

GNTs 2016-2017: January update **NO MORE \$11 SURCHARGE!**

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Dear District 14 members,

GNT competition is in full swing. Play in your club's qualifying games which carry a **full sectional rating, ½ red, ½ black points**

Flight B & C players qualify for unit or district finals in club-qualifying games if their team:

1. Wins one-half or more of their matches in a Swiss Teams (a tie is one-half of a win)
2. Finishes average or higher in the 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

If your Unit has only one club qualification event is held, all Flight C players who participate in the event will qualify for the District Final.

Flight A and Championship flight players who play in a prior club qualifying game are automatically eligible to play in the District final. If work or travel make it impossible to play in a GNT qualifier you can “buy-in” to play in the district final (see D14 CoC).

Whether or not you want to compete in the district finals to be held in Mason City on May 6&7 you are invited to play in a special sectional to be held at the same time. (**see flyer on backside**) The price is right, the hospitality will be special too, and the 2 session Team games on Sunday will carry a regional rating with 40% more masterpoints.

The four GNT flights compete separately at the district finals. Winning teams in each flight receive \$2,000 to compete in the Summer Nationals in Toronto this July

Here are links to the current District 14 and ACBL conditions of contest for the GNTs:

[D14 GNT Conditions of Contest 2016-2017](#)

[ACBL GNT 2016-17 Special Conditions of Contest](#)

Unlike Open events, the GNT district finals are a peer-based competition. You get to take the measure of your play vs. players of similar ability. Check the contest conditions for the relevant stratifications.

If you have any questions about the GNTs or Grass Roots Fund events please contact me at the above email address. Grass Roots Fund games, like other Fund events are rated at .7 Sectional, and the table fees allow our district to support GNT and NAP activities. Encourage your directors and club managers to schedule these games. They are a win-win for everyone.

In 2016 we raised over \$5,000 from GNT Qualifying games. Thanks to all who scheduled these games.

The district 14 BOD has established the first weekend in May to be our GNT District final weekend. We also removed the surcharge for players who did not play in a unit final. We have special sectional that starts on Friday in Mason City. Here is the link to the tournament flyer: [2017 D14 GNT Sectional & Dist Final Flyer](#)

There are rooms available (some) in the area for less than \$100/nt and you are encouraged to make your reservations early.