

## 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 bracket, you will represent our District at the Summer Nationals in Atlanta, Georgia.

### 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<sup>st</sup>, 2017 will identify 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.districtsixbridge.org](http://www.districtsixbridge.org). Then play at the location most convenient for you. Once you have qualified, the District competition begins. The first weekend of play for B and C is held at 2 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 held this year in Atlanta, Georgia.

### 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.districtsixbridge.org](http://www.districtsixbridge.org). For questions contact Lynn Jones at 410-560-3244 or email: [bridgelynn@comcast.net](mailto:bridgelynn@comcast.net) **Cost per team is \$100. This covers 2 sessions (one day) of play. Checks should be made out to District 6 and sent to Lynn Jones 10 Tenby Court Timonium, MD 21093, Please include player numbers.**