

STAC Conditions of Contest, Setup and Reporting Instructions
District 5 Winter STaC
Dec 3 – Dec 9, 2018

IMPORTANT

Club Managers must pre-register at the ACBL website prior to conducting a STaC Game. The website will only accept the ACBL number of the ACBL-registered club manager.

Clubs who normally use bots to avoid sit-outs may do so during the STaC. However, the extra 1/2 table which is created by this process will count as a participating table and *fees will apply for that ½ table.*

******Important modification of the “playing directors” rule******

For morning and afternoon games

In games of fewer than 5 tables, playing directors and their partners ARE eligible for overall awards.

In games with 5 or more tables, playing directors and their partners ARE NOT eligible for overall awards. They are only eligible for section awards earned at their individual club.

For evening games only

For evening games, all open games of at least two and a half tables will be included in the main event. Playing directors and their partners will be eligible for overall awards.

All events in the STaC will be stratified by **average masterpoints**. For limited masterpoint games, both players must have fewer points than the masterpoint limit, and their strat within the event will be determined by average masterpoints.

A reminder: STaC games must play a minimum of 20 boards (assuming no sit outs). That and previous changes are on the District 5 STaC website:
<http://www.d5bridge.com/STaCnp.htm>

A summary of the conditions follows. Please also review the Conditions of Contest at
<http://www.d5bridge.com/STaCCoCs.pdf>

A. Types of Games Allowed

1. **Stratified Open Pairs** — combined for overall awards (see masterpoint limits below).

2. Stratified Swiss Teams — Swiss Team overall awards are based only on the entry at each individual site. **Note: Swiss Teams are stand-alone events and may have strats determined by the local club.**

3. Novice, 99er, 199er or 299er Games or any Intermediate/Novice game or other game with an upper masterpoint limit. For these games, strata can be set at club discretion.

4. Invitational Games – use same limits as for open pairs, will be combined for overall ranking.

B. Participating Club Rules

1. Any club within District 5 may hold a STaC game in lieu of its regularly scheduled club game. Additional games may be held subject to the rules for additional games as documented in the general STaC conditions of contest.

2. Clubs must register by the end of the registration period (usually the Friday before the STaC starts). Clubs which have not registered by the deadline may request late registration via the STaC Coordinator. Clubs who repeatedly register late may be denied.

3. The ACBL Open Convention Chart will be used. Conventions and systems not allowed by the Open Convention Chart will not be allowed.

4. Invitational games will be scored and ranked as sectionally rated Championship events with 1 restriction.

5. Limited masterpoint games will be scored and ranked alone unless a like limited masterpoint game is held at one or more other STaC sites. In this case, these games will be scored together for overall rankings and masterpoint awards.

6. Clubs which normally run with upper masterpoint limitations may NOT run as open. If the club uses upper masterpoint limitations during the STaC, those limitations must be the same as their usual upper limit.

7. Clubs which normally run as open may NOT run as limited during the STaC. Clubs which normally run as invitational may NOT run as open during the STaC.

8. Non-playing directors are encouraged but not required for games with no more than one section of 17 tables or less. **Non-playing directors are required in games larger than 17 tables or with two or more sections. For morning and afternoon games, playing directors are permitted in games with 17 or fewer tables, but (in games of 5 or more tables), they and their partner may only receive awards for section places at their club. They are not eligible for overall awards. For games of fewer than 5 full tables, playing directors and their partners are eligible for overall awards. For evening games, all open games will be included in the main event and playing directors are eligible for overall awards.**

9. District 5 is not using hand records.

10. Each club must report its results to the DIC, **within 24 hours** from the end of the game (12 hours for the final session). Send results to results1218@d5bridge.com. You are encouraged to send results as soon as possible to allow time to solve problems. You will receive a confirmation email from Mary by early evening for results sent during the day, or by noon for results sent at night. **Please do NOT send results directly to Mary or they may not be properly recorded.**

A club must post a copy of the recap for inspection at the end of each session. The correction period is 24 hours, the same as the limit for reporting results.

