



2026 SUMMER NABC DAILY BULLETIN



Schedule of Events & Meetings ♠ Issue 0

WELCOME TO MINNEAPOLIS

Welcome to the Summer NABC! The American Contract Bridge League and District 14 want to be the first to wish you good luck at the tournament.

Please check the Daily Bulletin online for the most up-to-date schedule and game location information.

All bridge play will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Social events, receptions and meetings will be held at the Sheraton.

On Wednesday and Thursday, July 8–9, the Grand National Teams will be held in Ballroom A on the ground level, moving to Room M100F on the mezzanine on Friday.

Here is an overview of event locations beginning Thursday, July 9.

NABC+ and NABC Events – Ballrooms A & B, ground level; 200D, level 2;

Events with screens – M100F and M101C, mezzanine

NABC Events – Room L100H, lower level

Regional Pairs – Exhibit Hall A, front right

Regional Teams – Ex Hall A, left

Gold Rush & Intermediate/Newcomer Events – Ex Hall A, back right

The complete tournament schedule is included in the Restaurant Guide



which is available at the Welcome Desk. There are Welcome, Prizes and ACBL Help desks located both on the ground level in the lobby and on the lower level. The Partnership Desk is with the ACBL Help Desk in Room L100F on the lower level. The Information Desk is with the lower level Welcome Desk. Concessions and vendors are on the lower level.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

Four nights of fun evening entertainment are planned.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Beyond Bridge: Karaoke, games, photo booth, etc. Light food and cash bar. 8:30 p.m. Mill City Ballroom, lobby level, Sheraton

MONDAY, JULY 13

It's Midnight Somewhere Zip KO: Social bridge, no masterpoints. 8:30 p.m. Room 200B, level 2, MCC

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

Bridge Mania: Jeopardy, Family Feud and other bridge-themed games. Light food and cash bar. 8:30 p.m. Mill City Ballroom, lobby level, Sheraton.

FRIDAY, JULY 17

Crazy Bridge: Chaos-inducing rule changes lighten the game. Get ready to laugh, play and think on your feet. 8:30 p.m. Room 200B, level 2, MCC

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SUNDAY

Join us for bridge-themed Jeopardy, Family Feud and other games

WEDNESDAY

FRIDAY

Wednesday, July 8

All Wednesday events are in Ballroom A, ground level.

noon & 6 p.m.

EVENT

SESSION

Entry/player/ session*	
Members with host discount	Members without discount

MOREHEAD GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS (CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT)

EVENT	SESSION	Location	Members with host discount	Members without discount
MOREHEAD GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS (CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT)	1-2 Q	Ballroom A	Free	Free
GOLDMAN GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS (Flight A)	1-2 Q	Ballroom A	Free	Free
SHEINWOLD GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS (Flight B)	1-2 Q	Ballroom A	Free	Free
MACNAB GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS (Flight C)	1-2 Q	Ballroom A	Free	Free

All GNTs: Two-session Swiss qualifying, followed by all-day KO matches. Pre-qualification required.

Thursday, July 9

All Thursday events are in Exhibit Hall A, lower level, except the GNTs in Ballroom A on the ground level.

10 a.m.

International Fund Pairs** <i>Thu-Sat Daylight Series</i>	1st single	Ex Hall A, lower level	\$26	\$36
International Fund 299er Pairs**	single	Ex Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32

10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Int'l Fund/Ed Foundation Open Pairs** <i>(unl./4000/1500)</i>	1-2	Ex Hall A, lower level	\$26	\$36
Int'l Fund/Ed Foundation Gold Rush Pairs**	1-2	Ex Hall A, lower level	\$26	\$36
Int'l Fund/Ed Foundation Bracketed Round Robin Teams**	1-2	Ex Hall A, lower level	\$26	\$36

10 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.

MOREHEAD GNT (CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT)	Rd. of 16	Ballroom A, lower level	Free	Free
GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS (Flights A, B & C)	Rd. of 16	Ballroom A, lower level	Free	Free

All GNTs: Knockout matches continue through Sunday.

3 p.m.

