

Nail Life Master Pairs/ Smith Women's Life Master Pairs Special Conditions of Contest

The General Conditions of Contest (CoC) for pairs events will apply to these events, subject to the following special CoC. These CoC may not be changed during these events.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The Life Master Pairs will consist of pairs of Life Masters (LMs) who are paid ACBL Members. The Women's Life Master Pairs will consist of pairs of female LMs who are paid ACBL Members. A player who has equivalent status in a bridge organization other than the ACBL and who is a member of the ACBL may request, in writing, an exemption from the requirement to be an ACBL LM. Only the DIC, or his designee, may grant this request

CONVENTIONS

Bidding and carding methods permitted, restricted or not permitted in these events are per the ACBL Mid-Chart.

SCORING AND PLAY

1. These events will consist of four sessions: two qualifying and two final.
2. Approximately 50%, but in no case less than 40%, of the field in each group will qualify for the two final sessions. Ties for the last qualifying position will be broken as per ACBL regulation.
3. There will be a carryover from the qualifying sessions to the final. The carryover will be calculated as per ACBL regulations, but the spread from top to bottom can be no greater than four boards.
4. For purposes of qualifying or for determining final overall ranking, any fraction of a matchpoint difference will be sufficient separation.
5. The DIC is permitted to combine as many sections as logical for scoring. Qualification of contestants for subsequent stages shall be based on overall standing in the entire field, regardless of section or direction.
6. Regarding any of the above or any of the General CoC of ACBL pairs events, the decision of the DIC shall be final.