Reporting will be by e-mail attachment of the game file. Results will not be received by voice or by postal mail. Reporting procedures are as follows:

From ACBLSCOR, copy your gamefile to a disk or flash drive (stick) and email your results by attaching the file to your email.

Only send ACM, ACA, or ACE files.

No LZH , TXT. BWS or HTM files please.

Include your club number in the subject line

[see note 4, below, if you have problems or need troubleshooting help]

GAME SETUP

Use Club Mode for STaCs. In defining the specific parameters of your game:

Set up as usual until you get to event rating.

Choose Option (9) Sectional Tournaments at Clubs for game rating.

Associate with club (y)

Number of strata-3-average of both players (use strat limits below)

Choose proper event restrictions.

Choose the proper status (usually: 1=Championships)

Played sessions (1) (unless setting up a two session swiss)

Enter strat limits (list below)

Multi site (Y) (unless swiss team event)

NEW

Enter tournament data

Use the sanction number **ST1812004**

Enter the EVENT CODE from the list below

Strat Limits:

A= 2500+

B= 750 - 2500

C= 0 - 750

NOTE:

All stratification is **by average masterpoints of both players for pair games or all 4 players for team events.**

Note: there are 3 sessions per day. Morning and afternoon games will not be combined for scoring purposes.

Event Codes for Open Games:

Morning (start prior to noon)

Afternoon (start prior to 6 PM)

Evening (start at or after 6 PM)

Day	Date	Event Code Morning (before noon)	Event Code Afternoon (12PM-6PM)	Event Code Evening (after 6PM)
Mon	12/3	01OP	02OP	03OP
Tues	12/4	04OP	05OP	06OP
Wed	12/5	07OP	08OP	09OP
Thurs	12/6	10OP	11OP	12OP
Fri	12/7	13OP	14OP	15OP
Sat	12/8	16OP	17OP	18OP
Sun	12/9	19OP	20OP	21OP

For games other than Open Games, please substitute the last two letters of the event code as follows:

- 1) Invitational games should use IP (e.g., 04IP for a Tuesday morning invitational game)
- 2) Masterpoint limited games should use LP
- 3) Swiss team games should use T1 (for one session Swiss events) or T2 (for two session Swiss games)
- 4) If unsure, please use XX.

Director in Charge: Alex Bealles
Phone: 724-256-0057 (Please only phone in an emergency, and only during STaC week.)
E-mail: results1218@d5bridge.com

STaC Organizer: Mary Paulone Carns
Phone: 724-897-7526
E-mail: STaC1218@d5bridge.com

The sanction fee of \$6.00 is to be remitted within 24 hours of the conclusion of the tournament to:

Mary Paulone Carns
1010 Old Trail Ct.
Trafford, PA 15085

Make check payable to **ACBL District 5**. Please do NOT make check out to Mary. **Clubs whose payment is not received within a week of the STaC's end will receive a reminder from Mary. Clubs whose payment is not received within a week of the reminder notice will be ineligible to participate in the next D5 STaC.**

NOTES

1. The ACBL website page for the District 5 STaC may be accessed by going to acbl.org and then clicking on
 - a. "Tournaments" then, in the left column,

b. "STACs"

c. Scroll down to the date, or enter the month and year in the boxes, then

b. "Club Administration" (right column) on the line called "STaC D5"

2. If you have trouble registering, please see the instructions on the ACBL website. For further help, see the help page on the District 5 STaC website:

<http://www.d5bridge.com/STaCh.htm>

If you still can't register, contact Mary at STaC1218@d5bridge.com. If you normally register on behalf of someone else, and that person can't register for himself/herself, please contact Mary for instructions.

4. If you have trouble generating the game file or attaching it to email, see the help pages on the District 5 STaC website:

<http://www.d5bridge.com/STaC.htm>