

NAP

NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

The North American Pairs (NAP) is a major NABC+ pairs championship organized as a grass roots event. Players must play in local clubs in June, July, and August to secure eligibility to advance to Unit and District competition. District winners are eligible to play in the National Finals at the Spring North American Bridge Championships (NABC's) in March. The national conditions of contest completely govern the event in contrast to the Grand National Teams (GNT) where the districts have control of local conditions.

Originally, the event was called the Grand National Pairs, and you will hear some old-timers continue to use that moniker. In 1985 the contest was separated into three individual events for each of Flights A, B, and C. Currently, the top three pairs in Flight A and the top four pairs in Flights B and C from all 25 districts advance. The National Finals consists of a two-day event with two qualifying sessions and two final sessions.

The Baldwin North American Pairs (Flight A) has no masterpoint limit and is open to all members in good standing.

The Golder North American Pairs Flight B is restricted to players with less than 2500 masterpoints.

The President's Cup North American Pairs Flight C is restricted to non-Life masters with less than 500 masterpoints.

District 20 (D20) is a large geographical district spreading from the mainland west coast to Hawaii. In-person competition for the NAP was historically held in conjunction with a Regional Tournament, then at split-sites to mitigate the difficulty and expense to travel from far-off places. D20 pioneered online GNT competition in 2013 and followed with online NAP the following year. Although overall participation in the NAP dropped initially because of reluctance to play online, it is steadily increasing due to more players becoming familiar with BridgeBase Online during the pandemic. The organizers feel that the current virtual format is the fairest and most practical way to handle the D20 NAP Finals.

The NAP club-qualification period runs from June 1 to August 31 each year where players can earn 1/2 red and 1/2 black points at 81.8% of Sectional rating at a local club. Note that club-qualification is required by ACBL to participate in the District Finals. In D20, there is no Unit Stage, but a Unit is responsible to conduct a club-qualifying game if no club in their jurisdiction has done so. The D20 NAP District Finals are usually held in late fall.

Visit [District Finals](#) for the D20 2022 results. And at the 2023 Spring NABC's in New Orleans, LA:

➤ [Flight A Results](#)

Eric Stolz and Jeff Roman made it to the 2nd day but did not place in the overalls

➤ [Flight B Results](#)

Congratulations to **Krista Garver and Jonathan Pulvers** - 15th overall!

Congratulations to **Tim Rilling and Kevin Marnell** - 17th overall!

➤ [Flight C Results](#)

Sheri Markwardt and Stacey Melnick made it to the 2nd day but did not place in the overalls