

PLATINUM 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.

1. The Platinum Pairs will consist of six sessions, two qualifying and two semi-final and two final.
2. The Platinum Pairs will consist of pairs of players each of whom has satisfied one of the following three criteria and is a paid up member of ACBL
 - Has earned at least 50 platinum points in the three calendar years prior to the event (total for the years combined)
 - Has earned at least 200 platinum points lifetime
 - Has attained the rank of Platinum Life Master or Grand Life Master
3. For the two qualifying sessions the field will be divided into comparison/qualifying groups of two or three sections. For the semi-final 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 sessions to the semi-finals and from the semi-final to the final. The intent is to have 2 – 4 sections in the final, unless a larger field is needed to accommodate an unusually large initial entry. 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 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-finals to the finals as well but the spread can be no greater than four boards.
5. For purposes 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.