

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Can we bring our own food to the tournament?

Yes, players can bring their own snacks, drinks, or meals.

How are different colored points awarded?

Here is a link to ACBL's page about color awards: [Master Points](#)

What are Team Games?

Team games are a great way to earn gold. For a description of team games, see 'Team Games Explained' on Unit143's website at this link: [Team Games](#)

What game options are there for players with 300-750 points who don't want to play against high-level players?

For Pairs, we recommend the Gold Rush Pair events, which are limited to players with no more than 750 masterpoints. You can play in one or both sessions, which are offered Monday through Saturday.

For Teams, we recommend events that are bracketed, which include bracketed teams and Mini Soloways knockouts. In these events, you will only play against teams with similar average masterpoints, and winners of each bracket earn masterpoints.

What is the difference between Open and Limited events?

At Open events, anyone can play, regardless of how many masterpoints they have. At Limited events, only players below the masterpoint threshold are eligible. For example, the Gold Rush Pairs event has a limit of 0-750 master points, which means no one with more than 750 MPs can play.

What are Stratified events?

In stratified events, players compete against others who have varying masterpoint levels. To compensate for the fact that lower-level players are up against higher-level players, the Director stratifies the game by creating three roughly equal-sized groups, popularly called 'strats,' that are used in award distributions. This enables beginners, as well as experts, an opportunity to win masterpoints.

Strats are based on the average masterpoints of each entered pair (or team). The third of the entries with the highest average masterpoints form the (A) strat, the middle third form the (B) strat, and the lowest third form the (C) strat. Awards go to players in each strat who have placed in their strat -- or in a higher strat, when that is the case. The number of entries earning awards in each strat depends on the number of entries in that strat.

Each event has a default stratification that is posted, but these ranges are often adjusted by the Director based on actual entries so that the number of tables in each strat is roughly the same.