

Lawson Bridge Studio News June 2023

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Club Games – Rates are for each player

Games: 6:20 pm at Ann Sather's Restaurant, 909 West Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL

Jun 5	North American Pairs Qualifying—\$14	Jul 3	Grass Roots Fund—\$14
Jun 7	North American Pairs Qualifying—\$14	Jul 5	Grass Roots Fund—\$14
Jun 12	QTR Club Championship—\$13	Jul 10	North American Pairs Qualifying—\$14
Jun 14	QTR Club Championship—\$13	Jul 12	North American Pairs Qualifying—\$14
Jun 19	North American Pairs Qualifying—\$14	Jul 17	No Game Chicago NABC
Jun 21	North American Pairs Qualifying—\$14	Jul 19	No Game Chicago NABC
Jun 26	2023 Upgraded Club Championship—\$13	Jul 24	North American Pairs Qualifying—\$14
Jun 28	2023 Upgraded Club Championship—\$13	Jul 26	North American Pairs Qualifying—\$14
		Jul 31	QTR Club Championship—\$13

Cub Games in June:

Baseball season is here so traffic may be snarled on these June Cub home dates as per the published Cub's schedule. If there are changes due to weather etc., I will not be aware of these:

Monday 7:05 pm game:

Wednesday 7:05 pm game: **Jun 14, Jun 28**

NABC in Chicago July 12-23, 2023

- ♣ On Wednesday July 12 only Grand National Teams (GNT) are scheduled with players having been pre-qualified, so I don't see this preventing us from having our regularly scheduled game. On Thursday July 13, events are scheduled for non-GNT players.
- ♣ We will hold no other games during this week.
- ♣ If you are playing in the Chicago Summer NABC, proof of vaccination is required.

North American Pairs 2023-2024 Club and District 13 Level with finals at the Spring 2024 NABC in Louisville, KY

♣ Qualifications:

- ♥ Club level is open to both members and non-members and may be earned at any club in any unit in any district. A player may qualify as often as desired and with as many different partners as desired. Players qualify individually.
- ♥ Eligible partnerships qualify by finishing in the top 50% of their field (rounded up and including ties) plus any pair with at least a 50.00% score not in the top half of their field.
- ♥ For pairs of mixed Flights qualifying, the higher Flight player determines the qualifying Flight with the lower Flight player being eligible for both Flights at the next level when a choice must be made; e.g. a Flight A and Flight C pair qualify, at the next stage Flight A is limited to Flight A, but a Flight C may play in Flight A, B or C.
- ♥ District level: must have qualified at the club level, be a member of the district (principal residence in District 13 as of June 1, 2023), be eligible for the player's chosen flight, and be a paid member of the ACBL in good standing. A fixed amount prize will be awarded in all flights. There have been monetary awards for the District's finalist in the past. I could not verify them for this year.
- ♣ Beyond the District final stage, a replacement is permitted only if one member of a pair that qualified to play in the National Final stage is (1) deceased or (2) medically diagnosed unable to travel or play with unknown condition at time of District final, or (3) unable to travel to the National Final due to COVID-19 restrictions. Per ACBL policy, all players at the NABC must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Lack of vaccination does not constitute grounds for replacement under this provision.
- ♣ **Masterpoints:**
 - ♥ Club qualifying games Open pairs: 50/50 red and black; Invitational pairs: all black points.
 - ♥ District finals award gold for section firsts and overalls. Flight C is 25% gold for overalls. Other masterpoints in all flights are red.
- ♣ **Strata for Club Games and District Finals:**
 - ♥ Flight A is unlimited; Flight B is limited to 0 – 2500 masterpoints; Flight C is limited non-life masters with less than 500 masterpoints as of the June 2023 masterpoint cycle (updated to the clubs on May 6, 2023).
- ♣ **Games:**
 - ♥ Each club session may hold two games per month during June, July, and August for qualifying players.
 - ♥ District 13 final is a typically a two day with two-sessions per day for Flights A and B, and a single day two sessions for Flight C; dates to be determined.