

GRASS ROOTS FUND MONTH

The ACBL holds two truly grass-roots events each year: the North American Pairs (NAP) and the Grand National Teams (GNT). If you have played in these events before, you know how much FUN it can be to play at your local club in a qualifying game and then move on to the district level.

May is Grass Roots FUNd (GRF) Month. This means that you can play in club games and win additional masterpoints while supporting these grass-roots events at the same time. As a club owner/manager, you can offer your players more masterpoints and support District 20 (D20) in FUNding the winners of the NAP and GNT at the district level.

This opportunity allows D20 to increase support to their GNT and NAP finalists and also provide more FUN for players at all levels. Clubs that wish to hold these special games will collect \$1 per player in addition to the usual club fee. The total sanction fee for the Grass Roots FUNd games is \$5.00 per table that is sent to the ACBL along with the club's usual monthly sanction fees.

The ACBL will then disburse at least 80% of the collected funds back to D20, and the funds will be used to augment the subsidies paid to district winners. Please see the GRF distribution schedule below.

Clubs may hold as many Grass Roots FUNd (GRF) games during May as they have an already sanctioned session. The other months where clubs can hold special fund games are January (Junior Fund), April (Charity Fund), and September (International Fund). In the remaining eight months (February, March, June, July, August, October, November, and December), clubs can hold one game per session to benefit one of the funds.

We hope that clubs will schedule as many GRF games as possible in May and the eight other eligible months so that the winners of the District finals for both the GNT and NAP (and one of them could be you!) can receive a subsidy that truly is a prize to be coveted.

Current D20 subsidy schedule:

GNT Flight	Winning team subsidies		
	D20	D20 GRF	Total
Open	\$1,800	\$200	\$2,000
A	\$1,800	\$200	\$2,000
B	\$1,800	\$200	\$2,000
C	\$1,800	\$200	\$2,000

NAP Place	Per person subsidies			Flights A, B, & C
	ACBL	D20 GRF	Total	
1st	\$700	\$0	\$700	
2nd	\$350	\$80	\$430	(all three Flights)
3rd	\$0	\$200	\$200	(Flights B & C only)
4th	\$0	\$150	\$150	(Flights B & C only)