

To: Club Managers
From: Susan Bailey-Carman
District 12 Tournament Coordinator
Re: Spring Silverpoint Sectional (STaC)
Dates: May 22nd – May 28th, 2017; Participating: all District 12
Sanction #: ST 1705115
Hand Records: Yes

DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

Club Managers must pre-register on the ACBL website prior to conducting a STaC game. The ACBL website will only accept the ACBL number of the club manager.

A. Types of Games Allowed

1. Stratified Open Pairs – combined for overall awards (see masterpoint ranges below)
2. Stratified Swiss Teams – awards are based only on the entry at each individual site. **Teams are limited to four members.**
3. Novice, 99er, 199er, & 299er games or any Intermediate/Novice game.
4. Invitational Games – use the same limits as for open pairs & will be combined for overall ranking if condition “B.3” is met.

B. Participating Club Rules

1. Any club within the area of participation may hold a STaC game in lieu of its regularly scheduled game. Game types may be held as in “A” above.
2. The ACBL General Convention Chart will be used. Conventions and systems not allowed by the General Convention Chart will not be allowed.
3. Invitational games will be scored and ranked as sectionally rated Championship events if open to all players and advertised as such.
4. Open games are subject to the “5 table” rule: only games of 10 pairs or more are combined in the main game”; smaller open games are combined into a separate sectionally rated game.
5. Limited masterpoint (MP) games will be scored and ranked alone unless a like limited MP game is held at other STaC sites. In that case, these games will be scored together for overall rankings and MP awards.
6. Non-playing directors are encouraged but not required for games with no more than one section of 17 tables or less. **Non-playing directors are required in games larger than 17 tables or with two or more sections.**

7. Hand records will be used for all sessions. You must download them from the ACBL's website. A director who pre-makes the boards from the hand records should not participate in the play except in cases of hardship. The new district policy (passed on 10/17/15 and in effect starting in 2016) is that a director who has not pre-made the boards and their partner are eligible for overall awards. However, any director who plans in advance to play in the STAC should obtain the approval of the DIC in advance; **this is required by the ACBL Conditions of Contest.**
8. Each club must report its results to the DIC **within 24 hours** of the end of that game (12 hours for the final session of STAC week). If a game is not reported within the 24 hour time limit, it will be scored, ranked, and issued MPs as a sectionally rated side game and will not be included in the Overall Awards. Any game from the final session not reported within 12 hours will be returned to the club to be scored as a club game.
9. A club must post a recap sheet for inspection at the end of each session.

STRAT LIMITS: NEW: Beginning with the 2014 fall STaC, the stratification will be based upon the average number of masterpoints of an entered pair. This is a new district condition of contest based on a motion passed by the district Board of Directors at their October 18, 2014 Board meeting.

A: 2000+; B: 500-1999; C: 0-499.

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A check made out to **ACBL District 12** for the per table sanction fee of \$6.00 is to be sent within 24 hours of the conclusion of the tournament to:

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Please include your club's sanction number(s) on each check. .