

# **Mini Blue Ribbon (5K) Pairs Special Conditions of Contest**

The General Conditions of Contest for pair events will apply to this event, subject to the following special conditions of contest. These Conditions of Contest may not be changed at any level of play during the course of this event. Lack of knowledge does not constitute cause for exemption. Regarding any of the below or any of the general conditions of ACBL pair events, the decision of the Director in Charge (DIC) shall be final.

## **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

The Mini Blue Ribbon Pairs will be open to any two paid ACBL members who have fewer than 5,000 masterpoints (MPs) as of the ACBL computer run of the month preceding the event, each of whom holds a Blue Ribbon qualification. See Appendix R for more complete information on how one obtains a qualification.

## **CONVENTIONS**

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

## **SCORING AND PLAY**

1. The Mini Blue Ribbon Pairs will consist of six sessions: two qualifying, two semifinal and two final.
2. For the two qualifying sessions the field will be divided into comparison/qualifying groups of two or three sections. For the semifinal sessions there will be across the field scoring with up to seven sections. With more than seven sections the DIC may, at his or her discretion, score across the field if logistically appropriate or arrange for two or three section comparison/qualifying groups. The matchpoints on each board will be calculated across each group for the two qualifying sessions. Between 40% and 50% in each group will qualify from the qualifying to the semi-final and from the semi-final to the final. 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 semi-final. The carryover will be calculated as per ACBL regulations but the spread from top to bottom can be no greater than two and one half boards. There will be a carryover from the semi-final sessions to the final as well but the spread can be no greater than four boards.
4. For purposes of qualifying or for determining final overall ranking any fraction of a matchpoint difference will sufficient separation.
5. The DIC of the tournament is permitted to combine as many sections as logical and practical for scoring. Qualification of contestants for subsequent stages shall be based on overall standing in the entire field, regardless of section and/or direction.