

North American Pairs (NAP)

The North American Pairs (NAP) event has been a major ACBL pairs championship since 1979 and was originally known as the Grand National Pairs. This grassroots event is staged in qualifying rounds at the club, unit and district levels. Club-level qualifying occurs each year, with a final held in conjunction with the Spring North American Bridge Championships (NABC) in the following year.

Club Qualifying Games: June 1-August 31, year “x”

Final: Spring NABC in year “x+1”

Masterpoints:

- Club qualifying games are 50/50 red and black at sectional rating (about 3X normal club pts, split half red and half black)
- One-session unit qualifying games are sectional rated red
- Two-session unit qualifying games include percentage of gold for overalls
- District finals award gold for section firsts and overalls. Flight C is 25% gold for overalls. Other masterpoints in all flights are red.

Flights: A (Open), B (-2500), C (0-500 Non-Life Masters)

District winners in each flight are recognized on the ACBL web site.

A highly prestigious “grassroots” event, the North American Pairs (NAP) starts at the club level in June, July and August. Club-level qualifications may be earned at any club in any unit in any district. A player may qualify as often as desired and with as many different partners as desired. Unit-level qualifiers are optional and are held after Sept. 1 and before the district final, which may be held after the unit final until the third week in January. At the district final, both players must have qualified at the club level and must be members of the parent district. A fixed amount prize will be awarded in all flights as follows:

1. In districts with three qualifiers, the 1st place qualifiers will receive \$700 per person and the 2nd place qualifiers will receive \$300 per person. The 3rd place qualifiers will be invited to participate in the national level finals, but will not receive any prize.
2. In districts with four qualifiers, the 1st and 2nd place qualifiers will receive \$700 per person and the 3rd place qualifiers will receive \$300 per person. The 4th place qualifiers will be invited to participate in the national level finals, but will not receive any prize.
3. In the event of a tie at the district finals, the qualifiers will receive the total of the awards for the tied places, divided by the number of players involved with the tie.
4. Invited defenders will receive \$700 per person.
5. No individual may collect two concurrent prizes.

The monetary award will be available on site. Qualifiers must play in the national level event (at the Spring NABC) until eliminated to receive the award.

There will be no entry fee for the national level of the event.

Some districts do provide additional funding. Check with your district to learn whether or not it provides additional funding.