

Silver Ribbon Pairs Special Conditions of Contest

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

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The Silver Ribbon Pairs is open to players who are of at least sixty (60) years of age as of their most recent birthday, are paid-up ACBL Members and have a Silver, Red or Blue Ribbon qualification. (Consult Appendix R for information on how these qualifications are earned.) In his first year of membership, an ACBL Member who has equivalent status in a bridge organization other than the ACBL may request, in writing, from the DIC, a one-time exemption to enter.

CONVENTIONS

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

SCORING AND PLAY

- 1) The Silver Ribbon Pairs will consist of four sessions: two qualifying and two final.
- 2) Approximately 50%, but in no case less than 40%, of the field in each group will qualify for the two final sessions. Ties for the last qualifying position will be broken as per ACBL regulation.
- 3) There will be a carryover from the qualifying sessions to the final. The carryover will be calculated as per ACBL regulations. The spread from top to bottom 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 and/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.