

# PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL AT VALLEY FORGE CASINO RESORT

JUNE 27 – JULY 3, 2022



## WELCOME BULLETIN

Welcome to our new location at the Valley Forge Casino Resort. Meyer Kotkin and his Tournament committee are excited and pleased that you are here. We hope you have a rewarding, fun and enjoyable experience. If you have any questions or requests, do not hesitate to ask a member of the Tournament Committee – look for an “Ask Me” badge.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

District 4 and the Valley Forge Regional require all tournament attendees to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19. “Fully vaccinated” means that it has been at least two weeks since receiving the second Pfizer or Moderna shot, or since receiving a single-dose CDC-approved vaccine. ***There are absolutely no exceptions.***

Do not miss out - be prepared:

- Bring proof of vaccination, it is required for entrance to the playing site.
- Safety coordinators and/or their designees will be on site an hour before game time to check vaccination cards and I/Ds for each player before they enter the playing area. Once your fully vaccinated status is verified, you will be given a plastic wristband that you can use for the rest of the time you are at the tournament. This wristband must be worn each day and at all times when you are in the convention center.
- Bring masks to the tournament in the event the Community Transmission rate changes to “High.” Also, attendees will be required to wear a mask (no questions asked) if another player requests they be worn while at their table.

For more information, [review the ACBL Covid-19 Protocol here.](#)

## SCHEDULE FEATURES

This year's schedule includes many exciting features including two-day **Bracketed Swiss-KO** events that allow for brackets that are fairer and more comfortable and guarantee that all teams that enter the four-session event will play at least two sessions on the first day of the event – no more losing in the first session of a two-day, four-session Knockout. All teams that enter the event will pay the regular two-session team entry fee that will cover a guaranteed two sessions of Bracketed Round Robin or Swiss play. The Directors will bracket the teams, based on total masterpoints, as tightly and equitably as possible with the only restriction being that there must be at least five teams (instead of the usual minimum nine or more) in every bracket.

The **top bracket is open to all teams that voluntarily want to play** in the most difficult bracket of the event. Once the directors set up the fairest brackets possible based upon attendance, each bracket will play a two-session Round Robin (less than nine teams) or Swiss (ten or more teams) with each bracket qualifying the top four teams for the second day KO phase. The four KO qualifiers in each bracket will then pay another two-session team entry fee that will cover two sessions of play on the next day: semifinals, finals, and playoff for third/fourth for the losers of the semi-final matches.

These events will be an opportunity to win a significant number of Gold Points while playing in brackets that are fair and comfortable. The District 4 Conditions of Contest for this two-day four-session Swiss-KO are [here](#). There is a new Bracketed Swiss-KO starting each day except Thursday, Saturday (regular Bracketed Compact KO) and Sunday.

Additionally, there are single session 3-Strat 299er (I/N), two-session 3-Strat Gold Rush (less than 750 MP) and two session 2-Strat Mid-Flight (less than 3,000 MP) events every day so you can play at a comfortable level of competition if you do not exceed the masterpoint limits for the event you choose.

The famous, and eponymous, two-session Philly Dupli-Swiss (with pre-duplicated boards and hand records) runs on Thursday and Sunday. All Pairs events also have pre-duplicated boards and hand records. Five-session horizontal morning, afternoon and evening Fast Pairs side series runs Tuesday through Saturday.

It is harder than ever to forecast attendance so please understand that the Tournament Committee must reserve the right to alter event formats based upon attendance.

## ALL ABOUT ENTRIES

The cost per session per person is \$20 and includes all hospitality. Please note that each member of a five- or six-person team must pay the \$20 per person per session entry fee. ACBL policy requires that all players be ACBL members (except for the Free Relaxed Game on Monday at 2:00 PM).

Non-members can apply for a free temporary 120-day ACBL membership [here](#). You can extend the free temporary membership to a full year regular membership for \$29 for the first year. Full-time students always play free and the tournament rewards full time

math students with \$1 for each session played. There is a free game on Monday at 2:00 PM for players with 0 – 20 masterpoints that does not require ACBL membership.

The Philadelphia Regional at Valley Forge is a ***cashless tournament*** and only accepts credit and debit cards. Credit card charges will appear on statements as ACBL Tournament Entry.

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

The partnership desk will be open each day, starting one hour before game time of the morning and afternoon sessions. Please check in as early as possible to increase the chances of making pairings and to allow time for potential partners to discuss styles and systems.

You can also e-mail the Partnership Chair, Elaine Weintraub, in advance, at [D4partnershipdesk@gmail.com](mailto:D4partnershipdesk@gmail.com).

