

The 2017 Frank Allison Double Knockout Tournament

Starting in May, the first matches of the **2017 Frank Allison Double Knockout Tournament** will be played in our unit, offering all of Long Island's bridge community an opportunity to participate in an exciting event.

Here are the highlights of how our **Double Knockouts** will work:

- Players will form their own teams of 4, 5 or 6 players – including one Captain and one Assistant Captain to be responsible for all scheduling and reporting. (More than 4 players is recommended.)
- Teams will be seeded in brackets, based on the average number of master points per team.
- There will be 3 “Flights”: A, B and C.
 - Anyone with more than 2,500 masterpoints, along with his/her teammates, will be eligible to enroll in Flight A only
 - Anyone with more than 1,000 masterpoints, along with his/her teammates, will be eligible to enroll in Flight A and/or Flight B
 - Anyone with fewer than 1,000 masterpoints, along with his/her teammates, will be eligible to enroll in all three Flights.
- The enrollment fee is \$40 per team for each Flight in which a team enrolls, payable by check to the NSBA. Enrollment forms will be made available at all bridge clubs.
- The Tournament Director will assign the teams to their respective brackets and will match up the teams for each round of the tournament.
- The Captains will be responsible for deciding when and where their matches will take place.
 - For each assigned match, the Captains must suggest three possible dates for playing the match.
 - Try to include one weeknight and one weekend whenever possible.
 - After agreeing on a date, the Captains must select a location for the match. Although the matches may be held in any mutually convenient location (in one's home, country club, or elsewhere), if the teams agree to play at a local bridge club, they must contact the bridge club in advance to make the necessary arrangements.
- Each team **will be required to play one match per month**, starting in May.
- A match consists of 24 boards – 12 boards for each of 2 rounds. IMP scoring will be used. In the event of a tie after 24 boards, four extra boards will be played to determine a winner.
- The winners of each match will be awarded black points. The winners of each flight will be awarded additional black points (and other prizes, to be determined).
- A team is eliminated from the event if it loses two matches in each of the Flights in which it had enrolled.

The complete [NSBA Double KO Conditions of Contest](#) can be found on the [libridge.com](#) website.

If you have any questions about the upcoming Double Knockouts, feel free to contact either of us at any time.

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Frank Allison Double Knockout Team Entry Form

- NOTES:** 1) Teams must comply with a "MUST PLAY BY DATE"
2) Teams will be required to play one match per month.
3) Submit entry by April 30.
4) Monthly results update on the LIBRIDGE webpage.

TEAM MEMBERS (up to six)

It is suggested you have more than four players to help arranging game dates.

Name (First, Last)

(Captain) 1) _____ Phone# _____

(Assistant Captain)

2) _____ Phone# _____

(Other team members)

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

6) _____

Please check ONE:

- _____ We want to play in Flight A (open to all players)
_____ We want to play in Flight B (no player may have more than 2,500 points)
_____ We want to play in Flight C (no player may have more than 1,000 points)
_____ We want to participate in more than one Flight (\$40 for each Flight)

Entry fee \$40 Make check out to the NSBA.

Send to: Joseph D. Byrnes or Phil Grella
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 Long Beach, NY Rockville Centre, NY
 11561 11570

TEAM CAPTAINS It is YOUR responsibility to read and to be familiar with the Conditions of Contest. They can be found on the NSBA website or at a local club. Lack of knowledge does not constitute cause for exemption.

Geographical considerations will be given for early matches.
Matches may be played ANYWHERE, including private homes.

**The Coordinator reserves the right to adjust masterpoint limits on all brackets.
Brackets "B" & "C" may be combined if not enough teams register in each bracket.**

The following bridge clubs (so far) will be available for matches during their regularly scheduled game times. Please contact the club and inform them you want to schedule a match. Regular club game fees will be collected at the clubs.

Sagamore Bridge Club Smithtown Bridge Studio Bridge Center of Long Island BRIDGEExpress