



Pre-Bulletin



NOV. 24-DEC. 4, 2011

SEATTLE, WA

Welcome to Seattle! All events will be played at the Washington State Convention Center.

Thursday, November 24, 1 p.m.

Event	Session	Entry/player/session	
		ACBL members*	Others
International Fund Stratified Open Pairs <i>Part of the Thurs.-Fri. Side Game Series</i>	1st single session	\$16	\$18
International Fund Stratified Swiss Teams	single	\$15	\$17
International Fund Stratified 299er Pairs	single	\$15	\$17

Thursday, November 24, 7:30 p.m.

Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams <i>Continues Friday and Saturday at 9 a.m.</i>	1st	\$20	\$20
Educ. Foundation Stratified Open Pairs <i>Part of the Thurs.-Fri. Side Game Series</i>	2nd single session	\$20	\$20
Educational Foundation 299er Pairs	single	\$20	\$20

Friday, November 25, 9 a.m.

0-5 Newcomer Pairs play free today!

Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	2nd	\$16	\$18
Elliott Bay Fri.-Sat. A.M. Compact KO Teams	1-2	\$16	\$18
Western Red Cedar Morning Side Game <i>Part of the Fri.-Sun. Morning Side Game Series</i>	1st single session	\$16	\$18

Friday, November 25, 10:30 a.m.

299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	\$15	\$17
0-20 Pairs	single	\$15	\$15
0-5 Pairs	single	Free	Free

Friday, November 25, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Richard Odlin Memorial Stratified Daylight Open Pairs	1-2	\$16	\$18
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Friday, November 25, 1 p.m.

Thursday-Friday Side Game Series	3rd single session	\$16	\$18
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Unless otherwise noted, strat breaks for all stratified events are: A (3000+), B (750-3000), C (0-750).

**Members whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.*

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Friday, November 25, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Event	Session	Entry/player/session	
		ACBL members*	Others
Bobby Nail Life Master Open Pairs	1-2 Q	\$20	—
Helen Sobel Smith Life Master Women's Pairs	1-2 Q	\$20	—
<i>Above events: 2 qualifying, 2 final sessions.</i>			
Ed Manfield Non-Life Master Pairs	1-2	\$17	—
Baze Senior Knockout Teams	Round 1	\$20	—
<i>Pre-registration required by 11 a.m. One 64-board match per day until completed.</i>			
<i>Continues daily at 1 p.m.</i>			
Bridge Base Online Stratified Open Pairs	1-2	\$16	\$18
Hammering Man Fri.-Sat. Bracketed KO Teams	1-2	\$16	\$18

Friday, November 25, 3 p.m.

299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	\$15	\$17
0-20 Pairs	single	\$15	\$15
0-5 Pairs	single	Free	Free

Friday, November 25, 7:30 p.m.

Shirley Edelson Memorial Stratified Side Swiss Teams	single	\$15	\$17
Thursday-Friday Side Game Series	4th single session	\$16	\$18
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	\$15	\$17
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	\$15	\$17
0-20 Pairs	single	\$15	\$15
0-5 Pairs	single	Free	Free

Friday, November 25, 11:30 p.m.

Zip Knockout Teams	single	\$12 / team / match	
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Entry fees

Players *must* be ACBL members whose service fees or dues are current in order to compete in any of the following nationally ranked events: Nail Life Master Open Pairs, Smith Life Master Women's Pairs, Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, Keohane North American Swiss Teams, Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams, Marsha May Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams, the Senior Mixed Pairs, the Super Senior Pairs and the Baze Senior Knockouts.

The entry fees for these contests are **\$20** per player per session.

Players must also be current ACBL members to play in the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs, Manfield Non-Life Master Pairs and National 99er Pairs. The entry fee is **\$17** per player per session.

Regional championships are **\$16** per player per session for ACBL members, **\$18** for non-members.

All other events are **\$15** per player per session for ACBL members, **\$17** for non-members.



Electronic Device Policy

1. For all NABC+ rated events at NABCs: Electronic devices, including but not limited to, phones, cameras, PDAs, and others capable of sending or receiving electronic communication are excluded from the playing areas during any session of play. This does not apply to health-related equipment.
2. For all events at an NABC other than a NABC+ rated event: Except for health-related equipment, or by permission of the Director-in-Charge of the tournament, cell phones, audible pagers or similar equipment may not be operated or operable in any manner in the playing area during a session of play. Any such equipment must not be visible during the session. Sponsoring organizations of other ACBL-sanctioned events are encouraged to adopt a similar policy.
3. These restrictions in numbers 1 and 2 above apply to all pairs, team members, captains, coaches, play recorders (except those designated by ACBL) and kibitzers and are in force throughout any actual playing session or segment of play.
4. A violation of any of the restrictions in numbers 1 and 2 above will result in a disciplinary penalty of one full board (12 IMPs at that form of scoring) for the first offense. A second offense will result in disqualification from the event for the pair/team. Kibitzers violating this policy will be removed from the playing area for the remainder of the session.

Notice to players who live outside North America

Participation in the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs and the 0-5000 Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs is limited to those ACBL members who have earned a Blue Ribbon qualification (or for those members on the Lifetime Top 100 masterpoint list).

