



QBA POLICIES AND PRACTICES – Years before the policy notes the year the policy was brought in or reviewed. Changes in red. 14/03/24

Subsistence Allowance to ANC Players – not Youth - when ANC not held in Brisbane

2024 - \$100 per day to be paid to all players and captains (bar youth) for the duration of the teams and dinner dance. Those players who choose to participate in the warm-up event/s will receive two additional day's subsistence allowance if the event is two days and one additional day if the event is one day. Captains to receive an additional \$100 if the Captains Meeting is held on the preceding day of the tournament and a further \$100 for out-of-pocket expenses. This allowance will be reduced if players leave early. Subsistence allowance to be paid upon return of player or the last day of the event whichever comes first. **Captains in 2024 will be provided with Accommodation so \$30 subsistence allowance per day to apply.**

Subsistence Allowance to ANC Players – Youth - when ANC not held in Brisbane

2024 - \$30 per day to be paid to each youth player and captain for the duration of the teams and dinner dance. Those players who choose to participate in the warm-up event with their partner will receive one additional day's subsistence allowance. Accommodation to be paid by QBA. This allowance will be reduced if people leave early. Subsistence allowance to be paid upon return of player or the last day of the event whichever comes first. Captains to receive an additional \$30 if the Captains Meeting is held on the preceding day of the tournament and a further \$30 for out-of-pocket expenses.

Subsistence Allowance to ANC Players – All fields when ANC is held in Brisbane

2024 – Subsistence allowance only applies if player lives over 50 kilometres away from venue

Subsistence Allowance to players playing in ABF Selection Trials

2024 - \$50.00 a day (maximum – 4 days) allowance awarded to all Queenslanders involved in the playoffs for National Representation events. To be eligible for allowance, Queenslanders must be able to play in State Selection Trials i.e. Residential Qualifications.

Subsistence Allowance to youth players attending Canberra Youth Week

2024 - a one off payment of \$250 to those Qld youth who attend Youth Week and who are also regular congress attendees or **Youth Night regular attendees**. Any other decision re youth week attendance to be made by Management.

Zonal Subsidies

2024 – Far Northern/Northern/Whitsunday/Capricorn - \$5.00 per zonal member as per 30/6 however 4 pairs or 2 teams to be sent. Wide Bay - \$3.00 per zonal member as per 30/6. Darling Downs - \$1,000

Trainee Directors

2024 Canberra – QBA to match ABF subsidy.

Within State – Reasonable accommodation and travel allowance to be paid. \$100 a day director fees.

Captains

2024 – Only residents of Queensland can be Captains for ANC Teams.

QBA Representatives at State Events

2024 – There should be a QBA Management Representative at each state event – Manager to appoint after entries have been received.

Youth Congress fees

2024 – Strongly recommend to clubs to charge 50% entry fees to all youth under 25. QBA State events to charge 50%.

State Titles

2024 – Only residents of Queensland can win State Titles. Residential definition can be found in QBA Regulations.

Zonal Participants in QBA Selection Trials

2024 – If QBA Selection Trials are run over 2 or more weekends, participants living over 500 kilometres from Brisbane are eligible upon application for a total travel subsidy of \$400 for each trial.

Invitations to ANC Teams to Official Functions

2024 – Captains to receive invitations first, then 1st place-getters then 2nd place-getters then 3rd.

Payment of Directors when QBA Events are cancelled due to lack of numbers.

2024 - \$100 a day to be paid in lieu of salary.

Bulletin

2024 –

- (1) New advertisements will be accepted on a first come first served basis.
- (2) Advertisements which are repeats will be subject to deletion without notice.
- (3) Holiday advertisements which do not state who will be conducting the bridge content of the holiday will not be accepted.
- (4) Advertisements that require correction or are not compatible with the Editors software may be subject to rejection.
- (5) Advertisers who have a history of late payment may have their advertisements rejected after consultation with the QBA Manager.
- (6) If your advertised holiday does not take place, or is cancelled due to unforeseen reasons, we reserve the right to reject advertisements in the future. We are happy to inform the Newsletter readers free-of-charge to the advertiser if the holiday does not take place.
- (7) In deciding between advertisements when the quota becomes near full, preference will be given first to advertisements approved by the QBA. Professionally constructed advertisements will often be preferred to home grown or amateurish productions.

Cruise and Holiday Bridge

2024 - Bridge Cruises and Holidays departing from within Queensland

- (1) Above (or more than) 5 tables, Congress Levies apply \$1.50 per table per session e.g. 6 tables will only be charged for 1.
- (2) Abide by QBA Regulations at the discretion of the Director
- (3) Where red masterpoints are required for up to 3 events, the Convenor shall abide by Section 5.1.2 of the ABF Masterpoint Regulations
- (4) Standard of Congress Director waived except where red masterpoints are to be awarded.
- (5) Can go on QBA Calendar as long as proper procedures followed with application.
- (6) Can go on website at a fee to be decided – similar to Bulletin charges
- (7) Approval must be obtained from the QBA Manager before advertising in the QBA Bulletin. Approval must be obtained before advertising.
- (8) QBA will invoice Director of the event for Congress Levies and Masterpoints when advised by State Masterpoint Secretary

Alcohol

2024 - Advice from the Office of Liquor and Gaming states if Clubs are charging players to play in a one-off session (Congress), they require a Liquor Licence or an exemption. Weekly sessions serving wine during or after play require a licence or an exemption.

Congress Calendar

2024 - Due to the large number of congresses each year, clashing of events on the QBA Queensland Calendar cannot be avoided; however, the clashing of events within a zone will not be approved except under special circumstances. QBA State events have priority on the choice of weekend, then Congress events, and finally zonal events. Neighbouring zones will be allowed to conduct events on the same weekend.

Obituaries on Website

2024 -Policy not to publish in Bulletin. Any received will be published on website.

ABF Delegate Positions

2024 – if desired the President to have one of the positions. It is preferred that the second position be held by a current Management Committee member.

Team Jacket/Shirt

2024 – if the same player from previous year the team jacket from the year before to be used, embroidery only.

State Title Holders/Winners of same event

2024 – If winners of a State Title does not have QLD residential qualifications, both winner and Title Holder to be noted on website.

Council Meetings

2024 – reduced to two per year. Management meetings to remain at least 6 per year.

Team Members returning early from ANC

2024 – All players are expected to stay for the full event. For special dispensation the player can ask via their captain to apply to the QBA Manager. If the QBA Manager believes there are good grounds, then application to the Management Committee can take place.

QBA Representative at the ANC

2024 – A player or captain attending the ANC to be appointed the QBA Official Officer – this officer to be kept informed of all relevant matters.

Loan Policy

2024 – Interest Rate – current RBA Cash Rate. Maximum Loan \$50,000. Term – maximum of 10 years.

CPI to Officers of QBA

2024 - CPI in Brisbane as at Management Meeting in March to be automatically paid. The following positions incur CPI increases – Manager, Bulletin Editor, Webmasters x 2, Director Accreditation, Masterpoint Secretary Tournament Chairman, Youth Officer, **myABF Officer**.