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QBA Regulations

All QBA regulations (below) apply to the conduct of club heats and zone final. Please note the relevant sections regarding Queensland residential requirements, format of club heats (reasonably lengthy, pre-dealt boards with hand records, playing director), substitutes, multiple entries (clubs and zones), progress to the zone (optional) and national (compulsory) finals.

Brisbane Zone

Stage 1: Club heats must be in a format conforming with these regulations, on dates set by the club **after approval from the Zone**. From these heats, 1 out of every 4 teams (or part thereof) qualify for the zone finals.

Stage 2: Club qualifiers receive free entry to the zone finals.

Stage 3: The top 3 teams from the zone final receive subsidised travel (for 4 people) and free entry to the national finals, 30 November – 3 December 2018 at – Tweed Ultima Resort, 20 Stuart Street, TWEED HEADS.

Conditions

Continuation from club elimination rounds to area finals is not compulsory, but teams must nominate either as a contending or non-contending team at the commencement of their club qualifying event.

The entry fee is based on the number of teams playing in the club qualifier irrespective of the number who actually proceed to the zone final.

A team may comprise 4 to 6 players, but only 4 will receive any available travel subsidy to the national final.

QBA tournament regulations apply. Red, blue and green systems and brown sticker conventions are permitted in the zone final.

The zone final will be an 8 match x 14 board Swiss movement with WBF VP scoring.

Club heats are awarded gold master points for each win and/or draw. Club standings are determined by VPs. Placing master points are not awarded at club level. Gold points are awarded at the zone final for wins, draws and top-third.

Gold points will be awarded at all stages of this competition and masterpointing and the cost of Gold Points at the Club level are the responsibility of each Club and must be endorsed by the State Masterpoint Secretary.

Each player in Brisbane Zone club heats must be a financial member of a Brisbane Zone club. Furthermore Brisbane Zone delegates to each club the right to restrict entry to club heats according to home club membership or club membership or some combination of members and non-members if it so wishes. Such restrictions must be clearly detailed on entry forms.

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The Director of club heats must provide a report on those heats, stating:

- a) the **full names** and **ABF numbers** of all members in every team,
- b) their win-draw-loss records,
- c) the movement used, the number of boards and matches played,
- d) the teams qualifying for the zone finals
- e) any players and/or teams declining a position in the zone final

The Director of club heats should send a copy of the report as well as the Gold Masterpoint file to the State Masterpoint Secretary.

The club shall also forward a copy of the Director's report, along with payment of \$200 per qualifying team, to the Brisbane Zone Secretary no later than one week prior to the start of the zone final. Julie Jeffries, 4 Pope Street, Tarragindi 4121– Ph: 38921954; Mobile: 0419724506; email: j.jeffries@bigpond.com

The Zone finals for 2018 will be held at Queensland Contract Bridge Club (QCBC) on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 October starting at 9.30 am each day.

The Director of the zone final must provide the Zone Secretary and the State Masterpoint Secretary with a report on the finals. This report should state the movement used, the win-draw-loss records of all participants, and the names and ABF numbers of all members of the teams qualifying for the national finals.

The Zone Secretary will inform the QBA of the zone qualifiers.

QBA REGULATIONS:

QUEENSLAND GNOT TRIALS

Queensland will qualify fifteen teams to the GNOT. For this purpose, the state will be divided into nine areas.

Area 1: Brisbane zone

Area 2: Gold Coast zone

Area 3: Sunshine Coast zone

Area 4: Capricorn zone

Area 5: North Queensland

Area 6: Darling Downs zone

Area 7: Wide Bay zone

Area 8: Whitsunday zone

Area 9: Far North Queensland

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Residential Qualifications Applicable to All Areas – Zones may have their own membership eligibility qualifications – MUST BE PUBLISHED ON ZONAL WEBSITE.

A bona fide Queensland resident who has been a financial member, for at least 6 months prior to the GNOT National Final, of a club affiliated with the QBA.

A non Queensland resident who is a financial member of a club affiliated with the QBA and whose bridge has been or will be played predominantly at clubs affiliated with the QBA for at least six months immediately prior to the National Final.

A new Queensland resident who is a financial member of a club affiliated with the QBA, and who satisfies an area's organiser(s) that changed employment, family or other commitments are such that it is likely that his bridge will be predominantly played at clubs affiliated with the QBA for at least 6 months after the National Final.

CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL AREAS

Each area is responsible for organising its qualifying event(s). Areas are required to conduct finals among participating clubs. Areas may require clubs to conduct elimination rounds.

The format should be a reasonably lengthy one, as befits a gold masterpoint event. Each area's format is to be approved by the Chairman, QBA Tournament Committee prior to its first use. Any changes made in later years must also be approved before use. Formats must be published on Zones Websites.

Continuation from club elimination rounds to area finals is not compulsory but teams must nominate either as a contending or non-contending team PRIOR TO the commencement of their club or area qualifying event.

All entrants in area finals MUST be prepared to travel to and play in the National Final.

- Areas holding a single event should cater for teams not wishing to travel to the National Final while making sure that only teams prepared to continue in the event are involved in area finals.
- Areas are required to have, as part of their approved format, an orderly process for determining qualification to area finals.
- Each area must use pre-dealt boards with hand records.
- Each area must publish playing conditions prior to commencement of event.
- A team may comprise 4 to 6 players.
- A player who has played zero boards for a team in which he entered may be dropped from the team at any time. It will be as though the player had never entered and the player may therefore play for another team in accordance with the conditions of augmentation and substitution.
- Prior to the Zone Finals, a team may augment without restriction however to a maximum of 6. Once play in an area's final has commenced, augmentation shall only be permitted with the director's approval for cause, and only by player(s) of equal or lesser ranking than the player(s) being replaced.

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- Further to the application above, a team that does not retain at least half of the players entered on day one of club elimination heats or area qualifying rounds as the case may be, shall be disqualified. Players so disqualified remain eligible to augment other teams and to play as substitutes.
- A player may play in more than one area and/or in more than one team within an area even if they overlap so long as they are not playing or substituting in two teams that are both contending for a place in the area finals.
- All players from a team that has accepted the right to represent one club may play in further heats, either as individuals, pairs or as a complete team, providing they announce prior to the start of subsequent heats that the team in which they are playing is not in contention to qualify for the area finals.
- There is to be no situation in which an individual, pair or team can qualify for area finals in two or more teams, or in two or more areas, and then pick and choose the one in which he, she or they will play.
- Should above be breached, then the individual, pair or team is deemed to remain the, or part of the, first qualified team and all subsequent teams are to be disqualified. There is to be no situation in which an individual, pair or team can back date, defer or change a decision not to represent a club.
- There may be situations where a team that initially failed to qualify is belatedly offered a place in area finals because of a withdrawal, and they wish to accept. The provisions of above shall not apply providing all team members playing in other heats at the time of the offer immediately announce their changed status.
- There may be situations following an application of above that individuals or pairs from the belatedly qualifying team are part of a different team or teams in another currently running heat. These individuals or pairs may be replaced with comparable players in the current heat without affecting augmentation allowances. This allows the remaining members, who are not in the newly qualified team, to remain in the competition and they are not disqualified.
- Once a player has qualified into a GNOT Team, that player CANNOT substitute in another contending team however a player may substitute in more than one area and in more than one team.
- Subject to the approval of the director, teams are permitted one substitute during club elimination rounds and one substitute during an area's finals. Similarly, where an area conducts a single event consisting of qualifying rounds and finals, one substitute per team is permitted during the qualifying rounds and one during the finals.
- Breaking of Ties:

Ties will be broken in the zone final of the GNOT in order to establish the correct number of teams qualifying for the National Final according to QBA Regulations Section D Teams
- The QBA Manager shall provide to each area details concerning subsidies available for travel to the National Final.

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- In accordance with the ABF Masterpoint Scheme, a playing director may be used for area qualifying rounds and area finals. A congress director is desired but not essential for area finals.
- Only in exceptional circumstances will a team qualifying for the National Final be permitted to change its membership. The prior consent of the Manager (in consultation with the Chairman, Tournament Committee) is required. In principle the teams that qualify shall be the teams that travel to the National Final.
- All zonal rules and regulations for all events must be published on the Zones Website.

FURTHER REGULATION BY AREAS

Areas may further regulate concerning matters such as residency, dual membership, home club membership. Further regulation must not be contrary to the QBA Regulations and is subject to the approval of the Chairman, QBA Tournament Committee. Any further regulations must be published on the Zones Website.