## **HOSPITALITY**

On Monday night, immediately after the evening session, we are adding another hospitality event, “Philly Cheesesteak Night.” You get to build your own cheesesteak (beef or chicken) by adding Peppers, Onions, Mushrooms, “Cheese Wiz”, American & Provolone Cheeses and Spicy Ketchup. In addition, we will have a “Cash Bar” where you can purchase your favorite libations.

The Tournament serves free continental breakfasts (bagels, Danish, muffins, donuts, coffee, and tea) on Tuesday to Sunday from 9:15AM to 10:00AM.

Additionally, the Tournament serves free buffet lunches on Tuesday through Sunday immediately following the morning session (or at the break after four rounds in the Dupli-Swisses on Thursday and Sunday). Lunch menus will vary and be posted in the Daily Bulletins.

The Tournament Committee invites all players to visit the “Sweet Hospitality Suite,” Tuesday to Saturday for drinks, light snacks, and desserts between 8:30 PM and 11:00 PM. The Hospitality Suite is in Room 1405 in the Stardust Tower.

## **BULLETIN PHOTOS**

If you have won any strata or overall event or became a Life Master, or achieved a new Life Master ranking, please stop at one of our desks and ask one of our volunteers to take your picture for the online bulletin. Make sure you have signed up for Fast Results (instructions below) so that you can see your smiling face in the morning.

## **GET YOUR DAILY BULLETIN**

The Valley Forge Regional uses Fast Results for our Daily Bulletin. Results will be sent to your device by the Common Game shortly after the end of the event.

To receive an email with a direct link to your personal results and your daily bulletin, send an email to [FastResultsHelpDesk@gmail.com](mailto:FastResultsHelpDesk@gmail.com) with your ACBL number in the subject line. There is no need to put anything in the message, just click and send.

## **INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER PROGRAM**

Intermediate and Newcomer players have great options at the Philadelphia Regional. The schedule kicks off with a free Monday lecture by Lisa Mita and a free, relaxed game for players with 0 – 20 masterpoints. Stratified 299er games and 3-Strat Gold Rush (0 – 750) events run every day. Every day, there is also a 2-Strat Golden Mid-Flight event for players with fewer than 3,000 masterpoints.

## **INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER LECTURE SERIES**

A daily, free lecture series is offered Tuesday to Friday at 9:00am

Tuesday, June 28	Ala Hamilton-Day	“Suit Preference Signals”
Wednesday, June 29	Joann Glasson	“When to Lead Trump”
Thursday, June 30	Dave Legrow	“Swiss Team Scoring & Strategy”
Friday, July 1	Carl Berenbaum	“Negative Doubles Make You Jump”

## **ZERO TOLERANCE**

The ACBL Zero Tolerance (ZT) Policy is in effect throughout the tournament. District 4 and the Tournament Committee of the Philadelphia Regional at Valley Forge expect all players and participants to behave in accordance with this policy at all times towards their partners, opponents, directors, caddies, tournament officials, and hotel staff. Players should call a director to handle any breaches of ZT, the rules, or code of ethics. Commendable behaviors under ZT include being a good host and guest at the table. Unacceptable behaviors include: rudeness, intimidation, profanity, threats, or violence; negative comments about the opponents’ bidding or play; gloating; constant, unwelcome, or gratuitous lessons or analysis; arguments with the directors; and ringing cell phones. Recorder forms are available from a director to send to the ACBL a record of unacceptable behavior. Lou Glasthal is the District 4 Recorder.  
[glasthal@comcast.net](mailto:glasthal@comcast.net)

## **SMOKING AND SCENTS POLICY**

Smoking is prohibited on the Convention Floor where the events are played including the Convention Floor bathrooms and corner areas. All smoking must be done **upstairs** where smokers may exit the Casino Resort or go to designated smoking areas inside the casino. Absolutely no one is to exit the Convention Floor through the Fire Doors. Doing so will result in immediate expulsion from the tournament. Additionally, Directors may assess penalties for lateness to any player who delays the start of a round or match due to a “smoke break.”

All District 4 Tournaments, including the Philadelphia Regional at Valley Forge, are fragrance free. Players must refrain from wearing any of the following: cologne, after shave lotion, perfume, perfumed hand lotion, fragranced hair products, and/or similar products when taking part in our tournaments. These fragrances can cause serious health issues for migraine sufferers and players with breathing-related problems.

## ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Except for health-related equipment or by permission of the Director-in-Charge, cell phones, pagers, or any similar communication equipment must be turned off and may not be used or operable on the Convention Floor during a session of play.

## WHO'S WHO

<b>Tournament Chair:</b> Meyer Kotkin	<a href="mailto:guymath@comcast.net">guymath@comcast.net</a>
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## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

### Monday, June 27

12:00: Free Lesson for O - 20 MP Players  
2:00: **0- 20 Relaxed Game** (NO ENTRY FEE- Limited to 20 MP)  
2:00 & 7:30: Mon - Tue Bracketed Swiss - KO with first-day Swiss/Round Robin qualifier  
2:00 & 7:30: **Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions - Limited to 299 MP)**  
2:00 & 7:30: **Gold Rush 3-Strat Pairs (2 sessions - Limited to 750 MP)**  
2:00 & 7:30: **Golden Mid-Flight B/C Pairs (2 sessions - Limited to 3000 MP)**  
2:00 & 7:30: A/X Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
2:00 & 7:30: Charity Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions)

### Tuesday, June 28

10:00 & 2:15: Tue - Wed Bracketed Swiss - KO with first-day Swiss/Round Robin qualifier

10:00 & 2:15: **Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions - Limited to 299 MP)**

10:00 & 2:15: **Gold Rush 3-Strat Pairs (2 sessions - Limited to 750 MP)**

10:00 & 2:15: **Golden Mid-Flight B/C Pairs (2 sessions - Limited to 3000 MP)**

10:00 & 2:15: A/X Open Pairs (2 sessions)

10:00: Morning Side Pairs Game Series (1 of 5)

2:15: Afternoon Side Pairs Game Series (1 of 5)

7:30: Evening Side Fast Pairs Game Series (1 of 5)

### Wednesday, June 29

10:00 & 2:15: Wed - Thu Bracketed Swiss - KO with first-day Swiss/Round Robin qualifier

10:00 & 2:15: **299er Pairs (single sessions - Limited to 299 MP)**

10:00 & 2:15: **Gold Rush 3-Strat Pairs (2 sessions - Limited to 750 MP)**

10:00 & 2:15: **Golden Mid-Flight B/C Pairs (2 sessions - Limited to 3000 MP)**

10:00 & 2:15: A/X Open Pairs (2 sessions)

10:00: Morning Side Pairs Game Series (2 of 5)

2:15: Afternoon Side Pairs Game Series (2 of 5)

7:30: Evening Side Fast Pairs Game Series (2 of 5)

### Thursday, June 30

10:00 & TBA: A/X Open Dupli-Swiss (duplicated boards with hand records; 2 sessions)

10:00 & 2:15: **Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions - Limited to 299 MP)**

10:00 & TBA: **Gold Rush 3-Strat Dupli-Swiss (2 sessions - Limited to 750 MP)**

10:00 & TBA: **Golden Mid-Flight B/C Dupli-Swiss (2 sessions - Limited to 3000 MP)**

10:00 & 2:15: Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)

10:00: Morning Side Pairs Game Series (3 of 5)

2:15: Afternoon Side Pairs Game Series (3 of 5)

7:30: Evening Side Fast Pairs Game Series (3 of 5)

### Friday, July 1

10:00 & 2:15: Fri - Sat Bracketed Swiss - KO with first-day Swiss/Round Robin qualifier

10:00 & 2:15: **Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions - Limited to 299 MP)**

10:00 & 2:15: **Gold Rush 3-Strat Pairs (2 sessions - Limited to 750 MP)**

10:00 & 2:15: **Golden Mid-Flight B/C Pairs (2 sessions - Limited to 3000 MP)**

10:00 & 2:15: A/X Open Pairs (2 sessions)

10:00: Morning Side Pairs Game Series (4 of 5)

2:15: Afternoon Side Pairs Game Series (4 of 5)

7:30: Evening Side Fast Pairs Game Series (4 of 5)

### Saturday, July 2

10:00 & 2:15: Bracketed Compact KO (2 sessions)

10:00 & 2:15: **Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions - Limited to 299 MP)**

10:00 & 2:15: **Gold Rush 3-Strat Pairs (2 sessions - Limited to 750 MP)**

10:00 & 2:15: **Golden Mid-Flight B/C Pairs (2 sessions - Limited to 3000 MP)**  
10:00 & 2:15: A/X Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
10:00: Morning Side Pairs Game Series (5 of 5)  
2:15: Stratified Swiss Teams (one session)  
2:15: Afternoon Side Pairs Game Series (5 of 5)  
7:30: Evening Side Fast Pairs Game Series (5 of 5)

