

# **Platinum Pairs Special Conditions of Contest**

The General Conditions of Contest (CoC) for pairs events will apply to this event, subject to the following special CoC. These CoC may not be changed during the course of this event.

## **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

- 1) The Platinum Pairs will consist of pairs of players who are paid-up ACBL Members, each of whom has satisfied one of the following three criteria:
  - Has accumulated at least 50 platinum points within the three calendar years prior to the event.
  - Has earned at least 200 platinum points lifetime.
  - Has attained the rank of Platinum Life Master or Grand Life Master.

## **CONVENTIONS**

Bidding and carding methods permitted, restricted or not permitted in this event are per the ACBL Open+ Convention Chart.

## **SCORING AND PLAY**

- 1) The Platinum Pairs will consist of six sessions: two qualifying, two semi-final and two final sessions.
- 2) Between 40% and 50% in each group will qualify from the qualifying sessions to the semi-finals and from the semi-finals to the finals. The intent is to have two to four sections in the finals, unless a larger field results from an unusually large initial entry. Ties for the last qualifying position will be broken as per ACBL regulations.
- 3) There will be a carryover from the qualifying sessions to the semi-finals. The carryover will be calculated as per ACBL regulations. That spread from top to bottom can be no greater than two and one half boards. There will be a carryover from the semi-finals to the finals. That spread can be no greater than four boards.
- 4) For purposes of qualifying or for determining final overall ranking, any fraction of a matchpoint will be sufficient separation.
- 5) The Director in Charge (DIC) is permitted to combine as many sections as logical for scoring. Qualification of contestants for subsequent stages shall be based on overall standing in the entire field, regardless of section or direction.
- 6) Regarding any of the above or any of the General CoC of ACBL pairs events, the decision of the DIC shall be final.