Educational Foundation Pairs** <i>Thu-Sat Daylight Series</i>	2nd single	Ex Hall A, lower level	\$26	\$36
Educational Foundation 299er Pairs**	single	Ex Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32

BOLD, UPPER CASE = NABC+ events (platinum points)

UPPER CASE = NABC events (gold and/or red points)

Green = Regional events (gold and/or red points)

Blue = Gold Rush events (gold and/or red points)

Red = Intermediate/Newcomer events (red points)

* For almost all events, participants must be full ACBL members and up-to-date with their membership dues. Guest members are allowed only in 0-20 events (held July 11-13) and the 299er events on Friday, July 10.

** \$4 per person per session benefits the ACBL Educational Foundation or International Fund.

Friday, July 10

0-5 players play free in I/N games today.

			Members with host discount	Members without discount
9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.				
MOREHEAD GNT (CHAMP. FLIGHT)	QF	M100F, mezzanine	\$43	\$53
GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS (Flights A, B & C)	QF	M100F, mezzanine	\$25	\$35

10 a.m.

Friday Morning Side Pairs	3rd single	Ex Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
<i>Thu-Sat Daylight Series</i>				
299er Pairs	single	Ex Hall A, lower level	\$18	\$28
0-5 players in 299er Pairs			Free	Free

10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

VON ZEDTWITZ LIFE MASTER PAIRS	1-2 Q	Ballroom A, ground	\$43	\$53
BRUCE LM-6000 PAIRS	1-2 Q	Ballroom B, ground	\$25	\$35
YOUNG 0-3000 PAIRS	1-2 Q	Ballroom B, ground	\$25	\$35
<i>All events above: 2 qualifying, 2 semifinal & 2 final sessions</i>				
Steve Gaynor Open Pairs	1-2	Ex Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	Ex Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
Tony Ames Open Bracketed Round Robin Teams	1-2	Ex Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32

3 p.m.

Ron DeHarporpe Friday Afternoon Side Pairs	4th single	Ex Hall A, lower level	\$22	\$32
<i>Thu-Sat Daylight Series</i>				
299er Pairs	single	Ex Hall A, lower level	\$18	\$28
0-5 players in 299er Pairs			Free	Free

7:30 p.m.

Minneapolis Grand Slam Club Friday Evening Side Pairs	1st single	Room 200D, level 2	\$22	\$22
<i>Fri-Mon Evening Series</i>				

Eligibility for limited events is based on the masterpoint total for the highest player. For all eligible pairs/teams, stratification is based on averaging the masterpoints of a pair or team.

Stratification for open regional events is unlimited/2500/750 unless otherwise noted. Stratification for Gold Rush events is 750/400/200.

For all events with an upper masterpoint limit, no player over that limit is eligible.

Regional top-flight and mid-flight pair events play 26 or 27 boards per session. Gold Rush and side pairs play 24 boards per session. Swiss and round robin team events typically play 24 boards per session, depending on the event or bracket size. All regional team events use the 20-point VP scale.

In gold-point events of two or more sessions, overall awards and section tops are paid in gold to any strat that has a maximum of 750 or higher. Side Pairs Series pay gold only to the open strat, and it is necessary to play two or more sessions in the series to earn gold.

I/N events are stratified as appropriate at the discretion of the director. In 499er events, no player may be over 500. In 299er events, no player may be over 300. Members with 0-5 masterpoints play free in I/N events on Friday, July 10.

► ENTRY EXPRESS & PURCHASE OPTIONS

All monetary transactions are cashless, including entries for NABC and regional games. All major debit/credit cards are accepted wherever entries are sold.

Advance entries for events are available through the ACBL's online Entry Express system. It is necessary for eligible players to use this system in order to receive the host discount of \$10 per session for being a guest of the host hotel or resident of the host district.

To use Entry Express, go to acbl.org/ee or scan the QR code at right. This may be done until 8 a.m. the day the event begins and subsequent days. For continuing events, purchase each day through Entry Express to continue receiving the discount.

Hotel guests are assigned two discount coupons per night of stay plus one (e.g., six nights gets 14 coupons). If you are staying at the hotel but are not on the discount list, go to acbl.org/minneapolisEEform to be added.

Missing discounts are not refunded. See the FAQ at acbl.org/ee for more information. Only hotel guests who made their reservations through ConferenceDirect are automatically assigned discount coupons.



For help with Entry Express, visit the ACBL Help Desk located on either the ground level lobby or lower level in Room L100F.

Entries may also be purchased at the event location in the hour before the start time.

