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Handicapped Open Team Games - on the fourth Thursday evening of the month

First game scheduled for Thursday, October 25.

Your team may be made up of any players you wish - no masterpoint restrictions. The game will be stratified based on average masterpoint holding of the team and will be handicapped.

Using ACBL Score in the club computer, the average number of masterpoints for each team is calculated. The program adds up the total masterpoints for each player on the team and divides it by 4. The program then assigns a handicap number to the teams in each match. The team with the lower average masterpoint total will be given some IMPs to add to their total at the end of the match. The greater the difference in the average masterpoint totals of the two teams in a match, the more IMPs that will be given to the team with the lower average masterpoint total.

PLEASE BE PATIENT IF IT TAKES THE DIRECTOR A FEW MINUTES TO GET THE GAME STARTED. THE DIRECTOR MUST ENTER ALL NAMES IN THE COMPUTER BEFORE ACBL SCORE PROGRAM CAN CALCULATE THE HANDICAPS FOR THE FIRST MATCH. THE DIRECTOR WILL TELL EACH TEAM CAPTAIN THE HANDICAP FOR THAT MATCH AT THE START OF THE MATCH.

Example A:

Team A has an average masterpoint total of 1244. Team B has an average masterpoint total of 1980. When Team A plays Team B, Team A will be given 1 IMP to add on to their score in a 6 board match.

Example B:

Team A - average masterpoint total 4530. Team B - average masterpoint total 1081. Team C - average masterpoint total 367.

When Team C plays Team B - Team C gets 2 IMPs to add to their score in a 6 board match.

When Team A plays Team B - Team B gets 3 IMPs to add to their score in a 6 board match.

When Team A plays Team C - Team C gets 5 IMPs to add to their score in a 6 board match.

So when Team C play Team B - if the actual score in their 6 board match was Team C 9 IMPs; Team B 10 IMPs - with the handicap the score becomes: Team C 11 IMPs and Team B 10 IMPs. Team C wins by 1 IMP instead of losing by 1 IMP if it were not handicapped.

Team A plays Team C: Actual Score: Team A: 14 IMPs Team C: 9 IMPs - with the handicap score becomes: A: 14 C: 14 - a tie match instead of a loss for team C.

We have decided to go with the handicaps assigned by ACBL Score instead of the previously emailed chart because this will give handicaps to matches between teams with more than 3000 masterpoints. The chart assigned no handicap to matches between teams with more than 3000 masterpoints. In the example above when Team A plays Team B - the chart would give neither team any additional IMPs.

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