### Sunday, July 3

10:00 & TBA: **Gold Rush 3-Strat Dupli-Swiss (2 sessions - Limited to 750 MP)**  
10:00 & TBA: **Golden Mid-Flight B/C Dupli-Swiss (2 sessions - Limited to 3000 MP)**  
10:00 & TBA: A/X Open Dupli-Swiss (duplicated boards with hand records; 2 sessions)

Event formats may be altered based upon attendance

Stratification determined **by average**

No individual may be above the maximum for an event

Open+ Chart conventions in top bracket of Bracketed Swiss - KOs with 2-session (Round Robin) Swiss Qualifier, Compact KOs, and A/X events

Top Bracket of Bracketed Swiss - KOs with 2-Session Swiss Qualifier and Compact KOs open to all

A/X Dupli-Swiss and top bracket Swiss qualifier of Bracketed Swiss - KOs will use the USBF Continuous Victory Point Scale

In this Bracketed KO format, all teams will play a Bracketed Round Robin or Swiss Teams for the two sessions on the first day. The top four teams will advance to the KO phase on the second day. This format will be used in all brackets. Directors will use their discretion to assign teams to the brackets to make them as fair as possible.

Stratification (subject to Director's discretion)

**299er Pairs:** 0 - 50; 50 - 150; 150 - 299

**Gold Rush 3-Strat Pairs/Swiss:** 0 - 100; 100 - 300; 300 - 750

**Golden Mid-Flight Pairs/Swiss:** 0 - 1500; 1500 - 3000

**A/X Pairs/Swiss:** 0 - 5000; 5000+

**Open Pairs/Swiss:** 0 - 750; 750 - 2500; 2500+

## RESTAURANT GUIDE

**\*\*Mark's favorites – call for advice (610) 564-8444**

### **CASUAL DINING**

**Angelo's Pizza** – \$; 216 W. Beidler Rd. King of Prussia (610) 265-4148

**Bahama Breeze** – multicultural; \$\$; 320 Goddard Blvd., King of Prussia (610) 491-9822

**Cafe Nordstrom** – \$\$; 190 N. Gulph Rd., King of Prussia, PA; (610) 265-6111

**\*\*California Pizza Kitchen** – Great pizza, entrees and salads with excellent gluten free choices: \$\$; 470 Mall Blvd., King of Prussia; (610) 337-1500

**Champps Sports Bar** – \$\$; 330 Goddard Blvd, King of Prussia; (610) 491-8001

**\*\*Cheesecake Factory** – \$\$; 234 Goddard Blvd, King of Prussia; (610) 337-2200



**Chili's Grill & Bar** – \$\$; 739 W. DeKalb Pike, King of Prussia; (610) 992-0899  
**China House** – \$; 216 W. Beidler Road, King of Prussia; (610) 337-8407  
**China King** – 104 W. Beidler Road, King of Prussia; (610) 265-4160  
**City Works** – sports bar and restaurant; \$\$; 220 Main St., King of Prussia; (484) 690-4150; <https://www.cityworksrestaurant.com/locations/kingofprussia-2/>  
**Corner Bakery Café** – Sandwiches/bakery; \$; 160 N. Gulph Rd., King of Prussia; (610) 337-0385  
**Famous George's Pizzeria** – 100 W. Beidler Rd., King of Prussia; (610) 337-7771  
 Delivers!  
**\*\*Founding Farmer's** – a little different with great food at moderate prices; \$\$; 255 Main Street, Suite 180, King of Prussia; (484) 808-4008; <https://www.wearefoundingfarmers.com/location/king-of-prussia>  
**Maggiano's Little Italy** – \$\$; 205 Mall Blvd, King of Prussia; (610) 992-3333  
**The Melting Pot** – \$\$; Fondue; 150 Allendale Road, King of Prussia; (610) 265-7195  
**Panera Bread** – 150 Allendale Rd., King of Prussia; (610) 265-1498  
**\*\*Peppers Italian Restaurant** – Good Italian; big portions; \$\$; 175 Town Center, King of Prussia; (610) 265-2416  
**\*\*Plaza Azteca** – Big Mexican restaurant with big portions; \$\$; 153 S. Gulph Rd., King of Prussia; (610) 265-1170  
**Pin Wei** – Chinese; 314C S. Henderson Rd., King of Prussia; (610) 768-5888  
**Red Lobster** – \$\$; 425 W. DeKalb Pike, King of Prussia (610) 337-9430  
**\*\*Seasons 52** – Really nice and classy interior, great and varied choices, moderately priced; \$\$; 160 N. Gulph Rd., King of Prussia; (610) 992-1152  
**Shake Shack** – \$\$; 350 Mall Blvd, Suite 3031, King of Prussia, PA; (484) 679-8335  
**Thai L'Elephant** – \$\$; 277 Schuylkill Rd., Rt. 23, Phoenixville, PA; (610) 935-8613  
**True Food** – good, healthy choices, lots of organic, vegan and vegetarian choices; \$\$; 239 Mall Blvd., King of Prussia, PA; (484-751-1954); <https://www.truefoodkitchen.com/locations/kingofprussia>

