

**GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS (GNT)
DISTRICT 10**

2011-2012 CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

The following, in conjunction with the ACBL Conditions of Contest, shall constitute the District 10 Conditions of Contest. The ACBL National Conditions of Contest may be referenced at <http://www.acbl.org/assets/documents/play/Conditions-of-Contest>.

GENERAL

Each unit in District 10 shall appoint a Unit Coordinator. This person will be responsible for arranging Unit GNT competition, reporting unit results, and aiding clubs within their unit with questions about the Conditions of Contest (COC).

The Unit Coordinator shall furnish a list of all players participating at the Unit Level to the District coordinator no later than two weeks prior to the beginning of the District 10 Finals.

FLIGHT ELIGIBILITY

Open Championship Flight	Unlimited
Flight A	Under 5,000 MP
Flight B	Under 2,000 MP
Flight C	Non-Life Masters with under 500 MP

Master point totals for flight eligibility is determined by the ACBL's September master point cycle.

***** DISTRICT 10 DOES NOT REQUIRE CLUB LEVEL QUALIFYING FOR ANY FLIGHT**

UNIT LEVEL COMPETITION

Unit Finals should be scheduled between January 1, 2012 & April 15, 2012. All units MUST sanction and attempt to hold unit qualification. The event should be two sessions, if possible. The game should be flighted, if possible. If sufficient numbers of teams are unavailable, the event may be stratified.

QUALIFICATION: A player must be a member of the ACBL in good standing and a member of District 10 to participate in a unit final. Players may play in a unit final other than their own with permission of the other unit. No player may participate in more than one District 10 Unit final. A team's flight eligibility is determined by the member with the most MPs.

REPORTING: The Unit Coordinator must submit the results of the Unit Final to the District Coordinator by **April 17, 2012**. In addition to your Unit Final results, the Unit Coordinator must remit \$1.25/table to the ACBL and \$10 per table per session to the District Coordinator. Send the check to: **Dr. Russell Jones, 2113 Browns Lane #F1, Jonesboro, AR 72401.**

DISTRICT LEVEL COMPETITION

The District 10 GNT Finals for Flights A, B, and C will be held at the Tupelo Sectional, April 27-29, 2012. The GNT Finals for the Championship Flight will be held on January 29 at the Biloxi Regional. New teams may be formed for play at the District level but each member must have qualified at the Unit Level in Flights A, B, and C. No unit level qualifying is required for the Championship Flight.

QUALIFICATIONS: Participants must be members in good standing of the ACBL and members of District 10 to enter the District 10 GNT Final.

CONVENTIONS: The ACBL Mid-Chart will apply for the Championship Flight and Flight A. The ACBL General Convention Chart will apply for Flight B and Flight C.

EVENT PLAYING CONDITIONS: A two session Swiss qualifying will be held on Friday night/Saturday morning for Flight B & C. The qualifiers from the Swiss will play KOs beginning Saturday afternoon and concluding on Sunday. Flight A will begin will seeded Knockout play on Saturday afternoon, concluding on Sunday. The Championship Flight will be a one day event consisting of round robin play.

PLAYER SUBSTITUTION RULES: Teams may replace one member of the team at the District Level with a player that does not significantly strengthen the team with District Coordinator approval. That player may or may not have qualified at the Unit Level. However, no augmentation will be allowed between the Unit and District Levels.

FOLLOWING THE DISTRICT FINALS:

- 1) No player may be replaced on a team without their consent.
- 2) A winning team must field a minimum of three (3) original members; otherwise the next placing team shall receive the subsidy to compete in the National Event.

AUGMENTATION: After a team has won their Flight at the District level, they may augment their team to a maximum of six (6) members, subject to the following provisions.

- 1) The player(s) must be a member in good standing of the ACBL and a member of District 10.
- 2) The player(s) must meet the eligibility requirements of the Flight involved.
- 3) Subsidies provided the District is for a team of four (4). No additional subsidy will be provided for teams with more than four members

STIPEND: District 10 will provide stipends for the winners of Flights A, B, and C. All surcharges received from the unit and district qualifying levels will be matched by the District and distributed pro-rata to the winners of the three flights based upon participation levels through the District Finals. The checks will be provided to the captain of the winning teams after the first round of competition at the National Level.

QUESTIONS: Please address all questions to Russell Jones at arkdrj@aol.com.