Buying early is especially recommended for NABC+ pairs events. All entries must be purchased at least 15 minutes before game time. Pairs who expect to be seeded should buy at least 30 minutes in advance.



► ENTRY FEES

A valid ACBL player number is required to play in all events at the NABC.

For all daytime events, a discount of **\$10** per player per session is available to 1) ConferenceDirect-reserved registered guests of the host hotel; 2) other registered guests/roommates added through the EE form; and 3) residents of the host district who purchase entries through Entry Express.

Players must be full ACBL members whose dues are current in order to compete in any Premier NABC+, NABC+ or NABC events. Except in the few events where guest members are expressly permitted, players must also be full ACBL members and up-to-date on dues to play in regional events. Guest members are allowed only in events with an upper masterpoint limit of 20 and in the 299er events on Friday, July 10.

Premier NABC+ events are the Grand National Teams (Championship Flight), von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs, Spingold Knockout Teams and the Roth Open Swiss Teams. The undiscounted entry fees for these contests are **\$53** per player per session. For team events, this means \$212 per team per session for four-person teams, \$265 per team per session for five-person teams and \$318 per team per session for six-person teams.

NABC+ events are the NABC+ Open Pairs, Wagar Women's Pairs, Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss Teams, Wernher Open Pairs, Freeman Mixed Board-A-Match Teams and the Oshlag Fast Pairs. The undiscounted entry fees for these contests are **\$48** per person per session. For team events, this means \$192 per team per session for four-person teams, \$240 per team per session for five-person teams and \$288 per team per session for six-person teams.

Note: \$1.50 per person per session benefits the International Fund for all of the above events.

NABC event are the Grand National Teams (Flights A, B & C), the Bruce LM-6000 Pairs, the Young 0-3000 Pairs, the 0-6000 and 0-3000 Mini-Spingold Knockouts, the NABC 0-10,000 Pairs, the 0-10,000 Mixed Swiss Teams and the Bean Red Ribbon Pairs. The undiscounted entry fee for these events is **\$35** per player per session. For the team events, this means \$140 per team per session for teams of four, \$175 per team per session for teams of five and \$210 per team per session for teams of six. (All flights of the GNT have no fee the first two days of the contest.)

Regional events are **\$32** per player per session. For team events of one or two sessions, the entry fee is \$128 per session. Evening events are **\$22** per session.

Events with a masterpoint limit of 500 or lower are **\$28** per player per session. Players with 0-5 masterpoints play free in I/N events on Friday, July 10.

WELCOME INTERMEDIATE/ NEWCOMER PLAYERS TO MINNEAPOLIS!

Gold Rush and Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) games begin at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Gold Rush and I/N (GRIN) events will be held in Exhibit Hall A (back right) on the lower level of the convention center.

The **Partnership Desk** can help you find a partner. The earlier you request one, the better.

Don't forget to pick up your **welcome gifts** from both the Welcome and GRIN desks.

Celebrity speakers will give free mini-lessons at 9:15 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. on most days. On Friday, July 10, Adam Parrish presents "Leveling Up Your Game" at 9:15 and Marjorie Michelin presents "The Setting Trick" at 2:15.

ENTRY FEE SPECIAL

ACBL members with 0–5 masterpoints can play **free** in the Newcomer games on Friday, July 10. (This discount is not applied in Entry Express; see director.)

BRIDGE PLUS

Don't miss these **free lessons** (8 to 9:45 a.m.) by renowned teachers in Room 205A on the second floor:

- Saturday, July 11 Barbara Seagram
Surprise Tricks and Sneaky Plays
- Sunday, July 12 Jerry Helms
The Importance of a Plan: Suit Contracts

A special game for players with 0–20 MPs will be held immediately following these lectures (12 deals, free!).

BRIDGE BATTLE

Come play this fast, fun game that blends bridge and war – no lessons needed. Just show up, play and win prizes on Saturday, July 11, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Room 205A, second floor. **Free**



LEARN BRIDGE IN A DAY?

Yes! Let Patty Tucker show you how on Sunday, July 27, from 1–6 p.m. in Room 205A on the second floor.

Fee: \$25 if preregistered, acbl.org/reglbiad. **\$30** at the door.

