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Unit Final flight winners* receive free entries at the April GNT District Finals in New Brighton, MN for as many sessions as they remain eligible

You may form new teams at the District Finals and don't have to play with your Unit Final teammates.

*If you are in Flight A or the Championship flights and there are fewer than three teams competing in your flight, you will have to win the Unit Final outright to receive free entry fees.

Prior Club Qualification Required to play in the Unit Finals

Championship and A players must have previously played in a club qualifier. B & C players must have previously qualified with an average + finish in a club qualifying event to play in the Unit Final

Overall masterpoints for unit finals:

20% **Gold**, 80% **Red** for Open/ Flt. A

10% **Gold**, 90% **Red** in flight B

5% **Gold**, 95% **Red** in flight C.

Match awards: **Red** @ sectional rating

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Learn More About the GNTs:

ACBL Conditions of Contest

http://www.acbl.org/assets/documents/play/Conditions-of-Contest/Other-GNT_CoC.pdf

Dist. 14 GNT Conditions of Contest

<http://moot.typepad.com/files/gnt.2011-12d14coc.pdf>

**District 14 GNT finals
April 28-29, 2012
in New Brighton**



**District 14
GRAND NATIONAL
TEAMS
Minnesota
Joint Unit Finals
2011-2012**

Saturday, March 10, 2012

Stratiflighted GNT Swiss Teams:

Flights B & C separate

2- Session 10:30am & 3:30pm

with lunch break only (\$64/team)

**'Go for the Gold
Go for the Green'**

**Gold points for
overall finishes**

DIC: Kim Hayward

Sanction: U178

Dist.14 policies state:

"It is the option of the unit to hold Unit Finals. Players who do not play in a Unit Final (either because their unit chose to not hold a Unit Final or because their unit did hold a Unit Final but they chose not to play in it) will be required to pay an \$11 surcharge at the District Final."

Why SHOULD you have to pay for something with nothing in return?

Why hold a Unit Final?

- 1. Lots of extra masterpoints with full sectional rating including fractional gold points for non-life masters if you do well.**
- 2. Playing in the unit final saves you the surcharge if you play in the district final.**
- 3. Unit Final flight winners will play for free for as long as they remain eligible to win at the District Finals at the New Brighton Family Service Center on April 28-29.**
- 4. Play against your peers instead of open flighted competition.**

Questions and Answers about Grand National Teams (GNT)

Q. What are the GNTs?

A. The Grand National Teams (GNTs) are the second of the ACBL's "grass roots" events that begin at the club level and continue through unit and district qualifying events to a National Final during the summer NABC (2012 in Philadelphia).

Winning teams from each flight in each District begin play on the Wednesday just before the start of the summer NABC in a format that culminates in daylong KOs with open/closed rooms, preduplicated hand records, screens, drama & excitement.

In particular, Flights B and C offer newer players the opportunity to compete against peers in conditions very similar to the most prestigious team events in the world.

Q. who is eligible to play in the unit final?

D14 conditions of contest require all unit final participants to have played previously in a club qualifier. Also

The players on Flight B & C teams qualify for unit or district finals if, in a GNT club qualifier their team:

1. Wins one-half or more of their matches in a GNTclub qualifier (a tie is one-half of a win)
2. Finishes average or higher in scoring system used to rank teams (VP or win-loss)
3. Finishes in the top 50% within a stratum or flight in the scoring system used

Q. will a poor performance in a joint Unit final discourage teams from playing at the District final?

A. Just because you had a bad day at the Unit Final should not keep you from trying again at the District Final.

The format change to qualify half the field for round robin finals play in Flights B & C means that a just above average day on Saturday and two good sessions on Sunday could win you a trip to the Philadelphia NABC in the summer of 2012.

Teams who look strong on paper don't necessarily qualify for the finals.

Play in the Unit Finals

It will not restrict your eligibility to play in the District Final even if you don't do well..

You can continue to play in club qualifiers after the Unit final

You are not required to play with the same teammates in at the District final