

Canadian Bridge Championships

CBC – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What has changed for 2020?

We have expanded the schedule so that there is no overlap with the mixed teams (CMTC) and other events. The masterpoint level for CNTC B has been raised to 3,500 masterpoints from 2,500.

2. Which events require pre-registration?

The Championship team events, Canadian National Team Championships (CNTC) A, B and C, Canadian Senior Team Championships (CSTC), Canadian Womens Team Championships (CWTC), Canadian Mixed Team Championships (CMTC) all require pre-registration. Pre-registration is not required for Canadian IMP Pairs Championship (CIPC), Canadian Open Pairs Championships (COPC) or any Regional event.

3. What is the pre-registration deadline?

Registration must be received by the CBF office by March 31, 2020. A late registration may be accepted only in the situation where it improves the event. For example, if an odd number of teams has registered and the additional team eliminates the bye or if it prevents cancellation of an event.

4. How can I register a team?

You can register on the CBF website with a credit card. You will need to sign in and therefore you must have a password for the CBF website. If you do not want to use a credit card online, you can also send an e-transfer to canbridge@rogers.com or mail a cheque payable to the Canadian Bridge Federation.

5. Do I need to be a CBF member?

All participants in Championship events need to be paid up CBF members. The Championship events are: CNTC, CSTC, CWTC, CMTC, COPC, CIPC.

6. Do the CNTC flight A, B and C require a club level qualification?

Yes they do. Club level qualifications can be earned by playing in CNTC team club games September through mid-January at your local club. If you were unable to play in a club game, you can purchase a club qualification for \$100 for flight A, \$50 for flight B or \$25 for flight C. You can purchase these on the CBF website on the same page that you register a team for the CBC. However, if you live more than 25kms from a location where a qualifier was held, you may qualify for a reduced fee of \$25. Please send an email to canbridge@rogers.com to request the reduced fee and please include your address and where the closest qualifier was, if you know that information.

7. Can I change my team members after I pre-register?

Yes, you can change your team members up to May 13, 2020. Keeping in mind that the entry fee is non-refundable, you can register with less than a full roster if necessary.

8. Can I play in more than one championship team event?

Yes, we have expanded the schedule to make it easier to play in more than one event. You can see the [new schedule for 2020](#). There only overlap is with the final of the CNTC A, and the CWTC and the CSTC. If a part of your CWTC or CSTC team is in the final of the CNTC A, you will have a choice of changing your roster or receiving a refund of your entry fee.

9. How many events do I need to pre-register for?

You need to pre-register for all events that you plan to enter which require pre-registration. If some of your team members are still playing in the play-offs of the CNTC A you can substitute a different person, or receive a refund of your entry fee.

10. If I decide not to play in an event, can I get my entry fee back?

The entry fee is non-refundable. We need to have pre-registration so that we can make arrangements for directors, playing space, pre-deal boards, make up a schedule, etc. As mentioned above, if you or your teammates have pre-registered but some members of your team are still playing in the playoffs of an event, your entry fee can be refunded. If an event is cancelled because there were not enough teams registered to hold the event, then entry fees will be refunded.

11. Which events require pre-qualification?

Club level qualification is required for CNTC A, B and C and the Canadian Open Pairs Championships. If you did not qualify at the club, you can purchase a club level qualification for \$100 for CNTC A, \$50 for CNTC B, \$30 for CNTC C and \$25 for COPC.

12. What are the eligibility rules for representing Canada at the World Championships?

To be eligible to represent Canada, you must be a CBF member in good standing, your membership must not have lapsed for more than 4 months since January 1st of the year preceding the Championships**, and you have not represented a country other than Canada in a WBF event. **Exemptions to the 4-month rule – If you are a first time member of the CBF, you may be exempt from this rule. If you have been a member in the past and this is the first time you do not meet this condition, you may be deemed eligible by paying a \$200 fee prior to playing in the National Final. For more information, please refer to the CBF Eligibility Policy on the CBF website.

13. Pre-qualification for COPC

A pre-qualification is required to play in the Canadian Open Pairs Championships. Anyone registered for a Championship Team event at the CBC is deemed to have a qualification. Players can also earn a qualification by playing in a COPC qualification game at their local club from September through December.

14. COPC and CIPC

Both of these pair events COPC (Canadian Open Pairs Championships) and CIPC (Canadian IMP Pairs Championships) are 2 day events. By placing in approximately the top half of the field the first day, you will qualify to play in the final the second day. Neither event is stratified, they are both Open events.

For more information on any of these events, please refer to the Conditions of Contest and/or the CBF Policies which can be found on the CBF website.