



D21 NAP Report

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Surprise!!



When I wrote about the NAP District 21 Finals in the last issue of the DIR, I mentioned that there was a rule change that I missed that would limit us to one-day events for our NAP District Finals. Well... a few weeks ago, I got an unsolicited phone call from ACBL headquarters telling me that I was allowed to make our District NAP Finals into two-day events. I asked about the restriction in the NAP ACBL Conditions of Contest and



was explicitly told that I could make them into two-day events anyhow. Not quite believing this, I asked to be sure if it was okay to make the District 21 NAP Finals into two-day events now and received the answer “yes”! Surprise! And yes, I am very surprised!! Apparently, ACBL heard complaints about the one-day restriction and wanted to allow the two-day event. The explanation given was that there is plenty of time before the District NAP Finals, so it is fine.

So what do I want to do?

- First, the Championship Flight ought to be two days.
- Second, I would like players to be able to play up a level easily. This isn't perfect because the A Flight will take place on the second day of the Championship Flight, so players who do not make the cut in the Championship Flight and are A Flight eligible can play in the A Flight too. However, players who make the cut for the Championship Flight will need to make a decision.
- Third, all other flights will be staggered so that one flight up is always on the other day, so players can play their native flight and one flight up.

To make all this work and meet the criteria above, the District 21 NAP Final has changed dramatically. One additional change to the schedule is that ACBL is requiring us to list specific times for the start of the after-lunch session – no more “& after a short lunch break.” The new District 21 NAP Final schedule is:

1. The **D21 Championship Flight District Final** will be played at the Monterey Regional on the following schedule:
Saturday, January 9, 2027, at 10:00 AM & 3 PM
Sunday, January 10, 2027, at 9:30 AM & 2 PM
The Qualification will be conducted as a four-session event where the first two sessions on Saturday qualify approximately 50% of the field for the final two sessions on Sunday. In the event that the field is too small to eliminate 50% of the field, the director may change the event to playthrough.
2. The **D21 Flight A District Final** (<6000 MPs) will be played at the Monterey Regional on the following schedule:
Sunday, January 10, 2027, at 9:30 AM & 2 PM
The Qualification will be played as a two-session playthrough event.
3. The **D21 Flight B District Final** (<3000 MPs) will be played at the Monterey Regional on the following schedule:
Saturday, January 9, 2027, at 10 AM & 3 PM
The Qualification will be played as a two-session playthrough event.



4. The **D21 Flight C District Final** (<750 MPs and not a Life Master) will be played at the Monterey Regional on the following schedule:

Sunday, January 10, 2027, at 9:30 AM & 2 PM

The Qualification will be played as a two-session playthrough event.

Reminder:

If you are not sure whether you are qualified, please check the [D21 NAP Qualifiers](#) list. (The list is organized by Unit. Sometimes the simple method to find out if you are qualified is to search for your name.) In the past, we have seen that sometimes club qualifying games do not get recorded properly in the ACBL qualification database. The most common problem is that NAP club qualification games played outside the member's home district are frequently missed.