

Unit 163 Sectional Swiss Teams Policy

Unit 163 Sectionals have traditionally held their Swiss Teams Event on the last day of their 3 day tournaments. Some cities have gone to two day sectionals, and their tournament chair may decide to eliminate the Swiss Teams, or to put it on the last day.

The Sectional Tournament Policy already states that the Last Day should start at 10:00 am, and that the entry fee is \$10 per person/session. As of March 1, 2018, the policy will state that unpaid ACBL members will be \$14 because a \$4 surcharge fee is now assessed. Every player must have an ACBL number. No ACBL number- no play.

The TD will use a 20 point Victory Point Scale.

There is a minimum requirement of 24 boards per event. In a double session Swiss, that equates to a 48 board minimum. The TD has the discretion on the number of boards for Novice sections when slow play occurs.

The Tournament Director should be given the Chair's and Coordinator's suggested movements for every expected table count. The coordinator will have available players ready to assist the TD getting the game started. The TD can make announcements while the assistants distribute boards or rearrange seating assignments.

Definition:

"Section" is used to denote a group of players grouped together, and playing with just each other. It can be based on strata (A/X, B/C/D) or with a smaller number of tables, there may only be one section in the event.

"Session" is used to describe the time slot, such as the AM Session or the PM Session. In Tournaments, the "sessions" can be "linked" – becoming a double session. If the sessions are not linked in an event, they become known as two single sessions.

- 1. The decision to run a flighted event is made at the time the tournament flier is submitted. Historically, the Tournament Chair and his or her**

Committee have decided upon the strata following the stated policy:
Swiss Team (except 8 is enough) events are stratified by average master points of entrants. No player with more than 300 (500) master points can participate in the 299er (499er) pairs. No player with more than 1500 (e.g., MP limit of B strata) master points may participate in Flight B Swiss Team event.

Most used Strata: Averaged (will vary based on numbers in your area)

Flight A/X Swiss Team (2500/Open) - some have 2000

Flight B Swiss Team (300/750/1500) - some have 1000

The decision to run a two flighted event is best made by looking at past tournament data on the Swiss team day. Several tournaments run only ONE section; others have opted for two sections: A/X and B/C/D. Here are last year's stats:

When the bottom flight is small, they should be asked whether they like a small event, or whether they would prefer to join the Open group. When the top flight is small, they are on their own.

2. The decision to run a single session vs. a double session event is made at the time the tournament flier is submitted. This is also based on past history. Talk to the Unit Tournament Coordinator.
3. The decision as to the movement chosen for the Swiss Teams Event is made at the tournament after the table configuration is known. The Tournament Chair and the Tournament Director are urged to follow the policy, and where advantageous, break the event into two sessions. When there are two sections, each section is run independently and the above criteria are important.

Unit 163 Policy Guide to Swiss Team Movements*

Summary of tables/best movements/ number of boards played

48 board minimum requirement**

3 tables	2 single sessions	RR	12 x 2 twice = 48 boards
4 tables	2 single sessions	RR	8 x 3 twice = 48 boards
5 tables	2 single sessions	Whist	6 x 4 twice = 48 boards
6 tables	2 single sessions	RR	5 x 5 twice = 50 boards
7 tables	2 single sessions	Whist	4 x 6 twice = 48 boards
8 tables	2 single sessions	Standard	6 x 4 twice = 48 boards
8 tables	2 single sessions	RR	7 x 7 = 49 boards
9 tables	double session	3 way Movement	6 x 2 four times = 48 boards
9 tables	double session	Standard Swiss	6 x 8 = 48 boards
10 tables	double session	Standard Swiss	6 x 4 twice = 48 boards

*The DIC confers with the Tournament Chair prior to the Event, and after the number of tables is determined. The Tournament Chair will base his or her decision upon the Unit 163 Policy for Swiss Team Movements. The DIC will then run the movement selected, or voicing his concern, chooses a different movement.

**Novice games may be altered at the TD discretion to accommodate slowness of play.