
Introducing Local Sectionals

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New! Local Sectionals

ACBL has introduced **Local Sectionals**. These tournaments replace the previous “Downgraded” Sectionals. Local Sectionals award masterpoints at full Sectional rating; the points are 80% Silver and 20% Black. Local Sectionals may be run by a certified (see below) Club Director or Tournament Assistant. Each Local Sectional will have an ACBL Tournament Director assigned to it; this TD will not be at the playing site but will work with the local staff to answer questions and handle file processing.

Criteria

To qualify as a Local Sectional, a tournament must meet the following criteria:

- Anticipated attendance of no more than 25 tables per session
- No more than two sessions per day and six sessions in total
- No more than two different events per session
- Pair games must be single-session (two-session team games are permitted)

Application Process

Applications for Local Sectionals should be created and submitted through TourneyTRAX as with any other tournament; select tournament type “Downgraded”. Once the application is approved, ACBL may contact you with questions about your event schedule, anticipated attendance, etc. Please have these things worked out before submitting the application.

Note that any previously sanctioned Downgraded Sectionals will now be Local Sectionals. ACBL will contact you if changes to your staffing or schedule are required; in most cases you should be able to run as planned.

Staffing

ACBL is developing a process to certify Club Directors as qualified to run a Local Sectional. There will also be training and resource materials available at no cost. Until that process is in place (anticipated Spring 2023), only those who have passed the Tournament Assistant exam may run a Local Sectional. Information about the new process will be communicated when it becomes available.

Questions about Local Sectionals can be sent to tournaments@acbl.org.



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