

St Louis August 2026 Regional - Conditions of Contest

The following ACBL General Conditions of Contest govern this tournament:

- ACBL's General Conditions of Contest – All Events
- ACBL's General Conditions of Contest – Pairs
- ACBL's General Conditions of Contest – Swiss Teams
- ACBL's General Conditions of Contest – Round Robin/Bracketed Teams
- ACBL's General Conditions of Contest – Mini-Soloway Knockouts

These additional conditions shall apply:

Bracketed Team Games

- Teams will not be permitted to 'play up' into a higher bracket.
- If there aren't enough teams to support at least two brackets, the event will be changed to Stratified Swiss Teams event.

Mini-Soloway Knockouts

- Teams will not be permitted to 'play up' into a higher bracket.
- Entry fees for the first two sessions are due on registration. Entry fees for the last two sessions are due on completion of the 2nd session. Entry fees are not refundable.
- The losers of the 3rd session will play off in the 4th session for 3rd and 4th place. If one team chooses not to play off, they will take 4th place. If both teams agree not to have a play-off, the result will be a tie and the awards will be split.

Pair Games

- Pairs may enter a single session of two-session events, and will be eligible for section top awards but not eligible for overall event awards.
- Players in Open Pair Events will normally play 22 to 24 boards per session. Should an uneven number of pairs enter the first session which would result in a 3-board sit-out, the director is authorized to fill in the half-table by offering free entries to a pair otherwise planning to enter the concurrent 2-session I/N pairs event. An I/N pair filling in the first session of the Open Pairs Event will get free entries in the second session. No other adjustments will be made for 3-board sit-outs in the second session.
- Players in I/N Pair Games will normally play 20-22 boards per session.

Miscellaneous

- No player in an event with an upper limit may exceed that limit.
- Stratification assignments are based on pair or team average.
- Bracket assignments are based on team average.
- All team events use 20 Victory Point Scale.
- 3-table minimum for all events.