

FAQ

Can I watch my child play during the tourney?

Because it can be so distracting to the participants, parents and siblings should refrain from being in the playing room. There is an area outside the playing room where you can wait comfortably. If you play yourself, you might watch any of the National experts who will be playing. Ask and we'll point them out for you. If you don't play yet, you might be interested in our Basic Bridge for Parents, a free class taught by Shawn Stringer. Details to follow.

Can I leave the hotel while my child is playing?

Yes, during the play; IF you leave a contact telephone number with the officials.

If I don't pre-register, can I still come to play?

Yes, but we must have a completed and signed Parental consent form. This form is obtainable from the web site under 'Register.'

What do I win?

Masterpoints, trophies and fame! There will be trophies for the winners of every session, warm-up games, side games and of course, the national events. The biggest trophy is reserved for the Sportsmanship award.

What about the Scholarships?

A \$1000 college scholarship will be awarded to the winner of the Sportsmanship Trophy and to each winner of the Baron Barclay Youth National Pair Event. \$4000 in college scholarships will be split between the winning team members of the Youth National Swiss Team Event.

Am I eligible for the Sportsmanship award?

Anyone playing in the tournament is eligible. Read the criteria on this web site. Nominations will be accepted through Friday July 31. On Saturday August 1, during the lunch break, the players and directors will vote from the top three nominations for the winner. Write-in votes will also be accepted on the ballot at that time. The winner will be announced at the Winners' Reception Saturday night

How many participants are expected?

We have commitments from 125 players who plan to participate. We expect more will let us know they are coming as the time approaches. Please pre-register so we can be prepared.

What transportation options are available for the Youth NABC?

Airlines:

Three airports serve Washington DC, Reagan National (DCA), Dulles (IAD) and Baltimore (BWI).

Reagan National is the closest to the playing site. You can take the Metro (subway) or a taxi cab from the airport to the playing site.

If you are coming from a long distance, Baltimore and Dulles often have less expensive flights but the time and the cost to reach the playing site will be greater.

Trains:

Rail transportation to Washington goes to Union Station. The Metro goes directly from Union Station to the playing site.

Local transportation:

It is strongly recommended to take the Metro to the playing site. The Marriott Wardman is on the red line at the Woodley Park station.

On street parking is available on weekends and evenings but is limited. On street parking is **not** available during the weekdays. Parking is available in the hotel garage with rates upwards of \$15.00 per day. Parking will be available at the UDC garage for \$10.00 per day. From the UDC garage, you will need to take the Metro to Woodley Park.

Do I have to have a partner?

No. The Partnership chair will be happy to match you with a partner. You can request a partner prior to the YOUTH NABC event by contacting Ellen Rosenthal at ellenandneal@gmail.com. This will provide you the opportunity to chat and possibly play online with your partner before the event. There will be a partnership desk at the Youth NABC.