

General Conditions of Contest and Guidelines for Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (StaCs) District 5

Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaCs) provide bridge players with the opportunity to win Silver Points at their local clubs. All of the ACBL's rules, regulations, and procedures for running a Sectional tournament apply to the organization and management of a STaC. ACBL's current STaC guidelines and fees will apply.

The Director in Charge shall make the final decision on any item in these conditions. Furthermore, the Director in Charge will resolve any issue not specifically covered.

SPONSORING UNIT

1. There are morning, afternoon and evening sessions. There are 3 sessions per day. For the purpose of determining in which session a club should participate use the standard club session designations. Morning games are those starting prior to 12:00 local time, afternoon games start prior to 18:00 local time, and evening games 18:00 and later. Morning and afternoon games may not be combined as day games.
2. STaC sessions may be scheduled at any participating club for any session that the club has a regularly sanctioned game at that club. Additional games may be held at the option of the sanctioned club. However, when a scheduling conflict exists, preference shall be granted to the club that holds a regularly scheduled game (within a 25 mile radius) at the time in question. The STaC sponsor has the final decision.

NOTE: the specific application of this rule in District 5 will be as follows: A club may apply to hold an additional game if there is no game during that session within 25 miles (in case of close calls, Mapquest distance will be used). The first club to apply for an unfilled session will receive preference. Additionally, if a club has a sanction for a given session and has not registered for the STaC by 2 weeks before the start of the session, another club who does not have a sanction for that session may register. Once the new club registers, the original club will be denied permission to participate in the STaC for that session.

3. The schedule and the CoC will be posted on ACBL's web site and on the District 5 website. Open and limited Stratified Pair and Swiss team events may be scheduled. All pair events are single-session events. Team games shall be stand-alone events at the site played. *Individual games may not be played unless the club normally holds an Individual Game during that particular session, or if there are fewer than 3 tables.* Planned Individual Games must be registered in advance by contacting the STaC Coordinator
4. All masterpoints awarded are silver and sectionally rated. Overall awards are based on the total entry in each event except that Swiss Team overall awards are based only on the entry at each individual site. Open events do not receive credit for other concurrent events.
5. Hand records will not be used at District 5 STaCs.
6. ***Stratification will be by average masterpoints for all events. For masterpoint-limited events, eligibility for the event is determined by masterpoint holding of each player, then stratification is by average masterpoints.***
7. The strat levels will be the same for all open pair games. Swiss team events are at club option. The strat levels for District 5 STaC Open Pairs Games are as follows:
Open and Invitational Games:
A: 2500+
B: 750 - 2500
C: 0 – 750

8. An invitation will be sent via email by the ACBL to all managers for which the ACBL has email addresses. The STaC Coordinator will contact clubs who have registered in the past, if they don't respond to the ACBL mailing. Clubs must register online and submit results by e-mail to participate.
9. The organization receiving the sanction (sponsoring organization – 'SO') is responsible for the collection of any fees due from a participating ACBL sanctioned game. Each participating club is responsible for submitting all fees to the sponsoring organization in a timely manner. The 'SO' is also responsible for ensuring that all fees due the ACBL are remitted in a timely manner. Should a participating club owe a debt to a unit, district, conference or ACBL, the 'SO' may ask Management for assistance in collection as permitted by ACBL regulations.

PARTICIPATING CLUBS

1. Any club within the area of the participating Unit may hold a STaC game in lieu of its regularly scheduled club game. Additional games may be held, as noted above.
2. The ACBL General Convention Chart will be used.
3. A minimum section size of 10 pairs (5 tables) is needed to be included in the Championship session. Sections with fewer than 10 pairs will be combined and included as a Sectionally rated Championship event.
4. Invitational (not masterpoint limited) games will be scored and ranked as stand alone sectionally rated Championship event with 1 restriction (80% sectional rating). Games which are normally invitational may not run as open during the STaC. Invitational clubs will use the same limits as the open event and will be combined for overall ranking.
5. Limited masterpoint games will be scored and ranked alone unless a like limited masterpoint game is held at one or more other STaC sites. In this case, these games will be scored together for overall rankings and masterpoint awards.
6. Clubs which normally run with upper masterpoint limitations may NOT register and run as open. Clubs using upper masterpoint limitations may not change those limitations during the STaC.
7. Clubs which normally run as open may NOT run as limited during the STaC.
8. Playing directors may not duplicate the boards in games using hand records. The club director of such a game may play only with the consent, in advance, of the DIC of the STaC.
9. Non-playing directors are encouraged but not required for games with no more than one section of 17 tables or fewer. Non-playing directors are required in games larger than 17 tables or with two or more sections.
10. Clubs who normally use bots to avoid sit-outs may do so during the STaC. However, the extra 1/2 table which is created by this process will count as a participating table and fees will apply for that half-table.
11. Each club must report its results to the DIC within the designated time limit. The time limit is 24 hours from the end of its game. Club games not reported within the time limit will be scored, ranked, and issued masterpoints as a sectionally rated side game if received prior to the final reporting period.

NOTE: Since the corrections period is also 24 hours (see condition #14), managers are urged to submit results as soon as possible after the game to allow for later corrections or for problems arising during submission of results. Short extensions may be granted at the discretion of the Director and/or the STaC Coordinator if bona fide attempts to submit results started before the 24-hour deadline. Clubs who have repeatedly submitted results late will not be granted extensions.

12. Reporting must be by e-mail attachment of the gamefile. Club managers will report results by attaching the gamefile to email and send to the email address provided in the emailed invitation and on the website.

13. The final reporting period for the STaC ends 12 hours after the last event ends. Later reports will be returned to the club, to be reported as a regularly scheduled club session.
14. The correction period at each club is the same as the reporting time limit. A club must post a copy of the recap for inspection at the end of each session.
15. The club manager must register for all sessions to be held using the registration process available on ACBL's web site at least 48 hours prior to the start date of the STaC. Late registrations are at the discretion of the DIC.
16. The club must notify the STaC DIC or STaC Coordinator of any scheduled session that is canceled within one hour of the start time for the session.
17. **Payment is due within 7 days of the end of the STaC. Clubs who have not paid within that time should pay as soon as possible. A reminder may be sent by email. After such a reminder is sent, clubs who haven't paid within 1 week after the reminder will not be able to participate in the next District 5 STaC.**