

Player Of The Year (POTY) Award
Officially Renamed
The Ed Schultz Unit Champion Award

Conditions of Contest

(Effective January 1, 2014)

The Unit 143 Player Of The Year (POTY) is awarded to that unit member in good standing who has won the most masterpoints in unlimited and unrestricted Unit-sponsored events in a given calendar year. The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding individual achievement and expertise as well as to encourage more player participation in qualifying unit events.

DEFINITIONS and CONDITIONS:

1. **Qualifying Period:** January 1 through December 31 of one calendar year.
2. **Qualified Players:** All Unit 143 members must be in good standing on the dates on which points are won, as well as December 31 of the qualifying year.
3. **Qualifying Events:** All ACBL Unit143-sponsored events unlimited (by masterpoints) and unrestricted (by masterpoints, age, or gender) held at Unit 143 Sectionals, held at the St. Louis Regional, and held as Unit 143 Unit games.
 - A. Only the first bracket of knockouts qualifies.
 - B. Only the top flight of strati-flighted events qualifies.
 - C. Each St. Louis Regional Side Game Series (comprised of four games in a series) will be considered a single qualifying individual event and only the individual overalls in each series will count toward POTY.
 - D. Two-session events qualify, and single-session Swiss teams and single-session Charity games qualify.
 - E. Single-session Sectional side games and single-session Regional side games are excluded.
 - F. Club games are excluded.
 - G. Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STAC) games are excluded since STAC is a District event.
 - H. Any games where teams or partnerships are determined by auctioning partners or random drawings or any games where a player may be required to play with a lower stratification level player due to game format are excluded.
 - I. Examples of limited/restricted games excluded are novice games; the (0-750) flight of Gold Rush Pairs; the BCD flight of Strati-flighted Swiss teams; life master/non-life master games; expert/amateur games; and Eight is Enough games.
4. **Player Of The Year Point System:** ACBL masterpoints won in POTY qualified events designed to rank the performance of Unit 143 members will be the point system used. This automatically compensates for the number of players, the importance of the event, and the number of sessions played.
5. **Player Of The Year Points:**
 - A. For stratified events, masterpoints awarded by the ACBL for those pairs or teams finishing in the overalls of Stratification A in qualified events.
 - B. For strati-flighted events, masterpoints awarded by the ACBL for those pairs or teams finishing in the overalls of Stratification A in the top flight only of qualified events.
 - C. For bracketed knockout events, the masterpoints awarded for teams finishing in the finals or semi-finals of bracket 1 knockouts including 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place masterpoint awards in qualified events.
 - D. For each Regional Side Game Series, only the masterpoints awarded by the ACBL for individuals finishing in the individual overalls in each series.
 - E. Only 1/3 of the total masterpoints earned by a player in qualified events at the St. Louis Regional will count toward POTY points.
 - F. POTY points are calculated to two decimal places. In case of a tie, the award will be shared.

Approved by the Board of Directors,
November 13, 2013