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D21 GNT Report

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District 21 2027 GNTs

The 2027 GNT event is planned to be similar in time and place to the 2026 event. One team in the Open and one team in Flight A, along with 2 teams each in Flights B and C, will qualify to represent District 21 in the National Finals next July in Las Vegas.



The Open Flight will begin Saturday, February 13th, at the East Bay Community Bridge Center in Oakland, with an all-day qualifier. Any team may enter, regardless of MP total, but may only subsequently play in lower events if they do not qualify for the semi-finals (or decline to play further in the Open). The semi-finals will continue on Sunday, February 14th. The final match will be played April 3rd, in Palo Alto.

Flight A will begin Sunday, February 14th, also in Oakland. Flight A is limited to teams with all players under 6000 MPs. Flight B and C teams are also welcome to compete, and if they do not qualify for the semi-finals, may still enter the Flight B and C events in April in Palo Alto. The top 4 teams in Flight A will return to Palo Alto on April 3rd for the semi-finals, and April 4th for the finals.

The Palo Alto Bridge Center will host the Flight B and Flight C events, as well as the final matches in the Open and Flight A, on Saturday, April 3rd, and Sunday, April 4th. Flight B is limited to players with less than 3000 MPs, while Flight C players must be both under 750 MPs and non-Life Masters. These events are concurrent, so teams must choose to play one event or the other, not both. Both these events will be qualifying Swiss teams on Saturday, with the top 4 teams returning on Sunday. Both the semi-finals and finals will be played on Sunday.

The format of all qualifiers may vary if the number of teams entered is either substantially more or substantially less than expected. But all semi-final and final matches in the Open and Flight A will be 60-board matches, while Flight B and Flight C will consist of 24-board matches.