



American Contract
Bridge League 2018–19 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

What is North American Pairs (NAP)?

The NAP is special bridge contest held at the spring NABC (national ACBL tournament) every year. Each district will send four C level pairs, four B level pairs and three A level pairs to play in the national event. The C players play against other C players from other districts, the B players play against other B level players, and the A players play against A players.

The District 14 NAP final tournament will be Oct. 6-7, 2018, at the Edina Senior Center in Edina, MN. It is a 2-day event.

If I am a new player at the C level, can I play in this event?

Yes, this event is for you. You will be able to play against other players who are also at the C level. If you place in one of the top 4 places in your level, you will have a chance to play at the national event next March and represent District 14. You will receive a subsidy from either ACBL or District 14 to help pay your expenses. Even if you don't want to play at the national level, you can play at the tournament and will have a chance to win masterpoints.

What do I receive if I place in one of the top four places at the district finals?

1st place will receive reimbursement of \$700 per person (\$1400 for each pair), 2nd place will receive reimbursement of \$500 per person (\$1000 for each pair) and 3rd & 4th places (Only 3rd place for Flight A) will receive reimbursement of \$350 per person (\$700 for each pair). In addition, all entry fees for the national event will be covered by the ACBL.

Where and when is the National (NABC) NAP game in the spring?

Memphis, TN., March 30--31, 2019 for Flight C and Flight B players; March 20-21, 2019 for Flight A players.

What does qualification mean?

You must play in a club qualifying game during the months of June, July, and August and qualify in the game in order to play in the district final. If you are unsure if you have qualified, please ask the game director.

What district am I in?

You are in District 14 which includes Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska. There are 25 districts in the ACBL.

How is the stratification determined?

Masterpoints as of May 6, 2018, will be used to determine your flight. Flight C is for Non-Life Masters with fewer than 500 MPs, Flight B is for players with fewer than 2500 MPs, and Flight A is open to anyone who qualifies at the A level.

What is the NABC like; how is the NAP played?

The national game consists of two qualifying sessions on day 1 and two final sessions on day 2. Approximately 50% of the players from day 1 will qualify to play in the day two final session. It is a fun atmosphere with many types of games going on all day.

How do I get my reimbursed subsidy

1st place winners will receive the \$700 at the tournament from the ACBL; 2nd place winners will receive \$300 at the tournament from the ACBL and the remaining \$200 from District 14 after the tournament; 3rd and 4th place will receive the \$350 from District 14 after the tournament. You must play in the national NAP event to receive the reimbursement.

Other Questions

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