

Proposed Substantial Changes to D14 GNT Conditions of Contest

The D14 GNT Conditions of Contest have been comprehensively updated, then reviewed and approved by the ACBL.

MOTION FOR D14 BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 2009:

THE DISTRICT 14 BOARD RECOGNIZES AND APPROVES THE 2009-2010 GNT CONDITIONS OF CONTEST AS A WORKING DOCUMENT <http://www.bridgedistrict14.com/d14ie.html> (GNT Tab)

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT AND FLIGHT A

Four teams: A round robin KO rather than straight KO will be played on Saturday. 3 16-board matches in 8-board halves. The top 2 teams move to an all-day KO final of 56 boards in 4 14-board quarters. We should do whatever we can to get a 5-team Championship flight so that the 2nd place team can earn masterpoints for 2 days of play

The grass roots nature & "fair competition" focus of the GNTs favor a process where a team meets/beats all comers, not one other team on the qualifying day. Pitting the strongest team against the weakest, current D14 practice, doesn't further stated GNT goals. We should encourage new entrants (and there are quite a few players nearing or passing 5,000MPs) to play in an event with better prospects of reaching the semifinal round rather than going head to head against the #1 seed in a full day of play.

Five to eight teams: A two-session round robin will be played on Saturday to reduce the field to a 4 team knockout on Sunday. Top seed chooses from between the #3 & #4 seeds for semifinal play.

FLIGHTS B AND C

Each Flight will be run with an unseeded Swiss Team Qualifying event on Saturday if there are eleven or more teams entered followed by a **Round robin Swiss Team two-session Final (20pt VP scale) on Sunday.** Each team will play a minimum of 48 boards in the qualifying event. **PLAY ON THE FIRST DAY WILL CUT THE FIELD: (10-12 teams > 5 team final, 13-15 teams > 7 team final, 16+>9 tm final. IN NO CASE, WILL MORE THAN 9 TEAMS QUALIFY FOR FINALS PLAY.**

SEPARATE FUND FOR DISTRICT WINNERS FROM UNIT FINAL TABLE FEES

~~District champions who played in a Unit final will receive an additional amount of subsidy, up to \$100/player. District 14 sanction fees of \$6.00 per table per session at Unit finals will be distributed to eligible District winners to encourage the holding of and greater participation at Unit finals. Any monies remaining from Unit final sanction fee pool, not distributed to players who participated in a Unit final, will carry over to the next GNT cycle in a fund reserved for Unit Final participants.~~

BUY-IN FEE PROVISIONS

Players wishing to play in the District Finals who did/could not play at a club or unit level event, may pay a BUY-IN FEE at the District Finals of \$30.00, roughly equivalent to 2 entries at a club GNT qualifier, and a the Unit Final entry fee. A fee reduction would be available for units that held no qualifiers. **This provision is NOT intended to give units an excuse not to hold qualifying games.**

GNT FINALS VENUE & DATE

DATE 2010: Hayward Sectional has moved. !!! Frees up **May 15-16, 2010 (PASSED 5/09)**

Long term solution possibilities

LIFE MIGHT BE GOOD VIS A VIS THE CURRENT DISTRICT POLICY NOT TO HOLD SECTIONALS OPPOSITE GNT FINALS IF UNIT 235 COULD MOVE THE FT. DODGE SECTIONAL UP ONE WEEK TO APRIL 16-18 TO ENABLE THE D14 GNT FINALS TO BE HELD ON THE LAST WEEKEND IN APRIL. Caveats: The last weekend in April does conflict with the Spring regional in Lake Geneva (20+ masterpoint winners from D14 this year).

Alternatively, the following weekend, ideal for GNT finals, typically includes 3 different sectionals: Lincoln, Rapid City, and Cedar Falls. T

Revisiting the concept of a District-wide Split-site Sectional with duplicated hand records would be worth pursuing (ACBL voted this down in Las Vegas in 2008)

If these sectionals could run concurrent with Ft. Dodge at the end of April, then the first weekend in May could be a regular district GNT final date.