## FINE DINING

**Alessandro's Wood-Fired Italian and Bar** - \$\$\$; 133 N. Wayne Ave., Wayne, PA; (484) 580-6786; <https://alessandroswoodfired.com>  
**Capital Grille** – \$\$\$\$; 236 Mall Blvd., King of Prussia; (610) 265-1415; <https://tinyurl.com/2p8r8432>  
**Creed's Seafood & Steaks** – \$\$\$\$; 499 N. Gulph Road, King of Prussia; (610) 265-2550; <http://creedskop.com>  
**Eddie V's** – pricey gourmet seafood choices; \$\$\$\$; 670 DeKalb Pike, King of Prussia; (610) 337-7823; <https://tinyurl.com/3cb33x58>  
**Fogo de Chao Brazilian Steakhouse** - all-you-can-eat meat; \$\$\$\$; 155 Main Street, #160, King of Prussia; (484) 965-9655; <https://fogodechao.com/location/king-of-prussia>  
**J. Alexander's** – steaks and seafood; \$\$\$; 256 Mall Blvd, King of Prussia, (484) 322-2000; <http://www.jalexanders.com/>  
**Kimberton Inn** – \$\$\$; Kimberton Rd., Kimberton (610) 933-8148; <https://www.kimbertoninn.com>  
**\*\*Legal Sea Foods** – \$\$\$\$; 680 W. DeKalb Pike, King of Prussia; (610) 265-5566; <https://www.legalseafoods.com/locations/king-of-prussia-king-of-prussia-mall>  
**Morton's** – \$\$\$\$; 640 W. DeKalb Pike, King of Prussia; (610) 491-1900; <https://www.mortons.com/location/mortons-the-steakhouse-king-of-prussia-pa>



**Sullivan's Steakhouse** – \$\$\$\$; 700 W. DeKalb Pike, King of Prussia; (610) 878-9025;  
<https://www.sullivanssteakhouse.com/king-of-prussia>  
**The Goat's Beard** - \$\$; 103 N. Wayne Ave., Wayne, PA; (484-584-4879);  
<https://www.thegoatsbeardphilly.com/wayne-menu>

### BYOB

**At The Table** – Modern French; \$\$\$; 11 Louella Court, Wayne, PA; (610) 964-9700;  
<https://atthetablebyob.com>  
**Black Lab Bistro** – American Contemporary; \$\$\$; 248 Bridge St., Phoenixville; (610) 935-5988; <https://blacklabbistro.net>  
**Fellini Care** – Italian: \$\$\$; 870 W. Lancaster Ave. Bryn Mawr, PA; (610) 527-5200;  
<https://www.fellinicafebrynmaur.com>  
**Spring Mill Café** – Country French; \$\$\$; 164 Barren Hill Rd., Conshohocken (610) 828-2550; <https://www.springmill.com>  
**The Choice** – Modern European; \$\$\$\$; 845 Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA; (484) 383-3230; <https://thechoice-restaurant.com>  
**Zake's Café** – American Contemporary; \$\$; S. Bethlehem Pike, Fort Washington; (215) 654-7600; <https://www.zakescafe.com>

### FAST FOOD

**Burger King** – 568 W. DeKalb Pike, King of Prussia  
**Burger King** – King of Prussia Plaza, 160 N. Gulph Rd., King of Prussia  
**Chick-Fil-A** – King of Prussia Plaza, 160 N. Gulph Rd., King of Prussia  
**McDonald's** – 381 W. DeKalb Pike, King of Prussia  
**Pizza Hut** – 192 W. DeKalb Pike, King of Prussia  
**Starbucks** – 690 W. DeKalb Pike, King of Prussia  
**Wendy's** – 306 S. Henderson Road, King of Prussia

### Pricing Key (Average Dinner Entrée)

\$ ----- \$12 or less  
\$\$ ----- \$12-25  
\$\$\$ ----- \$25-35  
\$\$\$\$ ----- \$35 and up