

QBA POLICIES AND PRACTICES – Years before the policy notes the year the policy was brought in or reviewed.
Changes in red.

Subsistence Allowance to ANC Players – not Youth - when ANC not held in Brisbane

2016 - \$100 per day to be paid to all players (bar youth) and captains for the duration of the teams and dinner dance. This allowance will be reduced if players leave early. Subsistence Allowance to be paid upon return of player or the last day of the event whichever comes first

Subsistence Allowance to ANC Players – Youth - when ANC not held in Brisbane

2016 - \$25 per day to be paid to all youth players and captains for the duration of the teams and dinner dance. Accommodation to be paid by QBA. This allowance will be reduced if people leave early. Subsistence Allowance to be paid upon return of player or the last day of the event whichever comes first

Subsistence Allowance to ANC Players – All fields when ANC is held in Brisbane – Subsistence allowance only applies if player lives over 50 kilometres away from venue

Subsistence Allowance to players playing in ABF Selection Trials

2016 - \$50.00 a day (maximum – 4 days) allowance awarded upon application to all Queenslanders involved in the Play Offs for National Representation events. To be eligible for allowance, Queenslanders must be able to play in State Selection Trials i.e. Residential Qualifications.

Zonal Subsidies

2016 - Northern/Whitsunday/Capricorn - \$5.00 per zonal member as per 30/6. **Wide Bay - \$4.00 per zonal member as per 30/6.** Darling Downs - \$3.00 per zonal member as per 30/6.

Attendance at Management, Tournament Committee Meetings or Appeal Meetings

2016 – Fuel allowance of \$30 per meeting to be paid upon application for those committee members living more than 80 kilometres from venue of meeting.

Trainee Directors

2016 Canberra – QBA to match ABF subsidy.

Within State – Reasonable Accommodation and Travel Allowance to be paid. \$100 a day director fees.

CPI to Officers of QBA to be paid annually

2016 - CPI in Brisbane as at Management Meeting in March to be automatically paid. The following positions incur CPI increases – Manager, Bulletin Editor, Webmasters x 2, Director Accreditation, Masterpoint Secretary, Tournament Chairman, Qld Teaching Co-ordinator, Marketing Officer

QBA Representatives at State Events

2016 – There **should** be a QBA Management Representative at each state event – Tournament Chairman and Manager to appoint after entries have been received. **QBA Novice Pairs/Mixed Teams/Senior Teams/Senior Pairs an exception where the Manager is to appoint a representative if no Management Personnel playing in event.**

Youth Congress fees

2016 – Strongly recommend to clubs to charge 50% entry fees to all youth under 25. QBA State events to charge 50%.

State Titles

2016 – Only residents of Queensland can win State Titles. Residential definition can be found in QBA Regulations.

Zonal Participants in QBA Selection Trials

2016 – If QBA Selection Trials are run over 2 or more weekends, participants living over 500 kilometres from Brisbane are eligible upon application for a travel subsidy of \$400.

Invitations to ANC Teams to Official Functions

2016 – Captains to receive invitations first, then First place getters then Second place getters then Third.

Payment of Directors when QBA Events are cancelled due to lack of numbers.

2016 - \$100 a day to be paid in lieu of salary.

Bulletin

2016 – (1) New advertisements will be accepted on a first come first served basis (2) Advertisements which are repeats will be subject to deletion without notice. (3) Holiday advertisements who do not state who will be conducting the bridge content of the holiday will not be accepted (4) Advertisements that require correction or are corrupt or not compatible with the Editors system may be subject to rejection. (5) Advertisers who have a history of late payment may have their advertisements rejected after consultation with the Manager of the QBA. 6. If your advertised holiday does not take place, or is cancelled due to unforeseen reasons, we reserve the right to reject advertisements in the future. We are happy to inform the Newsletter readers free of charge to the advertiser if the holiday does not take place; ignoring the issue, however places the Newsletter in a bad light, so we expect advertisers to let us know if plans change so the Newsletter can in turn inform its readers. 7. In deciding between advertisements when the quota becomes near full, preference will be give first to advertisements approved by the QBA. Professionally constructed advertisements will often be preferred to home grown or amateurish productions.

Cruise and Holiday Bridge

2016 - Bridge Cruises and Holidays departing from within Queensland

1. After 5 tables, Congress Levies apply \$1.10 per table per session e.g. 6 tables will only be charged for 1.
2. Abide by QBA Regulations at the discretion of the Director
3. Where red masterpoints are required for up to 3 events, the Convenor shall abide by Section 5.1.2 of the ABF Masterpoint Regulations
4. Standard of Congress Director waived except where red masterpoints are to be awarded.
5. Can go on QBA Calendar as long as proper procedures followed with application.
6. Can go on Website at a fee to be decided – similar to Bulletin charges
7. Approval must be obtained from the QBA Manager before advertising in the QBA Bulletin8. Approval must be obtained before advertising.
8. QBA will invoice Director of the event for Congress Levies and Masterpoints when advised by State Masterpoint Secretary

Congress Calendar

2016 - Due to the large number of congresses each year, clashing of events on the QBA Queensland Calendar cannot be avoided; however the clashing of events within a zone will not be approved except under special circumstances. QBA State events have priority on the choice of weekend, then Congress events, and finally zonal events. Neighbouring zones will be allowed to conduct events on the same weekend.

Obituaries on Website

2016 – General Policy not to publish in Bulletin. Any received will be published on Website.

ABF Delegate Positions

2016 – if desired the President to have one of the positions. It is desired that the second position be held by a current Management Committee personnel.

Team Jacket/Shirt

2016 – if the same Team Jacket is offered from the year before, added embroidery only.

State Title Holders/Winners of same event

2016 – If winner of State Title does not have residential qualifications, both winner and Title Holder to be noted on website.

Council Meetings

2016 – reduced to four per year. Management Meetings to remain at 6 per year.

Team Members returning early from ANC

2016 – Under no circumstance can a captain allow a player to go home early from the ANC. All players are expected to stay for the full event. For special dispensation the player can ask via their captain to apply to the QBA Manager. If the QBA Manager believes there are good grounds, then application to the Management Committee can take place.

QBA Representative at the ANC

2016 – a player or captain attending the ANC to be appointed the QBA Official Officer – this officer to be kept informed of all relevant matters