

QUEENSLAND SELECTION GUIDELINES TO THE ASIA PACIFIC BRIDGE FEDERATION CONGRESS 2020 15-22 APRIL 2020 – PERTH



Introduction

The Bridge Association of Western Australia will be hosting the Asia Pacific Bridge Federation Congress on behalf of the Australian Bridge Federation in Perth from 15th to 22nd April 2020. The ABPF (Zone 6) is part of the World Bridge Federation and comprises 12 member countries. New Zealand and Australia (Zone 7) have been invited to participate in this event for many years. This is the 53rd Congress and, whilst there will be teams and pairs entered as representatives of their respective countries and states, it is also possible for others to play as well.

The QBA will be sponsoring two 4-person teams to the APBF Congress

Selection

- Teams will be selected according to overall standings of the 15 Queensland teams competing at the 2019 Grand National Open Teams at Tweed Heads (November 29 – December 2).
- Prior to the start of the GNOT Finals all teams will be asked to indicate their interest and availability of at least four of their team members for the APBF Congress should they qualify.
- The two Queensland teams placed highest in the GNOT Finals will be offered subsidies to the ABPF Congress, except that, at least one of the teams must be from a zone other than Brisbane. Two non-Brisbane teams being eligible is a valid possibility.
- Players who actually compete at Tweed Heads will be eligible team members for selection and subsidy
 - Four of those GNOT finals players must be prepared to go to Perth otherwise their team will be ineligible for subsidy, but
 - Those four may augment to 5 or 6 person teams with any people they choose (see below for subsidy restrictions in such cases)
- If a team which is offered a place subsequently declines, the place will be offered to the next ranked team that satisfies these conditions.
- Non-playing captains will not be subsidised.

Subsidy

- The total dollar value of the QBA subsidy will be for two teams-of-four.
- This will comprise:
 - Entry fees to Teams and Pairs Championships
 - Airline tickets (purchased by the QBA*)
 - Daily subsistence allowance of \$100 per player
 - Tickets to selected Congress functions if applicable
- Should a selected team of 5 or 6 wish to enter, this will be permitted on the understanding that the total amount received will be that for a 4-person team.

*The QBA can usually source airline tickets at the cheapest possible rates and are then, as a non-profit organisation, reimbursed 10% GST. Players who prefer to book themselves may each choose to receive the equivalent of the best possible price of a return ticket purchased by the QBA less the GST amount (approximately \$150 as at January 2019).
