

NABC Robot Individual Special Event Conditions of Contest

The General Conditions of Contest (CoC) for All Events will apply to this event, subject to the following special CoC. These conditions are in addition to, or supersede, the General CoC for All Events. These CoC may not be changed during the course of the event.

The event's Director in Charge (DIC) shall determine/adjudicate any items not specifically covered in these conditions. The decisions of the DIC are final.

EVENT FORMAT & SCHEDULE

- 1) The NABC Robot Individual is a three day, three-session robot duplicate event hosted by Bridge Base Online (BBO).
- 2) This is a national-rated contest held prior to the start of every NABC. The event dates for upcoming NABC Robot Individuals are available at <https://www.acbl.org/nabcrobot>.
- 3) Each session comprises 24 boards. Each session spans one calendar day.
- 4) A registered player may begin their daily session at any time during the calendar day but must complete their 24 boards within eighteen (18) hours of their session start time, or prior to 23:59:59 hours (Eastern Time), whichever comes first.
- 5) Players must complete at least one board in a session to continue in the event. Players who skip a session are eliminated from the event.
- 6) Any incomplete boards are scored as a zero.
- 7) Every session is weighed equally for the final result with full carryover. There is no elimination between sessions, unless players do not complete at least one board (see item 5).
- 8) The event is played robot duplicate style. The player sits South, with robots at the other three seats at the table.
- 9) The event is played best-hand style: the player always receives the hand with the most high-card points at the table or tied for the most high-card points. Best-hand is defined solely by high-card points and does not take into account hand pattern.
- 10) The player declares for his robot partner when their side wins the contract.
- 11) The event is scored by matchpoints. Each session is played without running scores; the provisional leaderboard is generated following each session. Players can use either the BBO mobile app or the BBO website (<http://www.bridgebase.com/client/client.php>) to participate.

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REGISTRATION & ELIGIBILITY

- 1) Pre-registration is required to participate in the event (<https://www.acbl.org/nabcrobot> for registration timing and details). Players can register using the BBO mobile app or at the BBO website (<http://www.bridgebase.com/>).
- 2) Card fees are \$50 for the event. Participants who register before the promotional deadline pay a reduced fee (<https://www.acbl.org/nabcrobot> for details). All prices are in US Dollars. Participants may pay using an accepted credit card or PayPal.
- 3) Registration is limited to ACBL members. Non-members wishing to join the ACBL—or players whose membership has lapsed—should become active ACBL members prior to registering (<https://www.acbl.org/join/>). Event registration and membership join/renewal deadlines are available at <https://www.acbl.org/nabcrobot>.
- 4) ACBL and BBO employees, and their immediate family members, are ineligible to participate.
- 5) This event shall be stratified as Unlimited/2000/500. Non-North American players shall be considered Unlimited entrants.

CONVENTIONS & ROBOTS

- 1) BBO robots play a modified Two-over-One system. System notes and a convention card are available at http://www.bridgebase.com/doc/gib_system_notes.php. The robots sometimes deviate from this system if simulations lead them to other conclusions.
- 2) The robot's understanding of what a bid means can be seen by hovering over the highlighted bid. When it is a player's turn to bid, the player can see what robots think a bid means before making the bid. If the bid is not highlighted, it means the robots have no special understanding or definition for that particular bid.

SECURITY

- 1) This event utilizes deal pools. Not every player will play the same boards. Each board will be duplicated a limited number of times.
- 2) Players are expected to refrain from communication with anyone else about the boards they have played in a session until the conclusion of the session. Players agree not to misrepresent themselves.
- 3) Following each session, provisional winners are listed, subject to manual review by an expert panel. The confirmed winner list for each session and the overall event will be released after review, and the decisions of the panel are final.

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MASTERPOINTS AWARDS

- 1) Session awards, as well as overall awards in the 500 strat, for this event will be red masterpoints. Overall awards in the Unlimited and 2000 strats will be 1/3 gold and 2/3 red masterpoints.
- 2) The first overall award will be 48.00 masterpoints. First place session awards will be 18.00 masterpoints.
- 3) The Unlimited winner is conferred an NABC title.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1) If there are insufficient entrants, the event will be cancelled and all card fees refunded. The decision whether to cancel the event is at ACBL's sole discretion. Players will be notified about the event cancellation before event start date.
- 2) If there are severe technical issues on BBO's part that result in a player's inability to complete their session (hence disqualifying them from the event), the player's card fees will be refunded for the full event.
- 3) If there are minor technical issues on BBO's part that impede but do not prohibit a player's ability to complete a session, no refunds are given.
- 4) Participants in this event may participate in other simultaneous events sanctioned by ACBL and receive full masterpoint awards.
- 5) To prevent misunderstandings, players are encouraged to familiarize themselves with BBO software and the mechanics of robot play on BBO prior to the event. Players are strongly encouraged to learn how to read robot's alerts, how to claim properly, and how to customize the software to ensure their full comfort (card size, card type, chat font size, etc.) before the event begins.