

2012
SILVER RIBBON 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 Silver Ribbon Pairs will consist of four sessions, two qualifying and two final.
2. The Silver Ribbon Pairs is open to pairs, each of whom must be at least fifty-five years of age as of their most recent birthday, is a paid up ACBL member, and has a Silver, Red or Blue Ribbon qualification. Consult Appendix R for more complete information on how these qualifications are earned. A player who has equivalent status in a bridge organization other than the ACBL and is a member of ACBL may request, in writing, from the Chief Tournament Director a one-time exemption, in their first year of ACBL membership, to enter.
3. For the two qualifying sessions the field (if more than 39 tables) will be divided into comparison/qualifying groups of two or three sections. (N.B. Across the field scoring may be used). The matchpoints on each board will be calculated across the each group. Approximately 50% (but in no case less than 40%) of the field in each group will qualify for the two final sessions. 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 purposes of qualifying or for determining final overall ranking any fraction of a matchpoint 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.