

Kalamazoo Summer Sectional Tournament

June 13 - 14, 2026

Kalamazoo Bridge Club
648 Maple Hill Drive
Lower Level
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

\$15

Per session
(\$19 for unpaid
or lapsed ACBL
members)

\$7.50

Per session for
players under
300 MPs

Saturday/Sunday, June 13 and 14

Stratified Open Pairs/Teams*(single session).....10:00 am
Stratified Open Pairs/Teams*(single session).....3:00 pm

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Stratified 299er Pairs/Teams*(single session).....10:00 am
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A minimum of three teams required.

*Register as a Pair in advance by text or email to Emily Subers,
or in person 15 minutes before game time.
Teams will then be set up by the Director.

Players on their own for lunch both days.

Stratifications: Open Pairs A=2500+, B=750-2500, C=0-750
299er Pairs A=200-299, B=100-200, C=0-100
(Determined by average masterpoints)

Grassroots Fund: The Saturday games award extra silver points, at no extra cost, to help District 12 provide travel stipends to GNT/NAP qualifiers

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HYBRID PAIRS & TEAMS TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Tournament Structure

- Number of Players: Multiple teams of four players each (two partnerships per team).
- Rounds: Typically 6-10 rounds, depending on the number of entries.
- Scoring System: Matchpoints (MPs) for pairs + Board-a-Match (BAM) for teams.

Format Breakdown

Each team consists of two pairs (North-South & East-West), just like a standard team event, but with scoring elements from both pairs and BAM formats.

1. Pair Competition (MP Scoring)
 - Each pair plays a matchpoint pairs game against other pairs.
 - Standard duplicate pairs scoring is used for each board (matchpointed across the field).
2. Team Competition (BAM Scoring)
 - Each team's two pairs (NS & EW) play at different tables, facing different opponents.
 - Every board is scored using Board-a-Match (BAM):
 - If a team's NS+EW pairs win more matchpoints on a board than their opponent team's NS+EW, they score 1 BAM point.
 - If they score the same matchpoints as the other team, they get $\frac{1}{2}$ a BAM point.
 - If they lose, they get 0 BAM points.

Final Scoring & Winners

- Pairs Winner: The pair with the highest matchpoint score.
- Teams Winner: The team with the highest BAM score.
- Overall Winner (Optional): A combined ranking based on weighted matchpoint + BAM performance.

Why This Works

- It keeps the excitement of matchpoints for pairs while adding team strategy with BAM.
- Pairs compete for their own success while still contributing to their team.
- The BAM element balances the randomness of matchpoint scoring across multiple tables.