

Motion: Whereas the 2009-2010 GNT conditions of contest have been comprehensively updated, and current District 14 Policies regarding GNTs become outdated or redundant over time, District 14 Policies shall be amended as follows:

Items to be stricken as redundant or obsolete: #s 1, 3, 14

Items amended by the new conditions of contest, little or no discussion needed: #s 2, 4

Items with slight amendments to match current practice: #s 5, 6

Item to be added based on previous district board decision: #17

Items covered by the new conditions of contest that reflect District 14 GNT policies (can either remain or be stricken): #s 7, 10

Proposed Changes to District 14 Policies re. GNTs

Code Key: Bold=Inconsequential changes Unchanged language: Times New Roman 10 Language for deletion —[& rationale for deletion; text in brackets not to be included in Policies] Underlined in Arial 11: Proposed changes to D14 policies re. GNTs

Reminder: Conditions of Contest are distributed annually by the **District 14 GNT chair. Coordinator,**
And, after adoption, supercede District 14 GNT policies

Flights A and ~~Superflight~~ **Championship** [ACBL no longer uses Superflight terminology]

- 1. ACBL Mid-chart Conventions may be used in Flights A and Championship District 14 Finals. [*in newCoC*]
- 2. Flight A & **Championship** flight teams should be seeded by averaged total masterpoints. except that District Champions returning with more than 50% of it's members begin as #1 seed.

Flights B & C

- 3. Flights B & C Swiss qualifying events should use the 20 Victory Point scale. [*in updated CoC*]
- ~~4. Flights B & C Finals are to be seeded in the knockout based on the Swiss team qualifying with any ties broken on the basis of lot.~~

4. If Flight B & C Finals include a knockout phase, seeding is based on Swiss team qualifying performance with any ties broken on the basis of lot by previous head to head competition, then net IMPs. If four teams remain, the #1 seed plays their choice of #3 or #4.

- 5. The District Finals start with a two ~~or three~~-session qualifying **K.O** [≤ 10 teams] or Swiss [11+ teams] ~~and the top 8 teams play a straight knockout semifinal and final.~~ [last clause obsolete as well as 3-session days?]
- 6. At the District Flight B & C Finals individuals can form teams regardless of the results at the Unit Finals, ~~as long as the individuals played in their Unit Final.~~ [? What does this mean? *Let's encourage, not require play in Unit finals*]

General

- 7. The format for play, for any given number of teams, should be announced in advance. [ACBL requirement]

- 8. It is the option of the unit to hold Unit Finals. Players who do not play in a Unit Final (either because their unit chose to not hold a Unit Final or because their unit did hold a Unit Final but they chose not to play in it) will be required to pay an \$11 surcharge at the District Final.
- 9. It's suggested that GNT District Finals be held in a city like Des Moines, Omaha, or Minneapolis.
- 10. Players in all flights in the GNT District 14 Finals shall be guaranteed a minimum of two sessions.
- 11. The District 14 Board of Directors is responsible for setting the GNT District Final dates and sites at least three years in advance. The preferred date for the District 14 GNT finals is the fourth weekend in April. [MAJOR ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AT BOARD MEETING]
- 12. District 14 allows stratified games at the club level and clubs are encouraged to run separate events whenever possible.
- 13. District 14 sponsors the District 14 Final including responsibilities for collecting income and covering all expenses.
- 14. ~~District 14 does not allow unit sectional tournaments to run opposite the dates of the GNT District Finals. [obsolete & nearly impossible to implement]~~
- 15. No scrip is to be given to the District 14 first place winners. Cash awards are based on GNT income to District 14. The event is self-supporting.
- 16. GNT money awards should be split equally among the four flights.
- 17. There is no carryover to the second day[May 2007]

Marv Riedesel made the following motion: “Whereas, Grand National Teams (GNT) Conditions of Contest should be a matter of District Policy; and the National GNT tournament carries over full IMP results from the round-robin phase to the knockout phase, Be it resolved that: District 14 policy be that District GNT finals carry over full IMP results from the round-robin phase to the knockout phase, and; This policy be published in the District 14 Conditions of Contest.” Seconded. Failed.

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