

NABC OPEN SWISS TEAMS  
SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

The General Conditions of Contest for Swiss team 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.

These conditions are in addition to, or supersede, the General Conditions of Contest for Swiss Teams.

1. The Open Swiss is open to teams of any four, five or six players each of whom is a paid up ACBL member.
2. The event consists of two qualifying and two final sessions. Four seven board matches will be played each session. Victory point scoring (20 point scale) will be used throughout.
3. Players must play in at least four matches in the qualifying phase to be eligible to play in the finals, and at least four matches in the finals to be eligible for overall awards. Furthermore, players not prepared to play both days are ineligible.
4. Both for qualification and final ranking, any fraction of a victory point will be sufficient separation.
5. The number of teams qualifying for the finals will be approximately 50% (but in no case less than 40%) of the original field. To break ties the following progression will apply:
  - a) matches won: a win = 1, a tie =  $\frac{1}{2}$ , a loss = 0.
  - b) the result of the match(es) between the tied teams. If more than two teams are tied this will apply only if they have all played each of the other teams.
  - c) the VP totals of opponents played in the second qualifying session.
  - d) the VP totals of opponents played in both qualifying sessions.

6. The scores of the teams qualifying to the finals will be adjusted to a carryover by using the factor produced by the following formula:  $C = S * (Q/E + 1)/2$   
Where C = carryover  
S = raw score  
Q = # of qualifiers  
E = # of entrants.  
If this factor produces a spread of more than one and one-half matches of Victory Points (30) then the appropriate factor is used to cause a spread of 30 points between the high & low qualifiers.
7. A team in the finals may meet any other team subject to the general conditions regarding pairing.
8. If conditions permit, boards will be duplicated across all matches of the final two sessions; however, during the final four matches the boards will be duplicated across the five matches involving the highest ranked teams regardless of conditions. A board played in the same condition at both tables of a match will count even if it does not match the same board number played in other matches. Should any board played at one table not match the one played at the other, both results will be cancelled. Regardless of fault, no substitute board will be played.
9. An ineligible player is disqualified. The ineligible player's team will be disqualified unless the Director-in-Charge determines that teammates were unaware of the deficiency of the disqualified member. Any team reduced to fewer than three original members due to disqualification of ineligible players is disqualified.  
When a player is and team is disqualified after the correction period for the event has ended because the deficiency was discovered then, the disqualified team's position remains vacant. If the deficiency is discovered prior to a match starting, the result of the preceding match is changed; or, if discovered during a match, that match may be forfeit. The result of no other match is altered.
10. Regarding any of the above, or any of the General Conditions of Contest for Swiss Teams, the decision of the Director-in-Charge will be final.