

## STaC Games—Registering, Sanction Fees and Placing on the Unit Laptop

Special Sanction Required

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STaCs typically run Monday through Sunday. STaC registration deadline is 3 days before the 1<sup>st</sup> game, so typically Friday of the prior week. If you fail to register on time, the ACBL website will probably list a name to contact. In 2015:

for the Great Western (GW) STaCs, it was Bill Michael, (719) 661-3853, [stacman592@yahoo.com](mailto:stacman592@yahoo.com).

for the D23/D22 STaCs, it was Arleen Harvey, (951) 780-3868, [d23stac@gmail.com](mailto:d23stac@gmail.com).

D23/D22 STaCs are generally held in: March, July and November.

GW STaCs are generally held in: May, August and December.

First, on the ACBL website Home page, go to Tournaments. Then, go to *STaCs Schedule and Results*. On the *Find a STaC* screen, find the dates (Month and Year) and district(s) for the STaC of interest.

For the GW (or WC) STaC and the D23/D22 STaC the District will be: 22

Click on the blue *Search* button. For the STaC of interest, click on **Club Administration** in the rightmost column. In the window that comes up, click on **Registration Form**. You need to login in to MyACBL as a club manager, using that person's player number on the Club Manager line and that person's password.

A major part of the registration process is selecting the specific sessions to register for.  Note, a point-limited game held at the same time as an open game is two sessions. You need to register for both, although both will use the same hands and dealing file. After you select the totality of sessions, you submit the selections.

In addition to the Registration Form, you'll want to download the STaC Instructions.

Once you've registered, you'll need to download the appropriate game files. Using  Tuesday as an example, the Hand Records are named:

yymmnnn\_TuesMorn\_MasterSheet.PDF<sup>1</sup>

You also need to download the PBN files for the Dealer 4 program. Sticking with Tuesday, the dealing file is named:

yymmnnn\_TuesMorn.PBN

In 2019, four (4) pairs of PDF/PBN files need to be downloaded for the 4 time slots games are regularly held:

Tu-Th there are **Afternoon** games, total of three (3)

Sat there is a **Morning** game, total of one (1)

**Tu** requires registering for the Open section

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<sup>1</sup> ACBL's MasterSheet is what most players would call a hand record.

What ACBL calls Hand Records are two (2) hands in rather large print, one hand in the upper half sheet, one in the lower half.

Wed requires registering for the 49er and 1499er sections.  
Th requires registering for the 299er and Open sections  
Sa requires registering for the Open section

The PBN file is needed for the Unit's dealing machine. Since the dealing machine is located at Temple Beth Torah (TBT), all the PDF and PBN files need to be conveyed to the Unit-owned laptop at TBT.

Each STaC has its own sanction # in the form: STyymmnnnn.

Each STaC also uses an Event Code that is covered in the STaC Instructions.

The Event Code for a Tuesday afternoon GW Open game is: 0501

D23/D22 Event Codes may be different.

GW STaCs require paying about an extra \$1.30 per person to the sponsoring organization. This fee is in lieu of the regular sanction fee paid as part of the monthly report.

D23/D22 STaCs require paying about an extra \$.50 per person to the sponsoring organization. This fee is in lieu of the regular sanction fee paid as part of the monthly report

If you've already registered and need to download something additional, just login and select the day and time needed and the file(s) needed. If additional files are needed, just continue on serially.