

GIVING BACK TO BRIDGE

Here's your chance to give back something really important to bridge in return for all the pleasure and challenge it has give to you.

This job is vital. By doing it you'll become a key member of the team of dedicated volunteers who work hard to keep our sectional tournaments on track and running smoothly for your ongoing enjoyment. These tournaments are situated around the state at convenient venues close to home. You can become one of those who have a say in the details of our tournaments and assure the success of the sectionals in our state.

A successful tournament includes many tasks which in the past have been handled by one person - the Tournament Manager - who provides oversight and coordination across all CBA sectionals. This role now needs to be filled. There are several ways this job and its components can be handled.

Review the list below and select how you can volunteer your time and what suits you best. You can:

- Volunteer to be the new overall Tournament Manager for CBA sectionals, i.e. coordinate all tasks across all sectionals.

OR

- Volunteer to be the Tournament Manager for a specific sectional, i.e. coordinate all of the tasks for a specific site (Hamden, Hartford, Greenwich).
- Volunteer for one or more tasks across all tournaments, e.g. handle Sunday lunches, procure the tables, etc for all the tournaments.
- Volunteer for one or more tasks at a specific sectional, e.g. get caddies, do pairing, etc.

What's the Job?

The Tournament Manager traditionally:

1. Obtains sanctions for the games from the ACBL.

Notifies the CBA Board of the tournament dates.

(Receive the Sectional schedule from the Unit Coordinator and, if possible, attend the Scheduling Committee meetings with other District 25 Unit representatives when sectional dates are selected. Meetings are held during the District 25 regional tournaments.)

2. Secures contracts for each site:

Negotiate the contracts with the facility managers for the five annual sectionals. Sign the contracts on behalf of the CBA.

3. Publicity:

Check that flyers for the tournaments have the correct info.

(The printing and in-state distribution of the flyers has a commitment and is handled by a CBA volunteer.)

Send flyer to ACBL, to the CBA webmaster and the Kibitzer editor for publication.

4. Site Coordinator:

Serves as the point of contact for any questions regarding the tournaments, i.e. follow-up for any questions from hospitality, directors, facility manager, etc.

- Obtain the keys for the site from the facility manager before the tournament and ensure they are returned at the end of the tournament.
5. **Obtains caddies:**
Find caddies for each tournament, i.e. ask players if children/teens in their families would like to caddy. Caddies receive nominal compensation.
Assign caddies for each game. The directors will manage their work during the tournament.
 6. **Pairing:**
Assign or serve as pairing person to help find partners for those who request partners.
Arrange for a stand-by player or pair to fill out the movements at each game.
 7. **Sunday lunches:**
Assign someone to collect money for the Sunday lunches between Swiss team rounds.
Coordinate with the restaurants to pick up the orders and deliver the lunches.
 8. **Trophies:**
Assure that trophies are at tournaments, purchase additional trophies as needed, ensure names are engraved as needed.
 9. **Procures tables:**
Contract for delivery of rental tables, currently for two of the game sites; Hamden provides tables.
Coordinate having the tables and chairs set up before games begin on Friday.

Who Can I Talk To?

To volunteer for any of these tasks or to become the Tournament Manager contact a CBA Board member or one of the following:

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By working together we will assure the future of the CBA sectionals and our enjoyment of these events. Please think about how you can help with any tasks – large or small – and become a member of the team. This is an opportunity to give back to the game we all relish and is such a significant part of our lives. Thank you for your help in giving back to bridge!