SEMINARS & MEETINGS

BEST PRACTICES TEACHER WORKSHOP

Learn modern teaching techniques in this interactive learning course which includes hands-on experience. Preregistration is required at acbl.org/BPteacher. **Fee: \$125.**



Thursday, July 9 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Friday, July 10 8 a.m.–noon

Assessments
Friday, July 10 2–6 p.m.
Room 205D, second floor, MCC

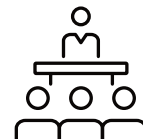
CLUB AND TEACHER RECEPTION

This is the ACBL's "thank you" reception for those who recruit and retain our members. All teachers, club directors, managers and owners are welcome. Must have preregistered by June 15. Walkup admittance is not guaranteed. **Free.**

Friday, July 10 6:30–8 p.m.
Crystal Ballroom, lower level, Sheraton

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Join the annual membership meeting online on Zoom, at 8:30 p.m. CT Tuesday, July 14. Register at acbl.org/annual-membership-meeting/.



ABTA CONVENTION

The ACBL welcomes the American Bridge Teachers' Association for their 2026 convention, Monday–Wednesday, July 6–8. See abtahome.com for details.

Room 205A, second floor, MCC



HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

Award recipients will be inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame in a ceremony on Thursday, July 9, at 7 p.m. Advance reservations required. Doors open at 6:30.

Mill City Ballroom, lobby level, Sheraton



HALL OF FAME

► PATRON LOUNGE

The ACBL invites all Patron Members to visit the Patron Lounge in the Craft Beer Bar above the convention center lobby for light lunch and coffee from 1 to 3 p.m. from Friday, July 10, to Wednesday, July 15. This space, on a floor by itself between the ground level and second level, can be accessed by stairs or elevator. The lounge will not be open in the mornings.



A detailed map of the playing site is included in the gift bag available at the Welcome Desk.

► PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR SPINGOLD, MINI-SPINGOLD KOS

Registration for the Spingold Knockout Teams is required by 3:30 p.m. Sunday, July 12. This can be done on Entry Express or on site Sunday.

For the Mini-Spingolds, the deadline is 3:30 p.m. Monday, July 13, for the 0–6000 and 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, for the 0–3000. Contingent entries are allowed: May withdraw pending qualification in another event. This can be done on Entry Express.

► ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

The ACBL's electronic device policy allows players to bring cell phones into the playing area provided that such devices are kept in **silent mode**. Players may not use or interact with their devices during play. When between rounds or sitting out, use is permitted, provided it is inaudible.



A violation of the policy will result in an **automatic disciplinary penalty** of one-eighth of a board (or 1.5 IMPs) for a noise violation or one-half board (or 6 IMPs) for a use violation for the first offense. Penalties are doubled for each subsequent offense.

► NEED TO JOIN OR RENEW?

You can renew or reinstate your membership online at acbl.org/join or in the Tournament Operations office (Room 201, level 2, MCC).

► ELIGIBILITY POINTS

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF OTHER NATIONAL BRIDGE ORGANIZATIONS

If you are currently a member of a bridge organization outside of the U.S., Canada, Mexico or Bermuda, or have been in the past, please be aware that you must have eligibility points assigned to you prior to participation in any event at this NABC. This is especially important if you intend to enter an event, flight or stratum with a masterpoint limit or a bracketed event. Please visit the Tournament Operations office (Room 201, level 2, MCC) for this purpose. Previously assigned eligibility points do not need to be reviewed.

► LIMITED EVENTS ELIGIBILITY

Players who have previously won an NABC+ event are not eligible to participate in any event with an upper masterpoint limit, including 0–10,000 events.

In bracketed events, players with less than 10,000 points who have won an NABC+ event should report their masterpoint total as 10,000 rather than their actual holding.

► LM PAIRS WAIVERS

NOTICE TO PLAYERS WHO RESIDE OUTSIDE NORTH AMERICA

Participation in the von Zedtwitz or Bruce Life Master Pairs is limited to ACBL members who have achieved the rank of Life Master.

Players who reside outside North America and who do not meet this criteria, but feel they are otherwise eligible to participate, must receive a waiver before entering.

For waiver information, please visit the Tournament Operations office (Room 201, level 2) at least one hour before the start of the event. Players who have been waived previously or assigned at least 1000 eligibility points do not have to re-apply.

► CONVENTION CARDS

Each player must have an ACBL convention card (new or classic format) filled out and on the table. Please note that WBF or other types of convention cards are not acceptable substitutes.