Participation in the Nail Life Master Pairs and Smith Women's Pairs is restricted to ACBL members who have achieved the rank of Life Master. Foreign players who do not meet these criteria, but feel they are otherwise eligible, must receive a waiver prior to the commencement of these contests.



Previously granted waivers will be honored for the Life Master events, but not for the Blue Ribbon Pairs.

For waiver information, please contact the TD staff here at the tournament. You may visit the Tournament Headquarters office or, by arriving well in advance of the start time, ask the staff at the selling sites.

Shuttle Info

Free shuttle service is provided between the Convention Center and the Paramount Hotel, Homewood Suites and Red Lion Inn.

A single shuttle will be available throughout day during the tournament to each of the hotels, but two shuttles will be in service during peak times (before or after sessions).

Members staying at the Paramount Hotel or Homewood Suites may expect a shuttle every 15 minutes (approximately) or every 8 minutes during peak times.

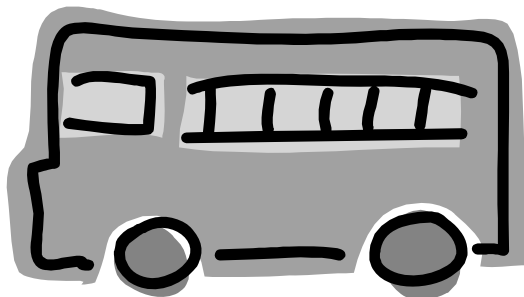
Guests at the Red Lion Inn may expect a shuttle every 10 minutes (approximately), but every 5 minutes during peak times.

Pickup/Drop-off Locations:

Paramount Hotel: Pine Street side of hotel, in the charter bus zone, directly in front of Dragon Fish Restaurant (which is part of the hotel).

Homewood Suites: The shuttle will pick up directly in front of hotel on Pike Street.

Red Lion Inn: 5th Ave. in front of the main hotel entrance.



Welcome, IN (Intermediate/Newcomer) Players, to the 2011 Fall North American Bridge Championships in Seattle!

The Seattle staff has many special events planned for your entertainment and pleasure.

The starting times will be 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on most days. All IN events will be played in Room 606 of the Convention Center.

Don't forget to pick up your **registration gift**.

The **IN Partnership Desk** will guarantee you a partner if you sign up one hour prior to game time.

Celebrity Bridge Speakers will give free mini-lessons at 9:45 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. all week (with the exception of Thursday, Nov. 24, the evening of Saturday, Nov. 26, Sunday, Dec. 4). On Friday, Nov. 25 at 9:45 a.m., **Jerry Helms** will present "Ask Jerry," and at 6:45 p.m., **Audrey Grant** will present "Hands That Don't Make the Textbooks."

On Friday, Nov. 25, there will be **free Newcomer games** (0–5 MPs) at 10 a.m., 3 and 7:30 p.m.

Don't miss these **free lessons**:

- Saturday, Nov. 26, at 10 a.m. to noon, ACBL teacher **Audrey Grant**
- Sunday, Nov. 27, at 10 a.m. to noon, *Bridge Bulletin* columnist **Jerry Helms**
- On Wednesday, Nov. 30, win **gold points** in the **National 99er Pairs**, a two-session event, held at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Entry fee special! Players with 0–100 MPs who buy a regular-price entry Nov. 25–27 will receive a half-priced entry for games held Dec. 2–4.

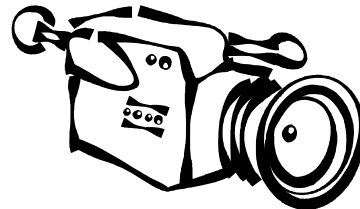
Pre-registration required for Senior KO Teams

Teams that wish to enter the Baze Senior Knock-out Teams event on Friday, Nov. 25, must pre-register no later than 11 a.m. on that date.

Pre-registration will be located in Ballroom 6B of the Convention Center.

Monitoring

At this and future North American Championships, ACBL will be monitoring NABC+ events with visible, real-time cameras. The images will be recorded and will be available for later official inspection and review.



By general monitoring of the session and participants' behavior, ACBL has another source of information that may be useful in determining facts and settling issues arising from some types of ethical and behavioral complaints or actions. Please summon a director if a problem occurs at the table.

This procedure is intended to assure everyone that the playing field is level and that misbehavior will not be tolerated.

Convention card reminder

Each player is required to have a convention card filled out legibly and on the table throughout a session. Both cards of a partnership must be identical and include the first and last names of each member of the partnership.

If a director determines that neither player has a substantially completed card, the partnership may play only the Standard American Yellow Card and may use only standard carding. This restriction may be lifted only at the beginning of a subsequent round after convention cards have been properly prepared and approved by the director. Further, the partnership will receive a 1/6-board matchpoint penalty for each board played, commencing with the next round and continuing until the restriction is lifted. In IMP team games, penalties shall be at the discretion of the director.

If the director determines the partnership has at least one substantially completed convention card but has not fully complied with ACBL regulations, the director may give warnings or assign such penalties as he deems to be appropriate under the circumstances.

The objective of these warnings and penalties is the encouragement of full compliance with ACBL regulations.