



COPC & CNTC CLUB QUALIFYING GAMES

INTRODUCTION

The first level of competition in the Canadian Open Pairs Championship (COPC) and the Canadian National Open Team Championships (**CNTC, CWTC, CSTC, CMTC**), consists of qualifying games held at sanctioned clubs across Canada. Qualifying games award red points.

A player plays at this stage to become qualified to be a member of a COPC pair or a CNTC team. The COPC is now an online event played over two days in the spring, while team events consist of an online round robin stage in January and February, followed by the final stage held F2F at the Canadian Championships.

Each club can apply for a sanction to hold club qualifying games by submitting the appropriate Sanction Application Forms which can be found in the **Club Managers** section of the CBF website at www.cbf.ca. ***A club may hold as many club qualifying games as it wishes.***

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

1. All club qualifying games must take place between September 1st and December 31st. Under special circumstances the National Coordinator may grant a club an extension of this deadline. The CBF may also run qualifying pairs and teams games online.
2. Players qualify for the national final as individuals.
3. An eligible player may enter qualifying round games as often as he/she wishes, and with the same or different partner or teammates.
4. It is expected that the director in charge of any qualifying round game will hold at least the ACBL rank of "certified club director".
5. In a club qualifying game, an appeal shall be handled as all club appeals are handled under ACBL regulations.

SPECIFIC COPC CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

1. The COPC is an Open Pairs event with no set flights or masterpoint restrictions. A club may stratify their club qualifying game for the purpose of masterpoints only, using whatever strats they wish. Qualification is based solely on the A – Open Strat.
2. The ACBL Open chart will apply in COPC qualifying games

SPECIFIC CNTC CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

1. There are no masterpoint restrictions in the CNTC-A. CNTC-B and CNTC-C are restricted to players with fewer than 3,500 and 1,000 masterpoints respectively.
2. Club qualifying games may be Stratified for CNTC-A, CNTC-B and CNTC-C, or clubs may hold separate club qualifying games for each flight. **Please note:** While you still may run a stratified event CNTC – B/C do not require a club qualification to participate in the round robins or finals.
3. Qualifying games may be one or two session games. In the case of one session club qualifying games, teams **MUST** consist of **ONLY** four players.
4. The nature of the qualifying round at any particular site will be determined by the number of teams which enter at that site. Each session must be at least 24 boards. Each session of a two-session Swiss must consist of at least three matches.
5. The ACBL Open chart will apply in CNTC-A and CNTC-B qualifying games. The ACBL Basic+ Chart will apply in CNTC-C qualifying games.
6. There are no seeding rights in CNTC qualifying matches
7. A director in charge of some stage of competition may enter the CNTC as a player. He/she may not direct any stage of competition beyond the qualifying stage.
8. Master/Non-Master Club Qualifying Games:
 - a. Each game is a single session game held at the club level of play.
 - b. The Non-master is defined as any player having fewer than 200 masterpoints as of the September masterpoint cycle.
 - c. Each team must have at least two non-masters on it. Each master (player with more than 200 masterpoints) must play with a non-master partner.

- d. Players on teams finishing in the top 50% plus ties and players on teams winning at least half their matches receive CNTC club round qualification as individuals.
- e. The Master/Non-Master qualifying game is not a separate event with further stages. Any earned qualification is for the national final of the appropriate CNTC flight according to the player's masterpoint total.

COPC QUALIFYING CRITERIA

Any pair finishing in the top 50% plus ties, as well as any other pair achieving an average score, qualify for the COPC national final.

CNTC QUALIFYING CRITERIA

A player qualifies for the round robin stage of a Canadian Championship event if he or she played the equivalent of at least one session for a team which achieved a qualifying position.

Regardless of the scoring system used (VP's or win/loss), a team achieves a qualifying position if:

- it wins at least one half of its matches (counting each match won by one or more IMPs as a full win, and each tie as one half); or
- if it finishes in the top 50% of the teams entered, based on the scoring system used.

In a stratified game, these rules apply separately to each of the CNTC-Flight A field, the CNTC-Flight B field and the CNTC-Flight C field.

SANCTION FEES

COPC	CDN\$ 4 per table
CNTC - 1 Session qualifying game	CDN\$ 4 per team
CNTC - 2 Session qualifying game	CDN\$ 8 per team
CNTC - Master/Non-Master qualifying game	CDN\$ 4 per team

There are no other fees charged to the club by the Unit or the ACBL.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- i. At the end of each month, the club must report the qualifying games held during the month to the Canadian Bridge Federation.
- ii. A cheque made out to the Canadian Bridge Federation for the total sanction fees should be included with the monthly report. Table Fees may be e-transferred (if possible) to treasurer@cbf.ca. Please mail cheques to the following address:
Canadian Bridge Federation a/s Lois Matton, PO Box 24142, Evergreen RPO Calgary AB T2Y 0J9.
- iii. A qualification list will be generated by ACBL during the first week of January and posted on the CBF website.

Note:

In accordance with ACBL policy,

“A club which does not submit its game report within 15 days after the completion of the event will be assessed a \$25 (US) late charge, and 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 Unresolved List and will not be granted a club sanction renewal for the coming year until the matter has been resolved.”

Notwithstanding the above policy, in the case where a club is holding multiple qualifying games during the month, it is acceptable to the CBF for such a club to submit the reports and sanction fees (for all the games held during the month) once at the end of the month or by December 31.