

# 2024 FINGER LAKES REGIONAL

**AUGUST 5 – 10, 2024**

## WELCOME BULLETIN

Welcome to the Finger Lakes Regional at the Louis Wolk Jewish Community Center of Greater Rochester. Betty Youmans and her 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

Vaccinations are not required, nor are masks. Individuals may wear masks. If a masked pair asks you to wear a mask at their table, the unmasked players are encouraged, but not required to do so. The masked pair are expected to provide the masks.

## SCHEDULE FEATURES

Gold Rush Pairs and Bracketed Teams will be held each day. Monday and Friday will feature Open Pairs. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Mid-Flight and Top Flight Pairs are scheduled.

It is difficult to forecast attendance, so please understand that the Tournament Director-in-Charge must reserve the right to alter event formats based upon attendance.

Face-to-face events will be on Monday – Friday. An online event will be held on Saturday, August 10, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; play will be on BBO. There will be Gold Rush, Mid-Flight and Open Pairs scheduled. The online game will ONLY be available to members of District 4.

## ALL ABOUT ENTRIES

The cost per session for the Monday – Friday games is \$22 and includes all hospitality. Please note that each member of a five- or six-person team must pay the \$22 per person per session entry fee. ACBL policy requires that all players be ACBL members. Players with less than 20 masterpoints will have a free entry for their first game played. Full-time students also can play for free. The Saturday online event entry fees are \$15 per person per session.

Non-members can apply for a free 120-day ACBL membership. You can extend the free temporary membership to a full-year regular membership.

The Finger Lakes Regional is a ***cash-free*** tournament and only accepts credit and debit cards. Credit card charges will appear on statements as ACBL Tournament Entry.

### **PARTNERSHIPS**

The partnership table 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, Dan Boye, in advance at [skipbid2003@yahoo.com](mailto:skipbid2003@yahoo.com).

### **HOSPITALITY**

The Tournament provides free coffee ½ hour before the morning session and during lunch. Tea, lemonade or iced tea and water will be available throughout the day.

A free meal, featuring a variety of sandwiches, will be available daily.

Lunch menus will be posted in the Daily Bulletins. You may bring your own food into the Jewish Community Center, but please avoid pork or shellfish.

The Louis Wolk JCC has a café onsite. As the Monday free lunch won't be served until 3 p.m., individuals arriving Monday morning may purchase food or beverages at the café before game time.

### **DAILY BULLETIN AND PHOTOS**

If you have won any strata or overall event or become a Life Master, or achieve a new Life Master ranking, please stop at the information table to arrange for your picture to be taken for the online daily bulletin.

The Finger Lakes Regional uses Fast Results for our Daily Bulletin. Results will be emailed shortly after the end of the event.

If you haven't received Fast Results notifications in the past, 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 LECTURE SERIES**

These free lectures are held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday – Friday in the Yiddish Culture Room just outside the playing area in the JCC. Mary Miller, our Intermediate/Newcomer Coordinator, has invited a number of the District's best teachers and players to share their vast bridge knowledge. The guest lecturers include Joann Glasson, Dan Boye, Sally Hill and Mark

McDermott. The topics and speakers will be included in the daily bulletins. Additionally, Mary Miller will present a lesson aimed towards novice players at 1:15 on Thursday.

### **ZERO TOLERANCE**

The ACBL Zero Tolerance (ZT) Policy is in effect throughout the tournament. District 4 and the Tournament Committee of the Finger Lakes Regional expect all players and participants to behave in accordance with this policy at all times towards their partners, opponents, directors, caddies and tournament officials. 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 to report unacceptable behavior.

### **SMOKING AND SCENTS POLICY**

Smoking is prohibited anywhere on the grounds of the Louis Wolk JCC. We are fortunate to use this facility and must comply with their regulations.

All District 4 Tournaments, including the Finger Lakes Regional, are fragrance free. Players must refrain from wearing 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 tournament playing area during a session of play.

### **GUEST MEMBERSHIP AT THE JCC**

The JCC is offering a one-week guest membership for any players or family members who wish to use the extensive facilities available. These include a lap pool, family pool and gymnasium. Information about the guest pass and the facility is available at <https://jccrochester.org>.

### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

The Country Inn and Suites, which is seven minutes from the JCC, is offering a discounted rate. There are limited rooms. Call (585) 784-8400 and ask for the bridge rate.

There are several other hotels within a few miles.

## FUN THINGS TO DO IN THE EVENING

We will not be holding any evening bridge sessions. The Finger Lakes area is well known for being a top tourist destination in Upstate New York. Wineries abound. The minor league baseball team, the Red Wings, may have evening games. The Colonial Belle, a scenic boat ride on the historic Erie Canal has many evening cruises. Casinos are within a thirty-minute drive

## WHO'S WHO

The Tournament Committee looks forward to meeting you and having a wonderful week of bridge.

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