

Everything You Need to Know About the GNTs

Spring has sprung in New England and that means it's time for the 2023-2024 Grand National Teams (GNTs). Every ACBL member in good standing who resides in New England can participate in the District 25 Finals. All events will be held on BBO.

Get your teams set up and register now. This is the best opportunity to win gold points playing against players like yourself - and do it from the comfort of your living room. Not to mention, a chance to win a National Championship.

DATES/TIME

All events will begin at 10:00 am and teams should be signed into BBO no later than 9:45 on game day. The start time for the second session will be announced before the end of the first. Here are the dates for each flight:

Championship/Open: March 9-10 & April 6-7

Flight A (0-6000) February 17-18

Flight B (0-2500) March 9-10

Flight C (NLM<500) April 7

PRIZES

In addition to masterpoints, overall winners also earn the right to participate in the National Finals being held at the Toronto NABC, July 17-19. In Flights B and C, the second-place teams are also eligible to participate in the final. District 25 will provide financial assistance to those all teams qualifying for the National Finals for expenses related to their travel to Toronto.

ELIGIBILITY_____

RESIDENCY you must be a member of District 25 whose dues are current.

MASTERPOINTS Masterpoint limits are based on your masterpoint total on August 6, 2023. Note, the event limits are not based on averages. To play in any of the three limited-point events, each player on the team must have fewer points than the upper limit of that flight.

REGISTRATION_____

All teams must pre-register to participate. Pre-registration will close two days before the start of each event.

For the Championship, Flight A and Flight B events, pre-register online at:

[New England Bridge Conference 2024 GNT Registration](#)

Flight C teams register by email to the Fairy GOLDMother at thefairygoldmother@nebridge.org. You'll need to send the names, email addresses, phone numbers, ACBL #'s and BBO ID for each player on the team. She welcomes all NLM<500 players and will find you a partner or another pair, or both. She'll make sure you have whatever you need to have a great time and hopefully, win lots of points.

FORMAT & CONDITIONS OF CONTEST_____

The Flight C event is a 1-day, 2-session Swiss Teams game, playing 8 matches of 5 boards each with a short break between the first and second session.

Flights A and B are KO events, one match per session. Flight A is 28 boards/session and Flight B is 24 boards/session.

The Open event is a straight KO, one match per day, if 16 or fewer teams enter. If 17 or more teams enter, the first day will be a Swiss Teams, 8 rounds of 7 boards, qualifying 8 teams to the 2nd day which begins the KO matches. KO matches are 56 boards/match.

For more information on the details of each event, please consult the [ACBL General Conditions of Contest](#) and the [District 25 Conditions of Contest](#).

ENTRY FEE AND PAYMENT_____

The entry fee for all events is \$20/player/session. Non-Life Masters under 26 pay \$5. Payment is by credit card only. Pay online at the D25 website, using the "Pay Here" button or clicking [HERE](#).

TWO/THREE FOR ONE SPECIAL_____

Anyone playing in more than one event, will play for free in all subsequent events. This gives everyone a chance to play in their "regular" event and then try their hand at "moving up" and perhaps winning many more points for no cost. Try it, we think you'll like it.

QUESTIONS & REGISTRATION/PAYMENT ISSUES_____

Open, Flight A and Flight B: Peter Marcus, director-in-charge, marcus@att.net

Flight C: Sue Miguel, Fairy GOLDMother, thefairygoldmother@nebridge.org

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