

# PALM BEACH GARDENS

**May 25-31, 2026 – Hosted by Florida Unit 128**

**Palm Beach Gardens Marriott**

**4000 RCA Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410 – 561-622-8888**

Florida Unit 128 extends a warm welcome to participants returning to the Palm Beach Gardens Regional at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott. The Marriott has recently undergone guest room renovations and is conveniently situated near numerous shopping and dining options.

Enjoy a full week of engaging and competitive bridge events, running from Monday through Sunday. We're offering excellent guest speaker sessions for all new and intermediate players, taking place Tuesday to Friday from 9:45 to 10:15 am. More details are available on page 2.

Please remember: Games are scheduled Monday through Saturday at 10:30 am and 3 pm. On Sunday, the Swiss team games begin at 9:30 am. While printed recaps are no longer provided, players may request a personal summary of their game results from the Tournament Director.

Stay informed with last-minute updates and enjoy special treats by checking your Daily Bulletin, which will be emailed to you each day.

Your hostesses for the week are Shannon Cappelletti and Betty Sandifer. Christina Van Leeuwen will serve as Director in Charge (DIC), and Lou Trautwein, our Partnership Chair, is available to assist with your bridge partnership needs.

We wish all players a fantastic week—may you compete well, earn plenty of masterpoints, and most importantly, have lots of fun!

Thank you and good luck!



## **NEED A PARTNER? TEAMMATES? NO PROBLEM!!**

Visit Lou at the Partnership Desk around 9:45 am for the morning games and at 2:30 for the afternoon games. Please come as early as possible. If you find a partner on your own, after making a request, please have the courtesy to come back to the desk and let us know. We will also have a bulletin board posted for your use.

Lou can be reached at 239-384-1271 or [acblpartners@gmail.com](mailto:acblpartners@gmail.com)

# TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

## MONDAY, MAY 25

10:30 & 3:00 - Monday-Tuesday Knockouts  
10:30 & 3:00 - Charity A/X/Y Open Pairs  
10:30 & 3:00 - Charity Gold Rush Pairs

## TUESDAY, MAY 26

9:45-10:15 – *“Forcing Bids” – Corey Krantz*  
10:30 & 3:00 - Bracketed Round Robin Teams  
10:30 & 3:00 - A/X Open Pairs  
10:30 & 3:00 - B/C Mid-Flight Pairs  
10:30 & 3:00 - Gold Rush Pairs

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

9:45-10:15 – *“Defender’s Number Rules” – Donna Compton*  
10:30 & 3:00 - Wednesday-Thursday Knockouts  
10:30 & 3:00 - A/X Open Pairs  
10:30 & 3:00 - B/C Mid-Flight Pairs  
10:30 & 3:00 - Gold Rush Pairs

## THURSDAY, MAY 28

9:45-10:15 – *“Balancing over their NT; Change a below average to above average” – Jack Brawner*  
10:30 & 3:00 - Bracketed Round Robin Teams  
10:30 & 3:00 - A/X/Y Open Pairs  
10:30 & 3:00 - Gold Rush Pairs

## FRIDAY, MAY 29

9:45-10:15 – *“Defensive Play: Eliminate Common Mistakes” – Fred Pollack*  
10:30 & 3:00 – Friday-Saturday Knockouts  
10:30 & 3:00 - A/X Open Pairs  
10:30 & 3:00 – B/C Mid-Flight Pairs  
10:30 & 3:00 - Gold Rush Pairs

## Entry Fees:

ACBL members pay \$20 per session, while those who are unpaid or whose memberships have lapsed will need to pay an extra \$4. Guest members must join the ACBL to receive masterpoints. We recommend paying by credit card—all major cards are accepted, and each participant may use their own card for payment.

## SATURDAY, MAY 30

10:30 & 3:00 - Bracketed Round Robin Teams  
10:30 & 3:00 - A/X/Y Open Pairs  
10:30 & 3:00 - Gold Rush Pairs

## SUNDAY, MAY 31

9:30 & TBA – A/X Stratified Swiss Teams  
9:30 & TBA – B/C Mid-Flight Swiss Teams  
9:30 & TBA – Gold Rush Swiss Teams

## STRATS

A/X/Y Open:

A=5000+; X=2500-5000; Y=0-2500

A/X Open: A=5000+, X=0-5000

B/C Mid-Flight: (no player over 3500 MPs):  
B=1500-3500; C=0-1500

Gold Rush (no player over 750 MPs):  
A=500-750; B=200-500; C=0-200

All events will be stratified by masterpoint average.

All KOs will be a 2-session Round Robin qualifying event with the top 4 teams playing in the semifinals the next day.

