

2012 North American Collegiate Bridge Team Championships

Conditions of Contest

I. Qualifying Stage

- A. Any number of four person teams from a college or university in North America may enter the Qualifying stage which will be held February 18, 2012 on Bridge Base Online. [Software download available at Bridgebase.com]
- B. Eligible students must carry a minimum of seven semester hours at their school and be born no earlier than 1987.
- C. Each team must consist of four players from the same college.
- D. Each team will be assigned to a bracket. A series of matches among the teams in each bracket will determine the qualifiers. There will likely be four brackets. Matches will begin at 1:00 PM EST.
- E. Bracket size and composition will be at the sole discretion of the ACBL and the ACBL Tournament Director in Charge of the event. Geographic location will be an element in the formation of brackets. Every effort will be made to form brackets of approximately equal strength. All teams entering will be advised of the final composition of each bracket.
- F. Qualifying teams will play in the North American final. Each member of the qualifying teams must be an ACBL member with a membership date not later than July 1, 2012 and will be invited to Philadelphia, PA to compete in the finals of the 2012 Collegiate Bridge Team Championship. Team members qualifying to play in the Championship finals are eligible for economy round-trip airfare not to exceed \$500 from a city in North America, lodging for three nights and an expense supplement.
- G. Each participating team must register and designate a team captain online at www.acbl.org prior to February 1, 2012. At the discretion of the ACBL, late entries may be accepted to accommodate bracket structure. Please send any questions to collegiates@acbl.org. Instructions on the Internet event will be forwarded to each team captain.
- H. Team rosters must be submitted to collegiates@acbl.org by February 6, 2012.
- I. Proof of eligibility may be required.
- J. Awards: 80% Regional-rated MPs will be awarded for match wins.
- K. The ACBL General Convention Chart will govern play.
- L. Substitutes and replacements during qualifying stage will be permitted at the discretion of the Tournament Director-in-Charge.

II. North American College Bridge Championship Final

- A. The 2012 Collegiate Bridge Team Championship final will be held on the first weekend of the 2012 Summer NABC in Philadelphia, PA.
- B. Day one will be a full round robin event. Day two: the top two teams will play 56 boards for the championship. [Day two if 8 teams: the top four teams will move to the knockout phase with two 28 board matches played on day two. RR 1 v RR 4 and RR 2 v RR 3 in the first match; the match one winners will play for the event, the match one losers will play for 3rd and 4th places.] There is no carry-over.
- C. The ACBL General Convention Chart will govern play.
- D. Substitutes and replacements may be permitted with the permission of the Special Events Coordinator and/or the Director in Charge. No substitute may be a student of any other team/school involved in any level of the competition.
- E. The Tournament Director-in-Charge will decide any issues not covered in these Conditions, in consultation with the Special Events Coordinator.
- F. Masterpoint awards will be 80% Regional-rated per ACBL formula.
- G. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to each member of the winning team. The scholarship will be paid directly to the school or towards an outstanding university loan.