

Mini Blue Ribbon (6K) Pairs Special Conditions of Contest

The General Conditions of Contest (CoC) for Pairs events will apply to this event, subject to the following special CoC. These CoC may not be changed at any level of play during the course of this event. Lack of knowledge does not constitute cause for exemption. Regarding any of the below or any of the general conditions for ACBL Pairs events, the decision of the Director in Charge (DIC) shall be final.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The Mini Blue Ribbon Pairs will be open to any two paid up ACBL Members who each have fewer than 6,000 masterpoints as of the ACBL computer run immediately preceding the start of the NABC, including any eligibility points assigned at any time, and each of whom holds a Blue Ribbon qualification. See Appendix R for more complete information on how one obtains a qualification.

CONVENTIONS

Bidding and carding methods permitted, restricted or not permitted in this event are per the ACBL Open Convention Chart.

SCORING AND PLAY

- 1) The Mini Blue Ribbon Pairs will consist of six sessions: two qualifying, two semi-final and two final.
- 2) There will be a carryover from the qualifying sessions to the semi-final. The carryover will be calculated as per ACBL regulations but the spread from top to bottom can be no greater than two and one half boards. There will be a carryover from the semi-final sessions to the final as well but the spread can be no greater than four boards.
- 3) For purposes of qualifying or for determining final overall ranking any fraction of a matchpoint difference will constitute sufficient separation.
- 4) The DIC is permitted to combine as many sections as is logical and practical for scoring. Qualification of contestants for subsequent stages shall be based on overall standing in the entire field, regardless of section or direction. Between 40% and 50% of the field will qualify from the qualifying to the semi-final and from the semi-final to the final. The DIC may choose to qualify more pairs; e.g. in the case of a small initial entry. Ties for the last qualifying position will be broken as per ACBL regulation.