

MOTION

Item 242-BR02: Change in GNT Stratifications

Submitted by: Dennis Carman on behalf of the Bridge Committee (Carman (C), Aquino, Heller)

Coordinated with: Competitions and Conventions Committee

Purpose: To increase Masterpoint® limits for Flight B and Flight C GNT stratifications

X	Requires Change in Codification
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Moved that:

The *Codification, Chapter XI – Special Events, B. Grand National Teams*, be changed as follows:

Section 1. Guidelines

- 1.2 The GNT competition will have four flights as follows:
 - a. Championship Flight: 0-unlimited
 - b. Flight A: 0-6000 masterpoints
 - c. Flight B: 0-~~2500~~ 3500 masterpoints
 - d. Flight C: 0-750 ~~non-Life Master up to 500 masterpoints~~

Effective date: September 1, 2024, to coincide with the start of the GNT 2024/2025 qualifying period. These strats will be in effect for the Summer NABC Finals of the Grand National Teams in July of 2025.

Estimated Cost Savings: N/A but should increase League income with more participation

Discussion:

This is an attempt to re-engage players who no longer can play in the two lowest flights as masterpoint inflation via Face to Face and Online play has moved them out of their comfort zone. A similar Motion (242-BR03) adding a 4th Flight to the NAP with the same raised masterpoints hopefully will create new interest to these events as well. Raising the GNT strats when introducing the fourth NAP flight to make them the same is appropriate.

MOTION

Item 242-BR03: Increase Number of NAP Flights

Submitted by: Dennis Carman

Coordinated with: Competitions and Conventions, Finance, and Bridge Committees

Purpose: To increase the number of flights in the NAP

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Moved that:

The *Codification, Chapter XI – Special Events, C. North American Pairs*, be changed as follows:

Section 1 - Guidelines

1.2 The NAP competition will have ~~three~~ **four** flights as follows:

- a. Flight A: 0-unlimited masterpoints
- b. Flight B: 0-~~2500~~ **6000** masterpoints
- c. Flight C: ~~0-3500 Non-Life Master up to 500~~ masterpoints
- d. Flight D: 0-750 Masterpoints**

Effective date: June 1, 2025, to coincide with the start of the NAP 2025 qualifying period.

Estimated Cost Savings: Unknown. There will be new subsidy amounts for 25 districts—the Finance Committee is being asked to provide a ballpark estimate for the increased cost of the proposed fourth flight based on current subsidies provided by ACBL. Increased participation in NAP Qualifiers as well as increased attendance at the NAP National Finals at the Spring NABC should help reduce these additional costs.

Discussion:

This is an attempt to re-engage players who no longer can play in the lower flights as Masterpoint inflation via Face to Face and Online play has moved them out of their comfort zone. The extra flight in this motion should also help to return advanced players who feel they can't compete at the top. A similar Motion (242-BR02) changing the GNT strats to align with the proposed four NAP strats hopefully will create new interest in both these events and increase attendance at the Spring and Summer NABCs for those players who have stopped trying to compete.