

Subject Matter of Motion	ROYAL STaCS
Issue Statement	The incentives for enhanced club championships and regular STaCs are not drawing players to in-person play at clubs as in the past. Players do find the ROYAL STaC attractive. We need to enhance club attendance, and to get people playing in-person bridge.
The motion:	We move that the ACBL allow 4-6 ROYAL STaCs per year per District. <i>(We recommend a range, and accept changes within this range deemed appropriate by the AC Chair and the Board of Directors).</i>
Material impacts	The opportunity to earn 4 pigments in one event is appealing to many players. Larger club games are the result. Playing in a large club game is what every club player wants. The additional table fees will help the ACBL. The small pigmented awards will mitigate concerns about impacting Sectionals and Regional. As we work to engage I/N players in tournaments, introducing them to their first Gold and Red Points encourages their interest in tournament play. There is no additional cost to the ACBL. Clubs pay higher sanction fees.
Reasons why the Advisory Council should adopt the motion	Running ROYAL STaCs at least once per quarter allows clubs to celebrate bridge in a unique and appealing way not matched by any other offering at clubs. Clubs need that extra demand and the extra tables that this offers.
Risk if the motion is not approved	Clubs will lose a big opportunity and the additional tables they would see. The current quota of 2 per year is insufficient.

Respectfully Submitted,
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