



American Contract
Bridge League 2017-18 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.

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, 2017, will be used to determine your flight. Flight C is Non-Life Masters with fewer than 500 MPs, Flight B is players with less than 2500 MPs, and Flight A is open to anyone who qualifies at the A level.

What is a club qualifying game? Do I need to qualify to play at the district final?

Club qualifying games are extra point games held at local clubs during June, July, and August; anyone can play. You must qualify at a club game to play in the District final but you do not need to play in the district final with the same partner.

I have qualified at the club; where and when is the district final?

The District 14 NAP final tournament will be Oct. 7-8, 2017, at the Edina Senior Center in Edina, MN. It is a 2-day event.

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?

Philadelphia, PA., March 11-12, 2018 for Flight C and Flight B players; March 7-8, 2018 for Flight A players.

Do I have to attend the NABC if I place at the district final?

You will be invited to represent District 14 in the national NAP game in Philadelphia spring of 2018. If you don't want to attend, the next highest placing pair will be invited to take your place. You will be eligible to win master points at the NAP District final even if you don't go to the NABC.

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 money?

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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