

## Bridge Tournaments

### Regionals

Regionals are large tournaments offered by each District in ACBL. This is the tournament where you can earn gold, red and black Master Points. They typically run for one week. You may play a s few or as many games as you wish.

Typically, there are multiple games running at the same time. How do you know which one is best for you? Here is an explanation for each type of game.

**Open** games are for all players, from beginner to expert.

**Limited** games are for players who have fewer Master Points, such as 0-299 or 0-499. Depending on how many people enter to play, these games may be stratified for ranges from 0-50, 51-100, and 101-299, for example.

**Gold Rush Pairs** are limited to players who have 0-750 Master Points. These games are generally stratified for ranges of 0-200, 201-300, and 301-750. If you are a Life Master within this point range, you are allowed to play in the Gold Rush Pairs at Regionals. To win gold points, you must play in a 2-session event.

**Bracketed KO aka Knockout Teams** are 4-person team games. Your team will play one session against another team. At the conclusion of the session, you compare scores with your teammates. If your team wins, you continue to play against another team. If you lose, your team is eliminated. Most tournaments have a 4-session event played over two days. If your team continues to win, you will play all four sessions.

**Soloway Knockout Teams** are a mix of Swiss Teams and Knockout Teams. Each team plays a round-robin against the other teams in its group, like Swiss Team events. The top four teams move on to a single elimination format on Day 2 while teams not in the top four are eliminated at the end of Day 1.

### Sectionals

Sectional tournaments are run by a local Unit rather than the District. They are smaller than Regionals and are typically weekend events lasting 2-3 days. You can earn silver and black points and may play as few or as many games as you wish.

Some sectionals, like the Eugene Sectional, offer an extra event to earn gold points. If you are a Non-Life Master (NLM) with 0-750 Master Points, this tournament offers a **Gold Rush Pairs** game, where the winners earn gold points. Life Masters, regardless of the number of Master Points they have, are not allowed to play in these Gold Rush Pairs games.