

QBA REGULATIONS

REVISION HISTORY

JUNE 2011

Regulation A – Application

General regulations in running an event on the calendar Reduce the period for table levy from 14 to 7 days.

New: Clubs have the power to have Supplementary Regulations to Congress events as long as they are not in breach of the QBA Regulations.

New: It was agreed that in all aspects when the Tournament Chairman was to give approval on a matter – in his absence, two members of the Tournament Committee to give approval.

Regulation B – General

Congress entry forms *New* - A copy of the electronic entry form must be sent to the Webmaster for approval at least six weeks in advance of the event

Add to requirement for entry form: 11. Lunch Arrangements

Reporting after the event *Days after the event – reduced to 7 for electronic results and 14 if paper results.*

Add: J1 now available on-line

Add: J6 now available on-line

Board dealing etc *Add at beginning:* With a dealing machine: If an independent non-player is not available to pre-deal the boards,

Electronic scoring machines Electronic scoring machines (such as Bridgemates), that have the ability to view other table scores and contracts while a session is in play must be disabled.

Scoring errors by players *Add:* In multi-session events, errors in scoring made by the players may be corrected up to 30 minutes after the posting of results or in the case of the final session, up to 30 minutes after posting of the final results. However in two day events, score corrections from the second session on Day 1 can be corrected up to 30 minutes before the start of the first session on Day 2.

Regulation C – Pairs

Late Arrival penalties Except where otherwise specified an adjusted score of 60% will be awarded to the non offending pair for boards unable to be played and 0% will be awarded to a pair arriving late for an event. A pair who arrives more than 30 minutes after the specified starting time shall cease to be a contestant. The Director may use his discretion when adequate cause exists.

Scoring On boards where a score is apparently recorded on the wrong side, the director may not change the score, but will award an average on that board to both sides.

Fouled boards Add: Under this formula, pairs in the smaller group will receive 2, 8, 14 and 20 matchpoints respectively, while pairs in the larger group get between 0.5 and 21.5. The formula also produces the correct board check totals.

A board is not necessarily fouled merely because it is different from that shown on the hand record.

Regulation D – Teams

Fouled boards 1. A board is not necessarily fouled merely because it is different from that shown on the hand record.

2. Where boards are circulating around tables so that more than one match are playing the same physical set of boards: the Director will order a re-deal and the board re-played at both tables should time permit. Otherwise he will award an adjusted score. Note that, in no situation will a re-deal and re-play be ordered if the result to date in the match could be known to either side.

If a re-deal is not possible, an adjusted score will be awarded. The equivalent at teams of a 60% score at pairs is +3 imps (or +2 imps for a match of fewer than 11 boards) unless further regulated for particular events.

3. Where boards are used exclusively by the match concerned:

(a) Both sides have contributed to the fouling: re-deal and re-play if time, regardless of the result at the other table; otherwise no result on the board.

(b) One side responsible for the fouling: +3 imps (or +2 imps for a match of fewer than 11 boards) to non-offenders, -3 (or -2 imps for a match of fewer than 11 boards) imps to offenders.

(c) Neither side responsible: re-deal and re-play (if time) with consent of both teams; otherwise +3 imps (or +2 imps for a match of fewer than 11 boards) to both teams.

The above principles will apply to any other situation (not otherwise covered by the Regulations or 2007 Laws) in teams play where a proper comparison of scores can not be made. The Director will give consideration to any highly favourable result gained by the non-offenders at the other table.

In aggravated circumstances the Director may impose a more severe penalty or a more generous indemnity.

Reporting results for
masterpointing It is essential that the State Masterpoint Secretary be able to properly identify all players earning masterpoints. The minimum requirement for reporting is each player's surname, initial and ABF number. The preferred data are surname, first name, ABF number and club or club number. First names are essential where the surname is a common one and where husband and wife are both registered players.

Under Requirements, add: For example, if playing 9 board matches, the director must specify whether the 8 board scale or the 10 board scale has

