



## Unit 390 Unit Game Policy

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### Background

A unit championship is defined as a game conducted by an ACBL Unit (as opposed to a game run by an ACBL club). Each unit may obtain sanctions to conduct up to 24 sessions of unit championships per year. A unit is permitted to delegate some or all of its allocated unit championships to individual clubs or groups of clubs. The unit would obtain the sanction, but the clubs would physically conduct the game.

Unit championships may be organized in a variety of formats:

- A unit may elect to hold a unit championship in one central location, as a unit activity. Unit 390 traditionally runs the Rookie-Master Team Game and the AGM Pairs Game in this manner.
- A unit may schedule a unit championship session to be played simultaneously in several different locations, with each game site scoring as a separate event. There is no unit-wide overall masterpoint award, but the entire game counts as only a single session of the unit's allocation. This is called a "split" unit championship.
- A unit may allocate specific sessions to specific clubs, distributing them in such a way that every club desiring to participate may sponsor or co-sponsor at least one unit championship event annually. Every precaution must be taken to insure that no one club is treated either more or less favourably than its competitors.
- A unit may use a unit championship sanction to conduct a unit-wide game. The game must be held simultaneously in three or more locations, each site with a minimum of five tables in play. The unit coordinates and supervises all preparation for the unit-wide event, including furnishing common computer-dealt hands. Section masterpoint awards are given at each site and unit-wide overall masterpoints are also awarded.

A unit championship game awards more masterpoints than a regular club game (63.6% sectional-rated). However the sanction fees paid to the ACBL are also higher (US\$2.25 per table compared to US\$1.00 for a regular club game).

### Unit Policy

1. The goal of conducting or delegating unit championship games is two-fold:
  - To allow Unit 390 to run unit-sponsored games to stimulate participation and encourage competitive and social interaction amongst unit members.
  - To allow sanctioned clubs within Unit 390 the opportunity to hold games which award extra masterpoints.

2. All sanctioned clubs within Unit 390 will be treated in a fair and equitable manner with respect to the distribution of unit championship events.
3. Any schedule that does not interfere with higher-rated events scheduled nearby is acceptable. Regional and sectional tournaments have priority for weekend dates.
4. Unit 390 will set aside no fewer than four unit championships to be used for unit activities.
5. Of the remaining allocated games, one unit championship per weekly session will be delegated to each sanctioned club within the unit. When clubs do not wish to hold unit championships, those sanctions will be made available to other clubs in an equitable manner.
6. Whenever possible, the unit will delegate unit championships as **split unit championships**. When a request to hold a unit championship is received from a club, all other clubs which run games at that time will be notified and asked if they would like to participate.
7. The on-line sanction application to hold a unit championship will be completed by the Tournament Chair or designate.

#### Procedures

1. A club may request permission to hold a unit championship by contacting the Tournament Chair at least 30 days in advance of the planned date of the event.
2. The Tournament Chair will contact all other clubs which run games at that time to determine whether or not they would like to participate.
3. The Tournament Chair or designate will submit the on-line application, listing multiple participating clubs as appropriate.
4. All participating clubs will be notified when the sanction request is approved.

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#### Resources:

ACBL Handbook, Chapter 5 (Special Unit Games)

ACBL Appendix G (Prices and Fees)

ACBL Special Games Chart 2019

ACBL Unit Game Coordinator's Handbook