

TO: LOCAL COORDINATORS FOR THE GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

FROM: MARIE JOLLEY DISTRICT 18 COORDINATOR

**NOTE:** "Snowbirds". Any member with a seasonal residence who spends more time than half of the GNT qualifying period (considered to be September 1 - February 28) in a district other than the district of their principal physical residence may play in the district of seasonal residence if they choose to do so, they must play in that district's district final to be eligible to play in the national finals and are not eligible to be augmented to or otherwise added to a team from the district of their principle residence. If, at the unit final stage or later, an ACBL member believes that another player is playing in the wrong district, he or she may challenge that player's eligibility to the **credentials committee**.

ONCE AGAIN WE HAVE FOUR FLIGHTS  
POINTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

CHAMPIONSHIP	UNLIMITED
FLIGHT A	UNDER 5000 M.P.
FLIGHT B	UNDER 2000 M.P.
FLIGHT C	NON LIFE MASTER FEWER THAN 500 M.P.

All members of a team average or better will qualify for the second stage. Points awarded at the club level are half red and half black at Sectional Rating.

Unit Finals are not a requisite, however, one session Unit Finals will award red points only at Sectional Rating. Overall masterpoints awarded at two or more session Unit Finals are 20% gold 80% red, for the open championship and Flight A. Flight B awards are 86% of sectional rating 10% gold and 90% red, and Flight C is 5% gold and 95% red at sectional rating. Match awards are red at sectional rating.

This year at the District Finals for all four flights are arbitrary

Championship	36.00 masterpoints. Overall awards are gold.
Flight A	30.00 masterpoints. Overall awards are gold.
Flight B	26.00 masterpoints. Overall awards are gold.
Flight C	15.00 masterpoints. Overall awards are 25% gold, 75% red.

District 18 Finals are being played at two locations. The Championship Flight is being held at the Heritage Inn, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. The start times are on Sunday, April 25th, 2:00 P.M. & T.B.A.

On Monday if there are two sessions left to play, they are T.B.A.

These times will leave Monday evening free for those that want to play in the Regional that night.

The District 18 Finals for Flight A, Flight B. and Flight C are being played at the Shelby Senior Center, Shelby, Montana. Play will begin on May 14th at 7:00 P.M.  
Victory points will be used and all boards will be preduplicated.  
**You are allowed to participate in only one District 18 Final.**

**This year there will be preregistration for all flights of the GNT's.  
Registration and deposit must be received by April 10, 2010 for the Championship Flight.  
The deadline for Flight A, Flight B, and Flight C is May 1st 2010.**

District 18 has pledged a fifteen hundred (American) subsidy to each team to help defray the cost involved of our champions to represent us at the New Orleans, LA. summer 2010 NBC's July 22-August 1.

Fees: Please issue separate checks for fees due to ACBL and District 18 GNT Coordinator.

Due ACBL: \$1.25 per team per session. Immediately send Report Result form and fees to ACBL.

Due District 18 Coordinator: \$5.00 per team per session. Send copy of the Report Result form and fees to Marie Jolley 4690 So. Arizona St. Butte, MT 59701.

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