



Gold for Good: A Bridge Event for Charity

What is Gold for Good?

Gold for Good is an annual fundraising event for the [ACBL Charity Foundation](#). Individual players are eligible to win gold points based on their results in at least two pair games of 18 boards or more. This applies at the in-person club, online at a Virtual Club, ACBL's The Real Deal, or the ACBL Clubhouse, or even playing in a Sectional or Regional (similar to a Side Series at a tournament).

When is Gold for Good?

ACBL hosts this event every April during Charity Month. For 2026, the dates are April 20-25. Players may choose which days to compete during the series. Any human pair game whose results are listed in percentages, and that plays at least 18 boards, will count. (*Games played with robots as partners are ineligible.*) Note: at least one of these games must be played in a face-to-face club.

What is the registration fee?

Each participant will pay \$30 for event registration. (This is in addition to your club or tournament card fees.) 100% of this fee will be donated to the [Foundation](#) to support the good work they do. The 2026 player registration link is [here](#).

Who can play in the event?

Active ACBL members who have paid the registration fee will be counted. Only the

registered participant is required to be an active ACBL member — their partner can be anyone (ACBL member or not), and partner doesn't have to be registered for the event.

What is the deadline to register?

11:59 p.m. Eastern time, on Sunday before the series. This year, that date is 4/19/2026.

How does a Side Series operate?

Each six-day period acts like a Side Series run at a tournament. In these games, an individual competes in at least two pair games; you can play in as many games as you wish that week. We'll take your top two scores and compare them to everyone else who played at least twice that week. You are scored as an individual, so you do not have to play with the same partner each time.

What about my usual club games?

Gold for Good games "overlay" all pair games in any session. You compete in the usual games, whether at a club, or a Sectional or Regional, and your scores are automatically added to the Gold for Good formula. You will still receive your normal masterpoint® awards, as well as any other glitter points from special games. (You must still pay the regular entry fee for the game, as Gold for Good is a separate "race.")

Are only Open games eligible?

No. All human pair games that score in percentages will count, no matter the upper masterpoint limit of the game.

What type of games qualify?

Any pair game format whose final score is listed in a percentage will count. This includes any special game that might take place during the series – such as a STaC or ACBL-wide game. *Again, at least one game must be face-to-face.* Each game must have at least three tables to qualify; and games with under five tables have player results percentage capped at 70%.

What if I play more than one game during the day?

If you play at a face-to-face club and online in the same session, the performance at the F2F club is what will be counted. If you play more than one game per session in a F2F club, or more than one game per session online, the higher percentage will be counted.

How do we win gold masterpoints?

Results are grouped into four "pools," based on the strength of the field in which the two best scores were earned. The total award is based on the average of the two best scores earned during the week. 15-25% of the players who qualify with two sessions will earn gold points. In addition, there will be session awards each day, so you can win additional masterpoints for one good session – even if your two best sessions don't qualify for an overall award.

We expect these top awards by player/event category, (known as the "pools"):

- Spades (*highest field strength, averages >750 mps*): 100% gold – 20 masterpoints
- Hearts (*averages 500-750 mps*): 100% gold – 16 masterpoints
- Diamonds (*averages 200-500 mps*): 2/3 gold and 1/3 red – 12.8 masterpoints
- Clubs (*lowest field strength, averages 0-200 mps*): ½ gold and ½ red – 10.24 masterpoints

Are "pools" like ACBLscore stratifications ("strats")?

No. ACBL game stratification by masterpoint level is not comparable to pools. The four pools described above are defined by the average of the total amount of masterpoints held by all players in that game (which is defined as the "geomean"). The geomean is calculated for each session, and each of a player's two highest scores has a geomean. The average of those two geomeans determines in which pool the player is ranked.

Do participants play the same hands?

No. This is not an ACBL-wide special event, and hands will vary according to what the club is offering that day. The game rating doesn't matter so long as the results are listed in percentages.

How do clubs participate?

Clubs do not participate: players do. Calculations are based on games uploaded both to [Live for Clubs](#) and to [ACBL Live](#). Directors on any platform should take care to include each player's member number in the game file – in person or online. (*If there are in-person score corrections, clubs must please upload the corrected game file ASAP!*)

What if clubs in my area don't offer games each day?

Since players MUST play in at least one face-to-face game, you might encourage your club to add in-person games, and even supplement with online games, during the event.

Will there be a daily Leader Board?

Yes. At the time the contest runs, a link will be available. For 2026, the link is [here](#).

When will the final results be posted?

We anticipate posting final results by noon Eastern on the Sunday following the series. For 2026, that date is 4/26. A results email will automatically be sent to all registered players.

Will there be awards given to clubs where a registered player participates?

Yes! A total of 6 Upgraded Club Championships will be awarded. The top three clubs hosting the most participants and the top three clubs with the highest percentage of games held (with a registered player participating) receive the UCC. (Each club can only receive one Upgraded Club Championship.)

I'm in! How do I register?

The link for registration for the 2026 event is [here](#). If you have any questions, please direct them to [this email address](#).