

**Red Green Gold 2012**

Grand National Teams Update/ Invitation to the Minnesota Unit Final

The Grand National Team, one of the ACBL's 2 grass roots events, starts in local clubs and finishes with district winners competing in their own flights against peers at the Nationals. The event is stratified in 4 flights:

Championship: 0- unlimited  
Flight A: 0- 5,000mps  
Flight B: 0- 2,000mps  
Flight C: 0- 500mps (non-life masters)

Club qualifiers offer the chance to win **lots** of sectional-rated masterpoints, **½ red** ½ black.

**A 2 session Unit Final will be held on March 10 at the Bridge Center of St. Paul.** (check the accompanying flyer). Qualified Flight B & C teams will compete in their own strata and if you reach the overalls the awards will include a percentage of **gold points**. Chances to win gold points locally are rare.

You can win "**green**" too. **Win your flight in the joint Unit Final and your entry fees will be free at the district finals** on April 27-28 at the New Brighton Family Service Center for as long as you remain eligible to win the trip to the summer NABC. By playing in the Unit Final you will not have to pay an \$11 surcharge at the District finals. As an additional incentive, Unit Final table fees, up to \$100/player, will be distributed to District GNT Champions who travel to the summer NABC in Philadelphia.

Playing in the Unit Final will not affect your ability to play at the District final nor does it signify the end of the club qualifying period. You can continue to play in the sectionally rated qualifiers that pay **½ red** ½ black points. You can play at any level: club, unit, or district with the same or different teammates because you qualify as an individual.

The Unit Final is scheduled to offer you a chance to win points, not to disqualify any teams who don't finish well. Even if your team 'bombs' in March two days of solid play at the District final in April could find you winning a trip to next Summer's Nationals in Philadelphia.

This year's conditions of contest are posted on the District 14 website as well as flyers for the Unit Final on March 10, 2012 and the District Finals to be held on April 27-28. in Iowa on May 14-15, 2010: <http://moot.typepad.com/district14/grand-national-teams.html>. **Flight A and Open flight players please note that you must have previously played in a club qualifier to be eligible for the Unit or District final play.**

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