

DISTRICT 6 GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS VA MD DC

1 September 2016

Dear Club Manager:

The club qualification period for the Grand National Teams is September 1, 2016 to May 3, 2017. You may hold as many or as few games as you like. The District feels that you know what your players want and can schedule these games accordingly.

Enclosed is a flyer with answers to frequently asked questions about the District level of play. **Please post these at your club** whether or not you plan to hold qualifying games. At the District level this is a grass-roots championship held in four flights. They are: Open, Flight A (0-6000 MPs), Flight B (0-2500 MPs), and Flight C is restricted to non-Life Masters with fewer than 500 MPs. At the club and Unit game level, the Open and Flight A are combined. Qualifying games may be held for any one, two, or three of the flights simultaneously, or they may be stratified with teams in any of the strata meeting each other. Multiple teams are allowed at your discretion. If the team qualifies, all members of the team qualify. To qualify, a team needs to win half of its matches, win half the victory points, or win half the victory points in the flight for which the team is eligible. Those players who qualify in the top flight at the club level may play in any flight for which they are eligible. For example, if a player qualifies for Flight A and is eligible for Flight C, that player may play in any or all of Flights A, B and C. Note that all the players on a team playing at the District level must be club qualified and eligible for their Flight. They do not have to have qualified while playing with the members of the team. For more information, see the District 6 website www.districtsix.org.

Players may qualify at Club games or Unit games. "C" players may also qualify at Non LM tournaments. Once a player has qualified, that player is qualified to play at the District final.

The ACBL table fee is \$2.25 per table. The District fee will remain at **\$6.00** per table. Pay the ACBL fee with your monthly club report. For the District fees, send the date of your qualifier and six dollars per table (make check payable to District 6) **to: Ron Spieker, 4845A 28TH South, Arlington, VA 22206-1365**. The money raised by the District is used to help send the four winning teams to the National final. The Conditions of Contest are posted on the District Six website (www.districtsix.org).

This is the only planned communication with the clubs from the District Coordinator. If any club managers have questions on how to run a club qualifier or if any players have questions, call or email: Bill Cole, District 6 GNT Coordinator, 301-602-9024, colebridge@aol.com

If you want the dates of your club qualifying games advertised, go to the District 6 website, www.districtsix.org and notify webmaster Don Berman.

Thank you for your support for the GNT's,
Bill Cole