

PAIRS EVENTS - CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

**CANADIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION
CONDITIONS OF CONTEST
FOR
THE 2026 CANADIAN OPEN AND MIXED PAIRS
CHAMPIONSHIP**

*Adopted for use in connection with the
2026 COPC & CMPC
conducted online on RealBridge*

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I. INTRODUCTION

These Conditions of Contest govern the Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) pairs championships played online on the RealBridge platform:

- The Canadian Open Pairs Championship (COPC)
- The Canadian Mixed Pairs Championship (CMPC)

Each event will be conducted in accordance with:

- The Laws of Duplicate Bridge (2017, as amended) – (available on our website)
- These Conditions of Contest

The decisions of the Tournament Director (TD) are final, subject to CBF appeal procedures.

II. THE EVENTS AND ELIGIBILITY

All players must be members in good standing of the Canadian Bridge Federation.

A. Canadian Open Pairs Championship (COPC)

The COPC is open to all eligible players. Players must qualify for the flight in which they register.

B. Canadian Mixed Pairs Championship (CMPC)

The CMPC is a mixed pairs event. Each pair must consist of one female player and one male player.

III. FLIGHTS AND STRATIFICATION

A. COPC:

The COPC consists of two flights:

- Top Flight: Open to all players
- Mid Flight: Open to players with 0–2500 masterpoints at the time of registration

B. CMPC

The CMPC is a single open event with no flights. The field will be stratified A/B/C based on the pairs' masterpoint holdings, as published for the event.

IV. FORMAT

A. COPC

Day 1 – Qualifying. All registered pairs compete in two qualifying sessions.

At the conclusion of Day 1:

- The field will be ranked across the entire field
- A minimum of 40% of the field, and possibly more, will advance to the Championship Final on Day 2.
- Each flight and/or section will be limited to a maximum of 13 tables.

Day 2 – Finals. Day 2 will be played by the pairs qualifying from Day 1 and will determine the overall winners in each flight.

Carryover. There will be no carryover from the qualifying sessions. All pairs will begin Day 2 with a score of zero.

B. CMPC

The CMPC will be played over two days, with two sessions each day, for a total of four sessions. Play begins at 12:00 p.m. ET on both days. All registered pairs play all four sessions; overall standings are determined by the pairs' total score across the four sessions.

V. AWARDS

A. COPC

Prizes will be awarded separately in each flight, Top Flight and Mid Flight, based on the final standings in the Championship Final:

- 1st Place Pair: 20% of total entry fees
- 2nd Place Pair: 10% of total entry fees
- 3rd Place Pair: 5% of total entry fees

Additional masterpoints may be awarded in accordance with CBF regulations.

B. CMPC

There are no cash prizes in the CMPC. Masterpoints will be awarded in accordance with CBF and ACBL regulations, including gold points to the top pairs in each strat (A, B and C).

VI. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEES

Pairs must register by the published deadline for the event entered. The entry fee must be paid at the time of registration.

A. COPC

- Top Flight: \$80 per pair per day
- Mid Flight: \$60 per pair per day

B. CMPC

- \$160 per pair for the event

VII. SYSTEMS

Convention cards must be submitted by the deadline published for the event.

A. COPC

Top Flight: This event is governed by the ACBL Open+ Chart. All methods allowed under this chart are permitted, with the exception of the Multi 2♦ convention, which is prohibited.

Mid Flight: The ACBL Open Chart applies. Most standard methods are permitted; however, the Multi 2♦ convention is not allowed.

B. CMPC

The ACBL Open Chart applies. Most standard methods are permitted; however, the Multi 2♦ convention is not allowed.

VIII. PLAYING CONDITIONS

The events will be played on RealBridge.

Players must:

- Use a device with a working camera and microphone
- Remain visible throughout play
- Maintain a stable internet connection

The use of unauthorized electronic devices is prohibited.

IX. CONDUCT OF PLAY

Players are expected to behave in a courteous and sportsmanlike manner.

The Tournament Director should be called immediately in case of:

- Irregularities
- Claims or disputes
- Technical issues
- Unauthorized information concerns

X. ALERTS AND EXPLANATIONS

Players are responsible for self-alerting and providing explanations using the RealBridge interface.

Questions must be directed in writing to the opponent who made the bid.

XI. APPEALS

Appeals must be filed within 30 minutes of the end of the session via the Director in Charge.

All appeals will be handled in accordance with CBF procedures.

XII. CHANGES TO THE CONDITIONS

The Canadian Bridge Federation reserves the right to modify these Conditions of Contest if necessary to ensure the fair and smooth operation of the events.