

## **D25 Pro-AM Events**

### General Conditions of Contest

These Conditions of Contest (CoC) may not be changed at any level of play during the course of the event. Sponsoring organizations may amend these conditions for specific events, but such amendments must appear in all printed tournament schedules.

These conditions apply to all pairs events. At the North American Bridge Championships (NABCs), there may be additional conditions. In such cases, the specific conditions will supersede the general ones. These conditions must be available.

The DIC shall make the final decision on any item in these conditions. Furthermore, the DIC will resolve any issue not specifically covered.

### ENTRY AND PARTICIPATION

1. Each partnership will consist of two players.
2. All "Pro's" will sit either North or East
3. One player must be a Non Life Master or a player with less than 500 points.
4. The second player will be the "Pro" but can be any level player, 2 AM's can play together in flight C, but the intention is that an get the opportunity to play with a more experienced player.
5. Stratification will be by average of the 2 players. The strata will be posted but may change at the directors decision to even the field.
6. Each player must play at least 70% of the boards scheduled to be played by the partnership to be eligible for either session or overall masterpoint awards. A fill-in pair must play at least 87.5% of the available boards to qualify for overall awards.
7. A substitute for the NLM must fit the qualification, in no case can a substitute invalidate #2 requirement.

### PLAY

1. In stratified events, the groups play together but are ranked both collectively and separately.
2. A player may enter and earn masterpoints in as many sessions as possible while not entered in a concurrent or over-lapping event.

### SEEDING

Every effort should be made to seed all sections of the field in both directions. (Note: This is usually accomplished by making random adjustments in the starting position of one of the seeded fields each session.) final decision

In all matters relating to seeding the event will rest with the DIC.

QUALIFYING EVENTS AND CONSOLATIONS- If it is a two session event only.

1. Events of two or more sessions may be run as some number of qualifying sessions and some number of final sessions.

2. A carryover will be calculated based on scores in the qualifying session(s). The maximum spread will be equal to the number of sessions in the events times top in the final session(s). For six-session events with two cuts, the maximum spread for the middle

two rounds will be only two and one-half times top in the semifinal sessions.

3. Carryovers will be based on the following formula:  $C = (M - m) [(Q/E)(AxBxQ)/S]$

where

C = carryover

B = number of boards played in qualifying session(s)

S = sum of the scores of all qualifiers

M = matchpoints of a given pair

m = matchpoints of lowest qualifying pair

E = pairs entered in the event

Q = pairs to be qualified

A = average on each board in the final session(s)

If the formula determines the high carryover to be above the allowable limits, the formula is

abandoned and the following procedure is followed: Subtract the low-qualifying score from

the high-qualifying score and divide this number into the maximum allowable carryover. The

resulting factor is multiplied by the difference of a score and the low-qualifying score. Thus

the low qualifier will have a carryover of zero, and the high qualifier will have the maximum

allowable carryover.

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4. Ties for the final qualifying position will be broken as follows:

- Considering only boards played in common, a pair will receive one point for each board played on which it outscores the other tied pair(s) and one half point for each tied board. In addition, on boards not played in common, a pair will receive one point for a score above average and one half point for a score of average.

- If the above does not break the tie, or in cases where the pairs played no boards in common, compare matchpoints on all boards against average. Award a pair one for each score above average and one-half for each score of average.

TARDINESS & SUBSTITUTIONS

1. Substitutes are subject to the discretion of the DIC and may not appreciably strengthen the partnership or team.
2. A qualified pair not seated within 10 minutes after the announced starting time of a final session will be replaced by the highest available alternate qualifier.

#### CORRECTION AND APPEAL PERIODS

1. The score correction period for player errors expires at the completion of play of the session following the one in which the error occurred or 30 minutes after completion of the last event of the tournament, whichever is earlier.
2. For director errors, the correction period expires 24 hours after the completion of the event or 30 minutes after completion of the last event of the tournament, whichever is earlier. The DIC in consultation with the ACBL Senior Director of Bridge, however, may in unusual circumstances elect to make a correction of a director error at a later time.
3. For qualifying events, the score correction period for both player and director errors expires one hour before the first session following qualification. The carryover score for qualifiers may be corrected up until the end of the first session following qualification.
4. The appeal period of or for a director's ruling expires 30 minutes after the completion of a session or at the starting time of the next session, whichever is earlier.