

## DIAMOND IN THE RUFF

## **D21 GNT Report**

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## 2024 Grand National Teams (GNT)



The Toronto Nationals are finished, and our District 21 teams had great success. Both our Flight B team and our Flight C teams made it all the way to the Finals. Sadly, both finished second, but what an accomplishment; winning the District, and marching through a field of 26 of the best teams the U.S and Canada had to offer!

Flight B – Rajan Jeyakumar, Terry Kellerman, Marcus Ballinger, and Eugene Sor battled their way to the Finals; surviving several close matches. Alas, their magnificent run ended in the last match. But a tremendous accomplishment for the team; winning 52 Gold points each.

Flight C – Winning the opening day Swiss teams and crushing all their KO opponents on the way to the final were: Kai Eckert, Wesley May, Richard Ross, and Ryan Gossiaux. In a nail-biting Final, they were defeated by the smallest of margins, but received 34 Gold for their efforts.

Congratulations to one and all. You represented D21 with distinction.

The dates for the 2025 GNT competitions have been set. Each Flight will either begin with head-to-head KO matches (if the number of entries allow), or, a one-day Qualification to reduce the field to four teams.

Open Flight – Qualification January 25th; Semis and Finals January 26th and February 8th

Flight A - January 26th: February 8th

Flight B - Qualification January 25th; Semis and Finals January 26th (February 8th if necessary)

Flight C - January 25th. Play continues January 26th if necessary

All Flights will be played in Oakland, at the East Bay Community Bridge Center.

The schedule for all events is tentative, and dependent on the number of teams who enter. Be prepared to play all the days listed for your Flight. The Events could be shorter if the Events can be finished in fewer rounds.

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