**Single session entries are welcome in all pair games.**

## **Cell Phones:**

The use of cell phones and other electronic devices is allowed in-between rounds or sitouts in the playing room. Please silence your phone. Should your cell phone ring, a penalty of 1/8 board will be automatic. If you answer your phone or your phone becomes audible, the penalty will be 1/2 board. Making calls in the playing room or texting during play also carries a 1/2 board penalty.

## **This is a Zero Tolerance Tournament!**

If you have a problem at your table, please call the Director immediately so the situation can be handled. It doesn't help to report the incident after the fact. All Zero Tolerance penalties will be documented and forward to the ACBL National Recorder for further investigation.

# **HOW DO I GET MY GOLD?**

There will be plenty of opportunities for you to earn gold points. However, you must play in an event that lasts two sessions or longer and the event must have an upper limit of at least 750 masterpoints. Here's how:

## **Bracketed Knockouts -**

Bracketed Knockouts are 2-day events. Each bracket will be 5-14 teams. On the first day, all brackets will play a 2-session Swiss qualifying event. The top 4 teams will qualify for the semifinals the next day. The top qualifier in each bracket can select either 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> place team as their semifinal opponent. Each match you win in the Qualifying session will earn you red masterpoints.

5 & 6 Person Teams: Each player is required to participate in half of the boards in every session. On the first day of qualifying, which consists of two sessions, each player must play at least half of the boards. If there are seven rounds, each player needs to play in four rounds. If the team advances to the knockout stage on the second day, each player must continue to play half of the boards in each session—half in the morning and half in the afternoon.

## **Bracketed Round-Robin Teams -**

A great way to win gold points. Play is divided into brackets depending on the number of players who enter and the teams' masterpoint total. Once you are assigned to a bracket, you play against only teams in your bracket, i.e., against teams with points comparable to your team's points. The brackets are usually 7, 8 or 9 teams total. Awards vary – Bracket One awards the most masterpoints, with awards decreasing as the bracket number increases. But no matter which bracket you are in, if you are one of the top 3 (or 4 with 9 team brackets) teams then you will win gold points!

## **Gold Rush Pairs -**

Overall and section top winners in the top stratum win gold points. Overalls will be awarded to about the top 25% of the field. Other masterpoint awards will be red points. The good thing about this event is that no one in the field will have over 750 masterpoints.

## Daily Bulletins:

Every morning all players will receive an email of the day's online daily bulletin. This will contain the results of the previous day, the playing and hospitality schedule and other important notices. If you do not receive this email or you would like to add your picture, please see a Tournament Director. Also, if you become a Life Master, let us know so we can recognize you in the bulletin.

## Convention Cards:

All players are required to have filled out convention cards. Open+ conventions are approved for use at the tournament in Open Pairs or Teams and Bracketed KO or RR team events where the lowest team in the bracket has an average of at least 3000 MP per player. Multi-2D (with printed defense methods) will be allowed in top bracket team events only. For other events or brackets, the ACBL Basic+ or Open Chart apply. Please see a Tournament Director if you have any questions.

## Score Corrections:

You can request a score correction either through a Tournament Director or directly on ACBL Live. Simply click on the blue button next to your score on your scorecard in ACBL Live, select "Correct Score," and complete the form. The Director-In-Charge will review your request. All corrections must be submitted by midnight on the day of the event.

## District 9 NAP Finals – November 7 & 8 in Daytona

Open & Flight B: Sunday, November 8th - 9:30am & 2:00pm

Flights A & C: Saturday, November 7th – 10:30am & 3:00pm

Daytona Regional at The Shores Resort and Spa

To enter the District 9 NAP Finals, you must have club qualification. Club qualification begins June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact your local club for scheduling. You also must be an ACBL member in good standing and must have been a resident of District 9 as of June 1, 2026.

Flight A - open to players with 6000 or less

Flight B - open to players less than 3000 MPs

Flight C - open to non-life masters (with less than 750 MPs)

Championship Flight – open to all players

Flight Eligibility is based on highest player's masterpoint totals as of June 1, 2026. Winners will receive a subsidy to represent District 9 at the 2027 Spring NABC in Dallas. Full conditions of Contest can be found at [district9acbl.org/nap](http://district9acbl.org/nap).

## Upcoming District 9 Regionals

October 12-18, 2026 – Fort Myers – Marriott Sanibel Harbour

November 2-8, 2026 – Daytona – The Shores Resort & Spa

(District 9 NAP Finals – A, C: November 7; Open, B: November 8)

November 20-23, 2026 – The Villages Non-Life Master Regional

December 14-20, 2026 – Boca Raton – Embassy Suites

January 4-10, 2027 – Orlando – Doubletree Theme Park Resort

February 15-21, 2027 – Tampa – Embassy Suites USF/Busch Gardens

