

## BLUE RIBBON PAIRS 0 - 5000

### 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.

1. The Blue Ribbon Pairs, 0 – 5000, will consist of four sessions, two qualifying and two final.
2. The Blue Ribbon Pairs, 0 –5000, will be open to pairs, each of whom has a Blue Ribbon Qualification and is a paid up member of ACBL. Use of one qualification does not cancel others. See Appendix R for more complete information on how one obtains a qualification.
3. For the two qualifying sessions the field will be divided into comparison/qualifying groups of two or three sections. (N.B. Across the field scoring may be used if at all practical). For the final sessions there will be across the field scoring. The matchpoints on each board will be calculated across each group for the two qualifying sessions. Approximately 50% (but in no case less than 40%) of the field in each group will qualify from the qualifying to the final. Ties for the last qualifying position will be broken as per ACBL regulation.
4. There will be a carryover from the qualifying sessions to the final. The carryover will be calculated as per ACBL regulations, but the spread from top to bottom can be no greater than four boards.
5. For purpose of qualifying or for determining final overall ranking, any fraction of a matchpoint difference will be sufficient separation.
6. Regarding any of the above or any of the general conditions of ACBL pair events, the decision of the Director in Charge shall be final.