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| | been used. |
| Illegal systems | <i>Add at end:</i> ...with Law 12. |
| Incorrect seating of pairs during a match | <p>Both teams are deemed to be offenders when pairs have sat in the wrong direction at one table and Average Minus is awarded to both teams on each board for which a valid comparison cannot be made. When two pairs moving to away tables have sat at incorrect tables and have each therefore played the wrong team then, for each board for which a valid comparison cannot be made, Average is awarded to the seated team (deemed partly at fault) and Average Minus to the teams whose pairs moved to the wrong table.</p> <p>In aggravated circumstances the Director may impose a more severe penalty or a more generous indemnity.</p> |
| Wrong boards played by teams | <p>When wrong boards have been played by some portion of the field due to an official's error and this is not discovered until teams commence scoring up then:</p> <p>If a valid comparison is obtained on more than half the boards regardless of whether some scores may be for correct boards and others may be for incorrect boards then Average Plus is awarded to both teams for each board for which a valid comparison could not be obtained.</p> <p>The director may require a replacement match to be played when (a) cannot be applied.</p> <p>If a valid comparison is not available on more than half the boards played and a replacement match is not to be played then the director proceeds as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Any valid scores are retained.(ii) 50% of Average Plus is awarded to both teams for each board with an invalid score. Totals to be rounded up.(iii) If a team's result reached by applying (i) and (ii) above is less than that team's average result for all other matches then the result for the flawed match is adjusted to that higher average after all matches in the event have been completed. <p>When wrong boards have been played by some portion of the field due to an official's error and this is discovered before teams commence scoring up then if time permits, the director should allow extra boards to be played so that valid comparisons are obtained for the correct number of boards or so that sufficient valid comparisons are obtained to allow (a) above to be applied otherwise (b) and (c) above should be applied.</p> <p>If a new draw is required before calculations can be made then for the purpose of computing that draw, the director should award to each affected team either (a) the team's average score per match so far or (b) 18 VP. The director chooses the option and applies it to all affected teams</p> <p>The director may cancel all results and replay the round when more than half the teams in the field are affected by a considerable number of incorrect boards being in play. This may mean fewer rounds than advertised will be played in the event.</p> |

Regulation E – Congresses

Grand National Pairs Add item 11: Zones may choose to instruct their players that all entrants in Regional finals MUST be prepared to travel to and play in the National Final however this will be a zonal decision only.

Regulation F – QBA Events

Selection Trials ANC Add as 2nd para: Stage 3 – Selection of Teams will be completed 15 minutes prior to starting time of Stage 3.

Under Substitutes heading:

Stage 3

If a pair withdraws prior to the start of Stage 3, then pairs will be selected according to their rank after Stage 2, and their availability to play.

If a pair withdraws after play starts, subject to the approval of the Tournament Chairman only, a substitute for 20 boards may be allowed. If a suitable substitute cannot be found, Stage 3 will be deferred to a mutually acceptable time until all players are available, within a maximum extension of 15 days.

If Stage 3, once commenced, cannot be completed with a suitable substitute, or within a maximum delay period of 15 days, the match will be abandoned, and a new Stage 3 will be conducted with the next qualified pair as soon as possible.

Under Scoring heading:

Ties

Ties will be broken where necessary by totalling each pair's VPs in their individual matches against the other tying pairs and those pairs finishing higher in the final ranking. If this fails to break the tie, then it will be broken on total netimps. For example: A and B finish first and second, with C, D and E in a three way tie for third place. Totals C's VPs in their matches against A,B,D and E. Likewise D's total against A,B C and E and so on, then compare these totals. If this tie is still not broken, then resort to total netimps over the whole event.

Stage 3

If tied at the end of 60 boards, an additional 4 boards will be played to break the tie and if still tied, a further 4 boards as required until the tie is broken.

New section:

Reserve Pair

Of the Losing Pairs, in Stage 3, the pair finishing higher in Stage 2 shall be the Reserve Pair. The presumed Reserve Pair are permitted to trial in other Selection Events if eligible. Should one or both players finish in the first three positions of another Trials event, both shall cease to be reserves for the first team. The other losing pair in Stage 3 shall assume Reserve Pair status. If this pair is unavailable then the Management Committee shall appoint a Reserve Pair.

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| Graded pairs Championship | Titles shall be awarded for grades of Open, Below Bronze Life, Under 150 masterpoints. |
| Open Pairs Championship | <i>Add:</i> Prizes to be awarded to Best Far North, North Whitsunday, Capricorn, Wide Bay, Darling Downs Pair. |
| Graded Teams Championship | <i>Add:</i> Titles shall be awarded for grades of Open, Below Bronze Life and Under 150 MPs. |
| Senior Pairs Championship | <i>Add:</i> From 2011 the event will be conducted over one day with Matchpoint Scoring converted to VP's. |
| Individual Championship | <i>Add:</i> Board results to be available on website. |
| Qld Mixed Teams | Format – Round Robin or Swiss Movement over 3 sessions – 15 board matches. |
| Teams-of-Three | <i>Add:</i> – 2011 – Two Friday nights to be used 0 – 200 masterpoints and 201 – 500 masterpoint |

Regulation H - Directors

Add to 1st para: The Director and Assistant Directors may not play in the event.

Regulation I – Appeals

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| Appeals Committee procedure | <p>Add at beginning: The WBF Code of Practice for Appeals is the primary reference for matters not incorporated in these Regulations.</p> <p>4(a) to read: The appeal should be submitted on the approved QBA Appeals Form. When there are time constraints the chairman of the appeals committee may rule that an appeal be heard without prior completion of the appeals form.</p> |
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