

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

### 1. What is the Grand National Teams (GNT)?

The GNT is a grass roots event in which you start by qualifying at a club, a Unit game, or at a Non-Life Master tournament. Then you compete at the District level. If you win your flight, you will represent our District at the 2017 Summer Nationals in Toronto, Canada.

### 2. How many flights are in the GNT's?

There are four separate flights. The Open flight is for all players. "A" flight is for players with 0-6000 masterpoints. "B" flight is for players with 0-2500 masterpoints. "C" flight is for non-life masters with fewer than 500 masterpoints. Each flight is set up as a championship event against your peers. Your masterpoint card as of September 1, 2016 will determine your flight eligibility.

### 3. How do I enter the District competition?

Find teammates. Teams with 4, 5 or 6 players are allowed. You do not have to play with the team you qualify with at the local club game. However, everyone on your team must be club qualified. For help in finding local club or Unit qualifying GNT games, see the District 6 website [www.districtsix.org](http://www.districtsix.org). Then play at the location most convenient for you. The District competition begins for Flight A in January 2017 and for the other three Flights in March 2017, so if you plan to play in the Flight A event, look for qualifying games in September-December 2016. The first weekend of play for Flights B and C is held at two different sites (Silver Spring, Maryland and Charlottesville, Virginia). For the Open and "A" flights, the first weekend of play is held in Silver Spring, Maryland.

### 4. Why do you have more than one site for District level competition?

We are trying to avoid long travel times as much as possible. By having sites in Silver Spring and Charlottesville for "B" and "C" flights, most of the District has less than a two hour drive to reach a site.

### 5. What happens after my "B" or "C" team advances at my District site?

The champions of each District site come together for a second weekend in Silver Spring, Maryland. In Flight C they play one day (Sunday) and in other flights-two days (Saturday and Sunday). The winning team in all four flights receives \$1500 and a chance to win a National Championship being held at the Summer NABC in Toronto, Canada.

### 6. Our team finds it difficult to free up time for four specific weekend days?

Form a five- or six-person team. The rules say each team member must intend to play half the boards or half the total sessions. So if you have a team member who can only play specific days or specific weekends, work your lineups accordingly. Also two session substitutes are possible (see Conditions of Contest on District 6 website).

### 7. How do I find out more information?

See District 6 website [www.districtsix.org](http://www.districtsix.org). For answers to specific questions, contact Bill Cole, 301-602-9042 or by email: [colebridge@aol.com](mailto:colebridge@aol.com).

#### 8. Pre-Registration

**Once you have qualified, formed your team and know which Flight event you are going to play in, you must pre-register your team. Team captains must submit a check or money order for \$100 made out to District Six with the names and ACBL numbers of all players, email address for the Captain, the level of Flight you are playing in, and your choice of the northern or southern site (if you are playing in Flight B or Flight C). This covers 2 sessions (one day) of play. Checks for pre-registration may be submitted to the GNT Coordinator at the Southern site, Nan Massie, or may be sent to Lucy McCoy, 3353 Taleen Ct., Annandale, VA 22003. For Flight A, checks must be postmarked by January 19, 2017. For the Open, Flight B and Flight C, checks must be postmarked by February 23, 2017. Pre-registration payment and team information for Flight A can also be provided to Steve Robinson, if you see him in person.**