



NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS 2015-2016

This pair competition takes place in all North America. It offers you the possibility to participate in a final where you will play against players at the same level as you are, in these three flights :

- A** Open
- B** Less than 2500 masterpoints
- C** Less than 500 masterpoints and not a Life master

This tournament starts with qualification sessions in bridge clubs, then proceeds to a district final in the fall, and then the ACBL final at the Spring NABC - in Reno NV.

1st STEP: QUALIFY IN A BRIDGE CLUB IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISTRICT 1 FINAL

- Qualification sessions take place in bridge clubs, at regular sessions identified as such, during the months of June – July – August.
- Each club can hold up to two qualifying sessions per month, at each of their regular game: obtain information from your favourite bridge clubs.
- Masterpoints: 50/50 red and black, 100% sectional level.
- You will obtain your qualification if you place in your section or if your result is 50% or better.
- You can participate as often as you wish with different partners, and place as often as your results meet with the criteria of qualification.

2nd STEP: QUALIFY IN THE DISTRICT 1 FINAL TO GET THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACBL FINAL

- The district 1 final is an annual event that takes place at split sites : in the Montreal area and in the Maritimes.
- In Montréal, the final will be held on Saturday November 7 – 2015, 11h, at Le Mirage Bridge Club, 9001 boul. de l'Acadie, Montreal, H4N 3H5,
- Participants in the district final must have qualified at the club level, and must be members of the ACBL. This 2-session event awards **GOLD and Red Points**.
- The district final is a two-session competition with a break of approximate 1h30.
- Many pairs from this final will gain the right to represent the district at the ACBL final: A: 1 pair (possibly 2), B: 2 pairs, C: 2 pairs.
- Read the special conditions of contest for District 1, that determine the pairs that will represent the district at the ACBL final

<http://www.bridgemontreal.ca/en/championships/nap-north-american-pairs/>

3rd STEP: NAP FINAL AT THE SPRING NABC OF DALLAS TX

- The ACBL final will be held at the 2016 Spring NABC in Reno NV, where selected pairs from the 25 districts of the ACBL will play.
- This final is a two-day competition: the 1st day is a two-session qualification from which half the field continues into the competition for a 2nd day of two more sessions.

THE WINNING PAIRS IN THE DISTRICT FINAL WILL GET A SUBSIDY TO PLAY IN THE NAP

1. First position: 700\$ per person from the ACBL;
2. Second position: 300\$ per person from the ACBL. Qualified players from Unit 151-MBL may ask for an additional subsidy of 400\$;
3. Third position: there is no subsidy from the ACBL. Qualified players from Unit 151 – MBL may ask for a subsidy of 300\$;
4. Players must play until their elimination to get their subsidy;
5. There is no entry fee in the NAP final.

<http://www.bridgemontreal.ca/en/about/subsidies/>

RULES OF THE TOURNAMENT AND OTHER INFORMATION

- ACBL – Conditions of contest 2014 (2015 not available)
<http://web2.acbl.org/documentlibrary/play/NAP20142015/CoC.pdf>
- Special Conditions for District 1 – Qualification to the ACBL final
<http://www.bridgemontreal.ca/en/championships/nap-north-american-pairs/>
- Subsidy Policy from the Montréal Bridge League
<http://www.bridgemontreal.ca/en/about/subsidies/>
- General information on the website – Montreal Bridge League, under Results-Events/Tournaments
<http://www.bridgemontreal.ca/en/championships/nap-north-american-pairs/>

Good luck to all !

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MASTERPOINTS AT THE DISTRICT FINAL

- * Flight A et B: GOLD points to all participants that place in the « Overall », and to section A and B winners. Red points for all other placements.
- * Flight C: GOLD and Red points to players that will place in the « Overall ». Red points for all other placements.

HISTORY OF THE NAP

The North-American Pairs or NAP exists since 1979. It has always been a major ACBL pair championship. The event was originally known as the Grand National Pairs. The GNP became the North American Pairs in 1987 and a special form of the event for non-Life Masters was also added.

Winners of the North American Pairs are awarded the Baldwin Trophy. The trophy honors Russell Baldwin, former director and treasurer of the ACBL and co-inventor, with Bill McKenney, of the McKenney-Baldwin movements used in tournament bridge.

This highly prestigious "grass roots" event is staged in qualifying rounds at the club, unit and district levels. It culminates in a final held in the following year Spring NABC, in which there is participants from all 25 districts. This event is run as a flighted event A (Open), B (less than 2500), C (0-500 NLM).