

Combined District 5/District 6

Fall 2024 Online “Vichill” IMP League

Dates: Wednesday evenings with starting times for brackets staggered between 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm, beginning September 18, 2024, and ending December 18, 2024 according to the following schedule:

September 18, 25

October 9, 16, 23

November 6, 20

December 11, 18

(No matches scheduled during NABCs)

Teams can handle occasional schedule conflicts by playing their match on a different day by agreement with their opponent, or by using substitutes. Advance notice of rescheduled matches must be sent to the league chairman.

Teams: Four to Six Players per team. (Team members must play at least “half” of the matches to be eligible for overall awards. Some teams use different lineups for each half of a match so we round match participation counts down for everyone -- anyone playing 4.0 out of 9 matches qualifies for overall awards won by the team.)

Field: Open to anyone, not just active ACBL members (non-members don't receive ACBL Masterpoints). **There is no residency requirement.** Players do not have to reside in District 5 or District 6.

Round Robin or Swiss Format: Bracket makeup is determined by the Chairman depending on number of teams registering. In

brackets structured as a round-robin, teams are generally divided into brackets of 9-10 teams with each team playing every other team in the bracket once (9-team brackets have one bye). An occasional bracket may be structured as a partial round robin with more than 10 teams (For example, in a 12 team bracket each team would play 9 of the other 11 teams, randomly determined.)

In the top bracket, competition may be conducted as a Swiss Team event, generally with 12, 14, or 16 teams. However, our recent experience with Swiss formats has had problems with “playbacks”, and it’s unlikely the top bracket will be run as a Swiss event this time.

Brackets are based on a team’s Average Masterpoints, but can be adjusted based on decision of the League Chairman (captains preferring to move up or down should advise the Chairman).

Awards: Masterpoints for each match won, and Overall masterpoint awards (black points only) to top 4 teams in each bracket of at least 9 teams (5 places for a Swiss with 14+ teams). There are no cash prizes.

Entry Fee: \$180 per team, payable in advance. Send payments by regular mail, Zelle or paypal to Unit 125, c/o Susan Knirsch, 202 South Main St., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022. Email for Zelle or Paypal is knirschsusan66@gmail.com. (If paying by Paypal, specify purpose of payment as “Personal” NOT payment of a debt.) Only one payment per team, please (team captains should collect from their team members and send only one payment for the team to Sue.)

League Chairman: Stan Dub; **League Director:** Gary Sikon

FIRM Deadline for Entry: Monday, September 9, 2024.

Maximum Size of League is 80 teams, so register early to insure a spot.

To register, you should do the following: (a) Send an email to the League Chairman, stan.dub@gmail.com; and (b) send your payment to Sue Knirsch. **The email should specify** (i) name of the team's captain, (ii) name, email address, BBO ID, ACBL number (if any) and cellphone number for each member of the team, and (iii) approximate total number of masterpoints held by all team members. **A form for this purpose is included below. PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM EVEN IF YOU ARE RETURNING WITH THE SAME TEAM AS BEFORE. We have had recurring problems with mistaken information in our database and we need to clean up the data.**

Phone numbers and email addresses will NOT be published on the website and are only for use of the Director and Chairman when necessary in connection with the matches themselves.

BBO Configuration:

- Boards will be duplicated within each separate bracket
- Kibitzers are not allowed.
- Undos are allowed only in the bidding, and only if the player's partner has not yet responded with a pass or bid.
- Barometer Scoring turned OFF in top two brackets but turned ON in all other brackets.
- Games are set up by the Director.
- Matches are 24 boards with a short break in the middle. (In the bottom one or two brackets, matches will be play-through, with no break at the half, but players can take their own breaks as necessary.)

**Fall 2024 Online IMP League
Registration Form**
(Complete and send this form by email to
stan.dub@gmail.com
or type the information into an email.)

1. Team Captain's name _____

Email address _____

BBO ID _____ ACBL # _____

Cell # _____ ACBL points (roughly) _____

2. Next Player's name _____

Email address _____

BBO ID _____ ACBL # _____

Cell # _____ ACBL points _____

3. Next Player's name _____

Email address _____

BBO ID _____ ACBL # _____

Cell # _____ ACBL points _____

4. Next Player's name _____

Email
address _____

BBO ID _____ ACBL # _____

Cell # _____ ACBL points _____

5. Next Player's name _____

Email address _____

BBO ID _____ ACBL # _____

Cell # _____ ACBL points _____

6. Next Player's name _____

Email address _____

BBO ID _____ **ACBL #** _____

Cell # _____ **ACBL points** _____