBL data processing on May 6, 2026. Any points won but not included in this cycle do not affect masterpoint eligibility.

Players must qualify at the club level to participate in the District 9 Finals. To confirm club qualification, visit: https://web2.acbl.org/documentlibrary/play/NAP_Qualifiers/NAP_D9.HTM

All District 9 Finals participants must be paid-up ACBL members in good standing and must belong to District 9.

PRIOR TO THE NATIONAL LEVEL OF PLAY

At the District Finals: Flight C eligible players may play in Championship Flight or Flights A, B, or C, unless the events are concurrent. Flight B eligible players may play in Championship Flight or Flights A or B, unless the events are concurrent. Flight A eligible players may play in Championship Flight or Flight A. Players eligible only for the Championship Flight may play only in that flight.

In a stratified District-level event, a player is eligible for a flight only if they played in a club qualifying game and qualified in that flight. If either partner is not eligible to qualify for a higher flight, the pair may receive masterpoints but will not qualify for the next stage in that higher flight. When identifying qualifiers from a stratified field, the director will select only players eligible for qualification and disregard any ineligible pairs.

CONVENTIONS

1. At the club stage, subject to established ACBL minimum guidelines, each club determines the conventions to be allowed in its games.
2. At the district and 2027 NABC Final -
Championship Flight – Open+ Convention Chart
Flight A – Open Convention Chart
Flight B and C – Basic+ Convention Chart

QUALIFIERS/SUBSIDIES

Championship and Flight A qualify the top 3 pairs in the district finals to the NABC level, while Flights B and C qualify the top 4 pairs in the district finals to the NABC level. Subsidies will be given to all qualifying pairs by either the ACBL or District 9. The amount of subsidy will be announced later. Subsidies are intended to offset the cost of travel to the NABC and may require receipts. If the National Level takes place online, then no subsidies will be issued. Ties will be broken per the ACBL General Conditions of Contest for Pair Events which can be found at <http://web2.acbl.org/coc/PairsGeneral.pdf>.

You are expected to notify the District NAP Coordinator on or before Monday, January 11, 2027, if you are unable to attend the NABC Final. Pairs who fail to comply may be subject to District Disciplinary action and/or denied future District subsidies.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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