

# DIRECTORS FOR CONGRESS EVENTS

The Director must be accredited by the QBA as a congress director. **The Director and Assistant Directors may not play in the event.**

For events up to 30 tables, one director is considered adequate.

For events of more than 30 tables, two directors are required. The second director need not be congress qualified but should be at least an experienced QBA Accredited Club Director prepared and capable of handling simple calls and/or computer scoring.

For more than 60 tables, three directors are required. The second director must be a QBA Accredited congress Director and the third director should be at least an experienced QBA Accredited club Director prepared and capable of handling simple calls and/or computer scoring.

Accredited directors from other states are not automatically entitled to Queensland accreditation and not automatically entitled to direct congresses in Queensland.

## CONDUCT OF TOURNAMENT

### 1. PRE-CONGRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congress directors are required to include the following in their preliminary announcements. This requirement is not just bureaucratic red tape, but is aimed to ensure that all approved events are conducted in accordance with QBA requirements, and that players become aware of them.

- (a) Each player must have an approved system card (identical to partners) on the table. The only approved system card is the ABF card. Players should have their cards labelled with the appropriate coloured sticker. It is the players responsibility to ensure that their system classification is correct for the event they are playing in or penalties may be applied.
- (b) All psychic calls must be reported (by the psycher or the partner of the psycher) to the Director, regardless of the outcome of the psyche. This is a QBA regulation, and failure to report a psyche is an infraction of regulation, and subject to penalty.
- (c) In accordance with the principle of active ethics, players must pre-alert their opponents, before the start of play, to any unusual agreements on self-alerting calls, particularly those calls which opponents may assume have a more standard meaning. The declaring side should offer a full explanation of their auction before the opening lead is made.
- (d) Membership of the Appeals Committee should be announced. (Remember that members of the QBA Appeals Committee, as far as possible, should be used.)
- (e) Expiry time for appeals, unless the standard 30 minutes after the posting of scores is to apply.
- (f) Permitted systems.
- (g) Format of the event, requirements for qualification into the finals, tie-breaking procedures (the QBA regulations to apply unless otherwise specified).
- (h) QBA Regulations apply.

2. Scores and recap sheets must be made available for the inspection of players at all times, consistent with the smooth running and integrity of the event. Results published before players have had the opportunity to check the scores must be announced as provisional. In particular, final presentation of prizes must not be made without the players having the opportunity to check scores. Final scores when posted should be annotated with the time of posting to establish the time limit for the appeal period. Appeal period may be set to less than 30 minutes (e.g. 15 minutes) if this is required by the schedule, provided players have some time to check scores.

3. Written bidding will be used.

4. The general format of the event must conform to that advertised. In exceptional and unforeseen circumstances, the format may be changed with the consent of the Chairman, Tournament Committee.

# QBA TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR ACCREDITATION SCHEME

The QBA will conduct teaching courses and annual examinations for director accreditation. Standards of knowledge required are listed below, together with other requirements.

## CLUB DIRECTOR

1. Good understanding of the commonly used laws and ability to interpret the less common laws.
2. Knowledge of standard Mitchell movements, odd and even, twinned, appendix and rover. Knowledge of Howells and three quarter Howells; able to cope with adding late pairs / tables to a movement.
3. Knowledge of American whist movements and a movement for an even number of teams; round robin teams movements.
4. Understanding of matchpointing including adjusted scores; understanding of the principles of factoring.

## CLUB DIRECTOR LEVEL 1

1. Must have had extensive experience in directing at the club level, including events with more than one section, and events of more than one session.
2. Must have qualified as a club director through the QBA Accreditation procedure.
3. Appointment will initially be by application by the club committee to the QBA Tournament Committee.
4. Level 1 directors may be permitted to direct small country congresses with small numbers of tables in isolated areas, where accredited congress directors are not available. Permission will be given on a case by case basis by particular application to the Tournament Committee.

## CONGRESS DIRECTOR

1. Thorough understanding of all the laws, with particular reference to the more 'difficult' areas such as misinformation and misunderstanding, alerting regulations. The standard required will be higher than that for club directors.
2. Must show the ability to organise a large pairs or teams movement; be able to run a barometer pairs movement and a round robin or swiss teams movement; understanding of across the field scoring.
3. Must be able to advise congress convenors on all tournament matters, such as tie breaking, promulgating of regulations, establishment of appeals committees, permitted systems, announcements before the event etc.
4. Must have a clear understanding of the roles of the Director and the Appeals Committee.
5. Must be familiar with the QBA general, systems and alerting regulations.
6. Must show expertise in breaking of ties, scoring of fouled boards, arrowswitched boards, unplayed boards, adjusted and split scores.
7. Must have an understanding of the Masterpoint Scheme and know the requirements for reporting results for masterpoint purposes. Must be aware that it is the Director's responsibility to ensure that the results are reported to the State Masterpoint Secretary.
8. Must have passed the QBA Congress director Accreditation Exam. Candidates for this exam must have had at least 12 months directing experience as accredited QBA Club Directors or demonstrate comparable accreditation and experience from other states.
9. Must undertake to observe any QBA requirements in relation to ongoing registration as a congress director. The QBA may require some evidence of ongoing self-education. Membership of the Australian Bridge Directors' Association is recommended though not compulsory.

# PROCEDURE AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCREDITATION AS STATE DIRECTOR

## PROCEDURE

Nominations will be made in the first instance to the Tournament Committee through the Chairman, Tournament Committee.

The Tournament Committee will consider the application in the light of the requirements stated below. If necessary it may require the applicant to attend for interview. If the committee refuses to approve the application, it would normally advise the applicant of its reasons, but is not required to do so. Any applicant whose application is not approved shall have the right to appeal to the full Council.

A decision by the Committee to approve the application will be passed on to Council for approval.

## REQUIREMENTS

1. The applicant shall have been a registered and active congress director for a minimum of 2 years, and should have had extensive experience in directing congress events - a minimum of 25 red masterpoint congress events of at least two sessions, or equivalent large multi-section club events.
2. The applicant should have had experience in directing at the Gold Coast Congress, Canberra Festival or the northern Gold Point Congress (Mackay, Townsville or Cairns) and have received a favourable report from the Chief Director of that event.

A Trainee State Director wanting to gain experience at one of the above events must apply to the appropriate Congress Committee for employment at that event with a mutually agreed salary and accommodation contract to be determined between the two parties. Application for additional subsidy may be made to the Chairman of the QBA Tournament Committee who will liaise with the QBA Management Committee.

In addition, the applicant should have demonstrated the following:

1. An extensive knowledge of the 2007 Laws of Bridge and the regulations of the QBA .
2. Experience in conducting events with large numbers of tables; familiarity with a range of movements and the ability to cope with last minute changes. Experience in organising and scoring Swiss Teams and Butler Pairs.
3. A dedication to accuracy in scoring.
4. Sufficient knowledge of the Masterpoint Scheme to know the requirements for reporting tournament results.
5. Familiarity with at least one method of computer scoring.
6. To retain status as a state director, he/she must direct at least two congress or higher events per year. The Management may relax this requirement for cause e.g. illness, absence from the state etc.
7. The Tournament Committee may recommend State Accreditation for suitable experienced directors from other states.