



## 2017 CANADIAN OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP (COPC) CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

### I. INTRODUCTION

- A. The event shall be numbered according to the year in which the National Final is held.
- B. The event shall be held in two stages:
  - i) **Club Level**
  - ii) **National Level**
- C. The pair winning the National Final will have their names inscribed on the R. James Donaldson trophy as the Canadian Open Pairs Champions.
- D. Cash prizes will be awarded at the National Final. First Place pair will win \$1500 and second place pair will win \$750.
- E. **BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT EACH PLAYER AGREES TO ABIDE BY THE CONDITIONS OF CONTEST, THE LAWS OF BRIDGE, THE REGULATIONS OF THE SANCTIONING BODY, WBF SCREEN REGULATIONS (Section 26 of the General Conditions of Contest) AND THE CBF POLICIES.**

### II. SCHEDULE

- A. Club qualifying games will be held between September 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016.
- B. National Final will be held in Winnipeg, MB on Saturday, May 6 and Sunday, May 7, 2017 during the 2017 Canadian Bridge Championships.

### III. CANADA WIDE CONDITIONS

- A. Any person who is not under suspension by the World Bridge Federation (WBF), the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) or the CBF may participate at the club level.
- C. A player who has previously played in a club qualifying game may participate in other club qualifying games (and is encouraged to do so) and may play with different partners.
- D. For the purpose of this event, pairs are officially formed at the National Final. To participate in the National Final, each member of a pair must meet all of the following conditions:
  - 1. have qualified in a COPC club qualifying game **OR** participated in the National Finals of the Canadian National Team Championship (CNTC) Flights A, B or C, the Canadian Senior Team Championship (CSTC), the Canadian Women Team Championship (CWTC) **OR** purchased club round qualification prior to the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> session on day one of the National Final.
  - 2. be a paid up member of the CBF (dues may be paid online on the CBF website at [www.cbf.ca](http://www.cbf.ca));
  - 3. **NOT** be under suspension by the WBF, ACBL or CBF.

### IV. CLUB LEVEL

- A. The first stage of the event will be held in clubs with the club games being held between September 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016. A club may hold as many club qualifying games as it wishes. A club which is entitled to hold a club game may move the site of its game to accommodate the expected attendance, provided such game is held at the same time for which the club has a session sanctioned.
- B. Each club can apply for a sanction to hold club qualifying games by contacting the National Coordinator.
- C. Clubs must remit **\$4.00 (Canadian) per table** to the National Coordinator along with the completed report form and game PRESS sheet by the end of the month in which the club level game was held. There are no other fees which the club may be charged by the Unit, Zone or ACBL. At the conclusion of all club games held by a club, the club is asked to email the National Coordinator the ACBL Score generated list (text file with formatting) of all players earning club qualification.
- D. ACBL policy states: "A club that holds the COPC and does not submit its game report within 15 days after the completion of the event will be assessed a \$25 (US) late charge. The club will be suspended until the appropriate report, monies and late charges are received by the CBF Coordinator. The club will be added to the ACBL's Unresolved List and will not be granted a club sanction renewal for the

coming year until the matter has been resolved." However, it is acceptable for a club to submit reports and sanction fees for all COPC games held during a particular month at the end of the month,

- E. The event is sectionally rated.
- F. All players finishing in the top 50% plus ties as well as all players achieving average qualify as individuals for the National Final.
- G. For players that for one reason or another did not qualify in a COPC club qualifying game, club round qualification may be purchased for an administrative fee of \$25. This fee is payable to the CBF and must be paid to the National Coordinator prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> session on Day 1 of the National Final.

## **V. NATIONAL FINAL**

- A. The National Final will be four sessions. The first two sessions will be qualifying sessions. At the end of the second session the field will be cut (a minimum of 40% of the original field will advance to the final - the exact number will depend on the number of original tables and the number of drop-ins) for the two session final. The top carry over from Day 1 to the Finals will be two boards. (NOTE: This means that the top score after the first day will receive a two board carry-over; the bottom score will receive a 0 board carry-over)
- B. Players losing in the CSTC Semi-Finals will be allowed to drop into the COPC Final. Each individual player dropping into the COPC final will be assigned a one-half board carry-over. Two dropping in players playing together will receive a total of a one board carry-over (one half plus one half).
- C. Players dropping into the COPC are allowed to play with any other COPC qualified, eligible player.
- D. A substitute for a player may be permitted for a maximum of one session due to illness or other valid reasons. Should a substitute be required for more than one session or for both members of a pair, the pair shall be disqualified.
- E. An entry fee of \$20 per player per session will be charged for the National Final.
- F. Masterpoints will be awarded by the ACBL in accordance with the latest ACBL Masterpoint Awards handbook.
- G. The Director-In-Charge may secure an additional pair in order to fill out a half table for the first two sessions. Any such pair will not be eligible to advance to the second day of the COPC finals. However, the pair is entitled to master point awards.
- H. A first place tie will be broken using the ACBL Tie-breaking Formula for the purposes of prize money and medals only.
- I. The correction period expires at the start of the next session, one hour before the start of the Final on Day 2, or 30 minutes after completion of the final.

## **VI. CONVENTIONS**

- A. At the club level, a club may enforce the same regulations that it does at regular ACBL wide events.
- B. At the National Finals, the ACBL Mid-Chart will apply.

## **VII. SUMMARY**

- A. All ACBL pair tournament regulations, though not included in these Conditions of Contest, apply to the COPC.
- B. While an attempt is made to anticipate most problems, unforeseen situations may arise. The National Coordinator has complete authority regarding the National Final.

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