

GNT (Grand National Teams)

How it Works

The GNT is an ACBL Wide “grass roots” competition that starts at the District level for Teams in 4 separate categories that will qualify to determine a National Champion in each of these categories, the Finals being held at the Summer Nationals each year:

Championship Flight.... Open to anyone

Flight A.... For team members who have < 5,000 MP's, each player

Flight B.... For team members who have <2,000 MP's, each player

Flight C.... For team members who are Non LM's with <500 MP's, each

(For the 2012 competition, eligibility for each Flight is based on the Master Point holding of players as of the ACBL August 6, 2011 listing).

Each of the 25 Districts in ACBL will send Teams from each of the 4 Flights to compete in the National Finals at the Summer Nationals.

In District 11 (Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia), the selection process for the winner in each Flight will be determined in a competition conducted at Miami Valley Bridge Center (Dayton) on January 28 & 29, 2012. Teams of 4, 5, or 6 members will face off against Teams in their own Flight to determine a winner in each Flight to represent the District at the NABC Summer Nationals in Philadelphia July 12, 2012.

District 11 subsidizes expenses for the District 11 winners for the National competition, \$500.00 to each team provided the home Unit matches the amount. MVBA, Unit 136 commits to matching this amount, so that any winning Team from our Unit is guaranteed \$1,000.00 for expenses to the GNT National Finals. (Over)

The Conditions of Contest for the District 11 Finals in Dayton are contained on page 8 of the 4th Quarter Midwest Monitor which has just been published. You should have received a copy over the September 23rd weekend. Team selection in each Flight will be determined by a knockout (KO) format after a preliminary Round Robin, or Swiss competition. The preliminary round will be held Saturday January 28, and the KO will be held Sunday January 29.

The winning Team in each Flight will advance to the National Final event in Philadelphia on July 12, 2012. A preliminary Swiss Team event for the 25 Teams in each Flight to qualify 16 Teams to play in a KO format to determine the winner (s) in three (3) matches.