

Sunshine Coast Zone GNOT Regulations

Amendment history

- 15 October 2011 — changed to allowable formats for GNOT heats.
 - 04 November 2016 — bank account and mailing address change.
 - 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.
 - 3 November 2024 – each Zone Club is entitled to run one heat per calendar year. All Zone heats must engage a non-playing Director.
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Application

All QBA regulations apply to the conduct of Club heats, 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 semifinal. 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 by direct credit to "Sunshine Coast Zone of QBA" bank account:
Bendigo Bank Tewanin
BSB 633 000
Account no. 157789710
Please state your club name in the reference.

Structure

The qualifiers for the national final are determined in three stages:

1st Stage — Club Rounds.

- It is the Club's responsibility to engage a non-playing Director.
- 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.
- Each of the six clubs in the Sunshine Coast Zone of the GNOT is entitled to run a single Stage 1 event (Club Round) per calendar year.

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.
- Teams advancing to the Zone Regional Final must nominate within 14 days after the end of the Semi-Final whether they are contenders for the subsequent stage (on-line final). At least 3 of the 10 teams in the zone final must be contenders for the zone final to go ahead, and if the 10 teams that advance from the Semi-Finals don't include 3 contending teams, then the 10th team will be replaced by one finishing lower in the Semi-Final that can contend. This process will continue until there are at least 3 contending teams in the Zone Regional Final.

Allowable formats for club rounds

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 rounds (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).
Zone 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 Grand Finals (Stage 3)	Table fees of \$120 per team (2-day event).