

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 Suzanne Cliffe. See "Classes" under "Just for Parents."

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 orderTopia 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 30. On Saturday, July 31, 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 are expecting approximately 150 players. Please pre-register so we can be prepared.

What transportation options are available for the Youth NABC?

Airlines:

The Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport is located in Kenner, just outside of the city. The airport recommends that all passengers arrive two hours prior to flight take off.

Trains:

There are three Amtrak Trains that pass through or terminate in New Orleans. You can check all of the schedules and fares online, or call (800) USA-RAIL. Amtrak also posts a variety of sales and discounts on its Web site, so you should check if there is a special before you call and make your reservation.

All trains and Greyhound buses arrive and depart from Union Passenger Terminal at 1001 Loyola Avenue, downtown.

Local transportation:

Airport Shuttles in New Orleans

The airport is located in Kenner, approximately 15 miles west of downtown. Shuttle buses, taxis, limos, and public transportation buses run from the downtown and French Quarter areas to the airport regularly.

Contact the Regional Transit Authority's RIDELINE at (504) 248-3900 for info on routes and schedules.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE

Airport Shuttle is the official ground transportation provider for the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport. This is a shared-ride van service to the city and costs \$30.00 per person round trip. Drop-offs and pick-ups to most downtown hotels from new orleans metropolitan area, as well as drop off and pick up to & from most Universities. Check with the desk personnel to see if your hotel is along their route. The shuttle runs every 10 minutes 'til the last flight of the night. For more information, call (504) 522-3500. Located on lower level across from bag claim areas 3, 6, and 12.

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 Eileen Bagnetto at bagnetto@cox.net. 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.