

# **Explanation of Sunflower Regional Tournament Events**

## **Side Pairs**

There are three separate Side Game Series: morning, afternoon, evening. You may play in one or more of each of the four session series. If you play in at least two sessions of a particular series, Stratum A section tops and overall finish points will be converted to gold at the end of the series. You do not have to play with the same partner.

## **Choice Gold Rush Pairs**

These are two session events limited to players with fewer than 750 masterpoints. You choose which two sessions to play (morning/afternoon, morning/evening, afternoon/evening). The field is divided into three stratifications: 0-100, 100-300, 300-750. These strata play together. Stratification in Gold Rush is determined by the masterpoint average of a pair. Gold points are awarded for top finishers in the 300-750 stratification.

## **Choice Stratified Open Pairs**

These are session events open to all players. You choose which two sessions to play (morning/afternoon, morning/evening, afternoon/evening). The average masterpoints of a pair determine their stratum. The stratification is 0-1500, 1500-3000, and 3000+. Gold points are awarded in each stratification to section tops and those placing overall.

## **Bracketed Knock-Out Teams**

Four to six players team up to play 24 board matches. The director divides the teams into two or more groups based upon the average number of masterpoints of each team. The top bracket may be handicapped. Each bracket comprises a separate event with its own masterpoint awards. There is no interplay between brackets. This event is bracketed based upon attendance.

After each 24 board match, the losers are eliminated (knocked-out) from the competition. This continues until there is one winner declared in each bracket.

Masterpoint awards are calculated by a formula that includes the number of teams in a bracket and the average masterpoint holdings of the teams in the bracket.

The purpose of bracketing is to establish groups within which each team is competitive.

### **Single Session Swiss Teams**

This event awards red points only, since gold points are only awarded in events of two or more sessions. A series of matches are played, usually five to nine boards each. Once the first match is played, teams play against other teams with similar scores. This continues until all matches are played. Masterpoints are awarded after all matches have been played. Winning one or more matches will earn you some red points, perhaps only a fraction of a point. The top finishers receive the top masterpoint award.

### **Stratified Swiss Teams**

In this two session event, there are two separate flights: Flight A/X/Y, and Flight B/C/D. The top flight is divided as follows: A/X/Y:

Unlimited/3000/1500. Gold points are awarded to top finishers in the stratum. Teams in the top flight compete against each other, apart from those in Flight B/C/D.

The remaining teams play in a separate flight comprised of three strata: B/C/D 1000/750/300. Gold is awarded to the top finishers in B and C. Each flight competes as a separate event. The flight for which a team is eligible is determined by the masterpoint holding of the player with the most masterpoints. A team eligible for Flight B/C/D may opt to play in Flight A/X/Y.

### **District 15 KO Handicap Policy**

1. Teams with an average Masterpoint level of 5,000 per member, will receive no handicap.
2. The ACBL handicap scale shall be used when applicable.
3. All brackets will be handicapped if there is a 5-1 ratio between the average of the top and bottom team in the bracket.
4. In brackets that are handicapped and if both teams have an average MP holding of 5000 or more, the team with the lower point average will receive a handicap of 0.5 IMP's, thus eliminating the possibility of a tie.