

2008 Chicago Invitational Pairs

The rules of eligibility for the Chicago Invitational are:

- ♠ 1300 Masterpoints or more, or
- ♠ A high finish in a 2007 CCBA event, specifically:
 - ♣ 1st in an unlimited, one-session event at a CCBA sectional
 - ♣ 1-2 in a two-session, unlimited event at a CCBA sectional
 - ♣ 1st in Flight B or Strata B of a CCBA Sectional event if the top Masterpoint restriction is 1000 or higher
 - ♣ 1-2 in the top bracket of a CCBA sectional knockout
 - ♣ 1st in the second KO bracket at a CCBA sectional

 - ♦ 1-3 of the District Grand National Teams, Flight A
 - ♦ 1-2 of the District Grand National Teams, Flight B
 - ♦ 1-3 of the NAOP, Flight A
 - ♦ 1-2 of the District NAP, Flight B
 - ♦ 1st in the Unit NAP, Flight B

 - ♥ 1-3 in unlimited events at CCBA Regionals
 - ♥ 1-2 in Flight B or Strata B of a CCBA regional event (with top Masterpoint restriction at 1000 or higher)
 - ♥ 1-2 in senior events at CCBA regional – Strata A only
 - ♥ 1-2 in the top bracket of a CCBA regional knockout
 - ♥ 1-2 in the second KO bracket at a CCBA regional (1st only if it is the bottom bracket)
 - ♥ 1st in the third KO bracket at a CCBA regional if it is not the bottom bracket

Flight B Sectional and Flight C Regional events, when restricted to players of 500 or fewer Masterpoints, are ineligible. Future Master Pairs are ineligible. Side games at Regionals (such as Charity Pairs, BAM, Speedball Pairs or Midnight games) are ineligible. Continuous Pairs are considered an open Regional event and qualify the first 3 places OVERALL – be sure, when checking results, that you do not select the single session winners.

This formula, though obviously not perfect, rewards the players who are ready to compete in a top-flight event. In general, slightly more than half the field is from the Masterpoint qualification, and somewhat less than half is derived from placement in the overalls. **Only 11% of the CCBA membership receives an invitation;** about 25% of them participate.