

Far North Queensland Zone — Events' Guidelines

Approved 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.

Directors. All Zone events may have playing directors who must be accredited to at least Club Director level. A non-accredited director may be used at the discretion of the Zone Secretary.

Boards. Pre-dealt boards with hand records must be used.

Zone Pairs. The event is played over two sessions. The preferred format is that each pair plays the same number of boards against every other pair. Session 1 will be a Mitchell, seeded so the EW and NS fields are similar in strength and preferably arrow-switched. Session 2 will be an interwoven Howell, or the NS and EW fields from session 1 each playing their own Howell, such a split second session scored across the field.

Zone Teams. The event is played over two sessions. Each team plays one match against every other team. The preferred format is round robin. At the director's discretion matches may be played as a number of stanzas (eg multiple New England relays or American Whists). If split into stanzas, the results will be collated into single head-to-head matches. The format will be Swiss if the entry exceeds 14 teams. Each match will be scored separately (round robin or stanzas) and the total IMPs converted to VPs.

GNOT Heats. Formats as for Zonal Teams. Other formats require approval by the Zone Secretary.

GNOT Final. Ten teams will play a round robin consisting of nine seven-board matches over two sessions. Currently the representation in the final is Cairns six teams, and four teams from Tableland and Malanda in total. Other formats require approval by the Zone Secretary.

Masterpoints. The Zone Pairs has "normal" red points for each session, ie b4c using the default factor 2.5 presented by Compscore3. Choose red points and accept the default numbers. Only session points are awarded for this event — **no overall**, that is Zone Events (Zone Pairs, Zone Teams and GNOT qualifying rounds) do not get overall awards. The GNOT Zone final does get overall awards (ie place points) as well as win/loss points.

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This document should be reviewed annually and updated as necessary.