

Sunshine Coast Zone GNOT Regulations

Amendment history

- 4 November 2016 – bank account and mailing address change
 - 15 October 2011 – changed to allowable formats for GNOT heats
 - 10 February 2019 – changed to reflect altered levy arrangement for semi-final
 - 10 July 2019 – removal of separate contender / non-contender round robin fields from allowing event formats.
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Application

All QBA regulations apply to the conduct of Club heats and the Zone Semi-final and Zone Final, except where specifically countered below.

Eligibility

Any player who is a member of any of the Sunshine Coast Zone clubs may play in the GNOT event. It is not necessary to be a home club member of a Zone club.

Monies

1. Zone revenue comes from the semi-final and final. See the table below for the current fees. Clubs may run their Heats (i.e. Stage 1) on whatever table fee payment basis they wish, though they should structure the entry fees in the knowledge that there will be a club levy for each team that progresses to the semi-final. The Zone will provide refreshments at the completion of the semi-final and final.
2. All costs of running the Stage 1 sessions are to be met by the clubs.
3. The Zone will provide a subsidy of \$200 per team to defray the accommodation costs at the national finals. This is paid directly to the team.
4. The Zone will pay the entry fee of the teams qualifying for the national final.
5. No prize money is paid at any stage.
6. payment of semi-final and final club levies can be paid to the director on the day or can be paid by cheque to "Sunshine Coast Zone of QBA" and mailed to Rozanne Thomas, Zone Secretary, c/o PO Box 40 Noosaville 4566, or by direct credit to the Zone's bank account Bendigo Bank Tewantin BSB 633 000 157789710. Please state your club name in the reference.

Structure

1. The qualifiers for the national final are determined in three stages:
 - **1st Stage – Club Rounds.**

- It is the Club's responsibility to engage a suitable director. Directors can be playing or non-playing.
- Clubs conduct their own event over 2, 3 or 4 sessions. See below regarding the allowable formats for club heats. The length of each match is determined by the host club.
- One-third or part thereof all entrants will proceed to the 2nd stage. Teams are not obliged to take their place in the 2nd stage. In such a case, the next qualifier will be invited to take their place. Should the club be unable to find sufficient teams to advance, a lesser number of teams may be submitted.
- Where no team consisting of four players being home members of the host club qualifies for the 2nd Stage using the above formula, an additional team being the highest placed host club team consisting of 4 home club members will be invited to move through to the 2nd Stage.
- The Zone may invite a further team to the 2nd Stage in the event of there being an odd number of teams. This shall be offered to the club with the lowest ratio of Stage 1 players vs Stage 2 qualifiers. This additional team shall have the same rights as other teams in the event.

• **2nd Stage – Zone semi-final.** This is conducted in a Swiss format over two sessions. It is identical to a classic one day teams' congress. The top 10 qualifiers will proceed to the 3rd stage. Teams are not obliged to take their place in the 3rd stage. In such a case, the next qualifier will be invited to take their place. Should there be less than 10 teams available to advance to Stage 3, then Stage 3 will be run with all available teams.

• **3rd Stage – Zone Grand Final.** This is a round robin format consisting of 9 matches over 4 sessions (2 days). The top three place-getters proceed to the national final. No team augmentation is possible subsequent to the commencement of Stage 3. In accordance with the QBA GNOT Regulations, all teams in the area finals MUST be prepared to travel to and play in the National Final if they qualify.

Allowable formats for club heats

For their club heats, clubs will have the choice of:

1. For fields of 14 teams or less (2 or 3 sessions) or 18 or less (4 sessions):
 - (a) A complete round robin, where all teams meet all other teams, or
 - (b) A round robin curtailed by one round, where care must be taken to ensure that the opponent each team misses is "equi-distant" in terms of director's seeding.
2. For larger fields:
 - (a) A Swiss teams event of at least 3 matches per session, using a live draw.

Should any club feel that compliance with this requirement is undesirable, they should approach the Zone executive prior to the start of their heats, who may allow an alternative format by majority of the President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Substitutes

The QBA Regulations regarding substitutes in any stage may be varied by the director of the day in order to form a valid movement. e.g. last minute illnesses.

Entry fees

Club heats (Stage 1)	The Zone imposes no levies in Stage 1, but clubs should structure their table fees with the knowledge that there will be a club contribution per team for Stage 2 (in addition to normal table fees).
Semi-final (Stage 2)	Table fees of \$80 per team; plus a club levy of \$20 per team that played in the club's heats.
Zone finals (Stage 3)	Table fees of \$120 per team (2 day event).