

Grand National Teams

There is a significant change in the GNT program this year. Clubs may hold qualifying games. Here are the details from the conditions of contest.

All flight 'C' and flight 'B' teams must qualify at a club qualifying game or a unit qualifying game. Each bridge club may hold GNT Qualifying games between September and March for each sanction they hold. We suggest that the clubs hold one, two or three GNT qualifying games a year, either as separate B and C events or as B and C mixed events. Team members that qualify in either club or Unit qualifying games qualify as an individual, and are free to make new teams for the District finals as long as all team members have qualified at some club or unit qualifying game, in District 16, for the Flight in which they wish to play. A Flight "C" player who qualifies for the Flight "B" District Final may play in the District "C" flight final.

The unit may also hold two qualifying events, one for flight 'C' and one for flight 'B' teams, or it may hold a joint qualifying event for both flight 'C' and flight 'B' together. These would be in addition to the club qualifying games and might be used to subsidize the unit's district finals participants, or may be done if the unit clubs do not hold GNT qualifying games.

The qualifying games will qualify 60% of the field, or 60% of both fields if held jointly. You technically qualify as an individual rather than as a team, even though you are qualifying in a team event.

You do not have to qualify in your unit. You may qualify at any unit or club event in District 16.

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