

Questions and Answers about the 2022 NVBA Spring Sectional

(Current as of May 7, 2022)



***We are celebrating the return of the first NVBA Sectional in 27 months—
we hope you will join us!***

We understand you may have lots of questions and hope this document helps answer them. If you don't see what you need to know here, please email Tournament Chair Margot Hennings at margot10bridge@cox.net and she will answer you and add her answer to this set of questions.

See you soon!

<p><i>What does BOGO mean for me? How does it work?</i></p>	<p>If you buy an entry on one day, you can play for free for one session on the next or any subsequent day. If you play a lot of sessions at the Sectional, you can play many of them for free. An example of how this would work is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Buy your entry at Beth El on Thursday night, May 12, and receive a BOGO good for one session on FRIDAY, SATURDAY, or SUNDAY• Use your Thursday BOGO on Friday afternoon, May 13, at Elks, then pay to play Friday evening, and receive a BOGO good on SATURDAY or SUNDAY• Use your Friday BOGO on Saturday morning, May 14, at Elks, then pay to play Saturday afternoon, and receive a BOGO good on SUNDAY• Look at you! You have paid for three entries and played for free three times over four days!
<p><i>Will paper free plays from the 2019 sectionals and before still be accepted at the upcoming Spring Sectional?</i></p>	<p>Yes, sectional free plays will be accepted at the \$14 sectional entry fee rate. However, unit game and club free plays will only be accepted at their face value and not at the higher Sectional entry fee amount—you will need to pay the difference using a credit card.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued</i></p>

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<p><i>Will there be food served during the sessions at Elks?</i></p>	<p>Candy and packaged snacks will be provided as part of our tournament hospitality during the sessions. There will be water available at no charge in the playing area.</p>
<p><i>Can I buy food and drink onsite at the Elks?</i></p>	<p>Boxed lunches will be available for purchase in the Main Hall before the Saturday morning and Sunday morning sessions. Cost is \$8, and includes a sandwich of your choice, chips, and cookies. <u><i>New (5/7/22):</i></u> <i>Several important changes are in place from how the Elks provided snack bar service to us in the pre-pandemic environment. These include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No food may be purchased at the bar area in the upstairs Main Hall.</i> • <i>All food purchases with the exception of the “box lunches” must be made at the downstairs bar inside the dining room. On Friday, food is available at this bar only from 1 until 5:30; on Saturday from 1 until 11; and on Sunday from 1 until 8.</i> • <i>The dining room is a “Members Only” area within the Elks facility—please respect this and after you place your order and make your food purchase at the bar, take it into the Fairfax or Arlington Room (both on the same level as the bar/dining room) or up to the Main Hall.</i>
<p><i>I am having trouble pre-registering to prove my vaccination status. Can I just bring my vax card and ID with me to the tournament venues and present them there?</i></p>	<p>Yes, if you are having trouble pre-registering, please just show up with your vax card and ID in hand! NVBA was hoping to have an online pre-registration system in place to facilitate entry into both Beth El and Elks, but the form apparently requires that you have a gmail account in order to register and some of us don't have one. No worries—as long as you can prove your vaccination status, you are more than welcome to attend the sectional!</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued</i></p>

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<p><i>New—5/57/22: If I have a VaxPass issued by Ohr Kodesh for play at the WBL Unit Game site, may I use that for entry into Elks?</i></p>	<p>The Ohr Kodesh Vax Pass requires that you be vaccinated and boosted OR submit proof of a medical exemption. NVBA is requiring proof of vaccination, but is not accepting medical exemptions as a substitute. Therefore, if your WBL/OK VaxPass is based on your vaccination and booster status, you may present that at Beth El or at Elks. If your VaxPass is based on a medical exemption, please do not plan to attend this sectional. Disciplinary procedures will apply if a player is found to be violating this request, and ACBL disciplinary procedures will apply.</p>
<p><i>I understand that this will be a “cashless” tournament. Should I bring any cash with me?</i></p>	<p>This will be the first time that NVBA will be using Square to enable a cashless entry and sandwich sale system. It would be a miracle if everything went off without any unexpected hiccups, so although we have programmed Square to accept the regular (\$14) and student (\$7) entry fees, there could be a technology glitch that makes paying with Square difficult. So please do bring enough cash with you to cover your entry fee and boxed lunch purchases...just in case! 😊</p>
<p><i>Should I bring a mask with me?</i></p>	<p>Yes! Although masks are not required for entry into either Beth El or Elks, NVBA policy for the sectional is that if you are asked by your partner or an opponent to wear a mask, please be courteous and do so. Discourteous refusals to “mask up” when asked will be subject to Zero Tolerance penalties. Repeated refusals will result in stronger disciplinary measures. If you forget your mask, there will be disposable masks available at the tournament.</p>