

2012
APPENDIX R
RIBBON EVENT ELIGIBILITY

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.

I. RED RIBBON ELIGIBILITY: N.B. Qualifications that were won previous to 1991 that expired and/or were credited to a player entered in a Blue Ribbon Event prior to 1991 no longer count as a Red Ribbon Qualification. No qualification earned previous to 1986 may count.

1. First through eighth in all North American Bridge Championship knockout events with an upper masterpoint limit of at least 300 and not more than 1500.
2. First through 10th and ties in North American Bridge Championships of four or more sessions that have an upper masterpoint limit of no more than 1500 masterpoints.
3. First and second (including ties) in all regionally rated red or gold point events of two or more sessions that have an upper limit of at least 300 points and of no more than 1500 masterpoints.
4. Members of the Flight B and the Non-Life Masters District Champions in the Grand National Teams.
5. First and second (including ties) in Non-Life Master single-site District finals; first-place pairs at each site in split-site District finals.
6. 10th overall or better in the North American Junior Pair Championship for players who do not receive Blue Ribbon qualification.
7. First and second (including ties) in the North American Youth Championship.
8. First and Second place finishers in the National Final of Flight B and Non-Life Master Flight of the GNT and the Non-Life Master Flight of North American Pairs (NAP).
9. Players with a Blue Ribbon or Silver Ribbon qualification provided they do not have more than 2000 masterpoints as of the last point notification prior to the event.
10. First and second in any bracket of a bracketed KO which does not award 100% gold points for overall placing when no member of the team has more than 1500 masterpoints.

II. SILVER RIBBON ELIGIBILITY: Silver Ribbon eligibility will be earned for first and second place (and ties) in the following qualifying events: gold and/or red point, regional and higher-rated Senior (55 years of age or older) events of at least two sessions with an upper masterpoint limit at least 300. Players with Blue or Red Ribbon qualification provided that they are 55 years of age or older at the beginning of the event.

III. BLUE RIBBON ELIGIBILITY: N.B. Qualifications that were won previous to 1991 that expired and/or were credited to a player entered in a Blue Ribbon Event prior to 1991 no longer count as a Blue Ribbon Qualification. In no instance may a qualification won prior to 1986 be counted.

1. First through eighth in the Vanderbilt, Spingold, Women's, or Senior Knockout Teams at NABC Championships. First through 16th when an event runs 7 days or longer.
2. First through 10th and all ties in all other nationally rated events that have an upper masterpoint limit of more than 1500 masterpoints. First through 15th and all ties in a nationally rated six session event with no upper masterpoint limit.
3. Except for Continuous Pairs/Side Game Series type events, first and second (including ties) in all Gold Point Regionally-Rated Events with no upper masterpoint limit or with an upper masterpoint limit of more than 1500 masterpoints. For bracketed KOs the foregoing applies to brackets issuing 100% gold points and for an applicable team in any bracket having at least one member with more than 1500 masterpoints.

4. The 100 players having the greatest total of master-points as of the Sept. 1 ACBL computer cycle.
5. All members of the Championship and A Flight District champions in the Grand National Teams and the winners and zonal champions in the Canadian National Team Championship Flight A.
6. Winners of the Canadian Women's Team Championship.
7. First and clear second in single-site District finals of North American Open Pairs - Flight A and Flight B. First and ties for first in multiple site District finals.
8. First through 10th in the North American Junior Pair Championship (not to exceed 5% of pairs entered).
9. First and Second (including ties) in the National Final of the Championship and A Flights of the GNT and Flights A and B of the North American Open Pairs (NAOP).
10. All past world champions.
11. Canadian Open Pairs - Regionally Rated (COPC), Mexican Grand National Teams,(MGNTC), Bermuda National Pairs (BNPC), and Bermuda National Teams (BNTC). 1st and 2nd place finishers in the pair events and winners of the team events.

IV. RIBBON RELATIONSHIPS

The following chart shows how Blue, Silver and Red Ribbon relate:

Qualification

Where qualification can be used

Earned	Blue	Red	Silver
BLUE	Yes	*Yes	**Yes
RED	No	*Yes	**Yes
SILVER	No	*Yes	Yes

* Player must have fewer than 2000 masterpoints as of the last masterpoint cycle run prior to the start of the NABC. If in doubt call 662-253-3162, for information on your status.

** Player must be at least 55 years of age as of the beginning of the event.