

## **GOLD COAST ZONE GNOT REGULATIONS**

### **QBA REGULATIONS**

All QBA regulations 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.

Please note that players wishing to take part in any Zone events at the Gold Coast need to be financial members of a bridge club in the Gold Coast Zone for a minimum of six months prior to entering the event.

### **GOLD COAST ZONE**

Stage 1 : Club heats must be in a format conforming to these regulations, on dates set by the clubs. Two teams from every heat shall qualify for the zone finals.

Stage 2 : Club qualifiers receive free entry to the zone final. Any such team(s) may be replaced by the next qualifying team(s) from the club concerned.

Stage 3 : The top three teams from the zone final may receive subsidized travel for each team member and free entry to the national final.

### **CONDITIONS**

Teams enter club level heats on the basis that contesting the zone final is optional if they qualify. However, the entry fee is per qualifying teams 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. Substitutes will be allowed as per the QBA regulations.

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

The zone final will be a 7 x 8 board Round Robin movement in the event of 8 teams competing or a Swiss movement of 5 x 11 boards in the event of 10 teams competing.

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 masterpoints are awarded at the zone final for wins, draws and top third.

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, and
- e. Any players and/or teams declining a position in the zone final.

The Director shall forward the results of the heats to the Zone Secretary no later than one week prior to the zone final.

The Zone Secretary shall forward a copy of the Director's to the State Masterpoint Secretary. Gold master points may not be processed until the appropriate fees are received by the Zone Secretary.

The Director of the zone final shall 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 shall inform the QBA of the zone qualifiers.

## **QBA ZONES -GOLD COAST**

### **APPROVED EVENT FORMATS**

The formats for Zone GNOT heats and any other zone event where subsidised travel is provided to winners must be approved by the QBA.

The formats will be recorded here once approved, and any deviation must be approved before being adopted.

### **GNOT HEATS**

The Gold Coast Zone GNOT will be conducted in four or five heats using a Swiss movement or a Round Robin depending on the numbers of entries.

The top two placed teams in each heat will compete in a Round Robin play off (8 teams) or a Swiss movement (10 teams) in the zone final.