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**QEBF Expense Claim Policy** 

#### **Purpose**

While the QEBF is a non-profit organization, it is acknowledged that the Management Committee members are out of pocket at times during the course of their activities, and that they are away from home for periods where there is extra costs for subsistence and travel.

This policy is intended to ensure that the Management Committee members are not out of pocket whilst carrying out their roles, and also to ensure that expenses are properly documented so that best accounting practice is adhered to.

#### Scope

This policy applies to QEBF Representatives, who may be QEBF Management Committee members carrying out their roles, or those delegated by the QEBF Executive Committee. Expenses covered in the policy include, but are not limited to those incurred in the running of QEBF Events, facilitating QEBF Courses, and any travel that may be required to conduct QEBF business.

There is no provision in this policy to override the need for QEBF Management Committee approval for expenses. There is no assumption of QEBF Management Committee approval for any expense until approval has been sought and obtained.

All QEBF Management Committee approvals are to be documented in the form of the consenting emails leading to the approval, or verified meeting minutes, before an expense can be paid. Approvals may be done via electronic means, such as the QEBF Committee Facebook group and via Zoom or Google meetings.

Expenses incurred whilst on non-QEBF business will not be reimbursed by QEBF. For the purposes of this policy, AEBF business is considered not to be QEBF business. Where possible, QEBF delegates at the AEBF AGM are to be selected from people already travelling to the AEBF Nationals, in order not to give rise to additional cost to the QEBF.

The QEBF will pay expenses for one delegate to go to the AEBF AGM, provided that the delegate is not attending in any other capacity, in which case the QEBF may agree to pay a pro rata amount.

The QEBF will pay expenses for one delegate to go to the AEBF Mid-Year Meeting, provided that the delegate is not attending in any other capacity, in which case the QEBF may agree to pay a pro rata amount.

All expense claims are paid in good faith that the expense is not being claimed from another source. If the QEBF discovers that an expense has been claimed from another source, immediate steps will be taken to recover monies, and disciplinary action will be taken. The main categories are covered in the sections below.

#### Calendar

This QEBF will annually release a Calendar of pre-approved QEBF Events which is ratified at the AGM. Detailed below is an guide to expense reimbursement for such events.



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#### Food & Incidentals

There is a food and incidentals allowance payable to QEBF Representatives who are required to be away from home for a day or more whilst on QEBF business.

No allowance if payable in respect of travelling to or attending QEBF meetings, unless a QEBF Management Committee Member is attending a QEBF Management Committee meeting outside of one hours drive of their residence.

The allowance is \$80 per day (Local) and \$100 per day (Travel) for those who were deemed by the QEBF Management Committee to be required to administer the event. This is payable upon receipt of an Expense Claim form.

#### Example;

- Tournament Director
- PoolStat Scheduling and Scoring Administration

If a portion of the trip is on non-QEBF business, then the allowance shall be payable for those days spent on QEBF business.

#### **Use of Own Specialist Equipment**

In limited circumstances, the QEBF acknowledges that QEBF Representatives may need to supply their own specialist equipment whilst running QEBF events. Equipment may be supplied on a rental basis to the QEBF in order to facilitate live streaming or, the delivery of presentations for umpiring or coaching courses.

Subject to QEBF Management Committee approval on a case by case basis in advance of each event, the QEBF may enter into a rental agreement to pay the following:

- \$100 per day for Live Streaming Equipment
- \$80 per day for Audio Visual Equipment for Presentations
- \$?? the cost of telco 5G Data for the purpose of Streaming

### **Out of Pocket Expenses**

All reasonable out of pocket expenses must be approved by the QEBF Management Committee and be documented by retaining the tax invoice from the transaction. These must be supplied with an Expense Claim form to the QEBF Treasurer, who will verify and arrange payment.

No payment will be made where proof of expenditure is not submitted. An invoice cannot be issued to the QEBF in lieu of the proof of expenditure.

In exceptional circumstances, the QEBF may consider a one off allowance for use of personal internet, phone etc., but this would be an extreme exception rather than the norm, based on the assumption that everybody has access to phone and internet, and would only be paid where the QEBF is satisfied that extra expense was incurred as a result of QEBF activity.



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#### **Travel**

For events in a QEBF Representative's zone of residence, food & incidentals allowance is deemed to be sufficient to cover travel to and from venue, and no additional claim can be made for travel.

For any QEBF Management Committee approved QEBF travel, in addition to the food & incidentals allowance, the QEBF Representative is entitled to claim travel allowance.

The following can be claimed under this allowance:

- Flights, Bus, Train etc
- Baggage, including extra baggage to carry equipment
- Flight insurance
- Accommodation (based on 2 sharing, where possible)
- Taxi to/from airport, station or parking
- Car Rental (including fuel & tolls)

If it is possible for 2 people to share accommodation, but they choose not to, the QEBF will pay the cost of 2 sharing, and the rest is payable out of own pocket.

Any food and drinks on the accommodation bill will be taken out of any applicable food and incidentals allowance.

If a portion of the trip is on non-QEBF business, then the accommodation and car rental costs shall be payable for those days spent on QEBF business.

Where it is more cost effective than flying, the QEBF Management Committee may agree to the use of a QEBF Representative's own car, which may be claimed @50c/km, but the travel time will not attract any additional food and incidentals allowance. To claim for own car, a log must be kept for distance travelled and submitted with an Expense Claim form.

Where possible, it is preferred that the QEBF book and pay directly up front (like accommodation booking invoices). For all other travel expenses, retains receipts and submit with an Expense Claim form for reimbursement.



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#### Provision of other goods and/or services

A member of the QEBF may tender for the provision of other goods and/or services, as and when tenders are invited. Under no circumstances will a tender be considered in the absence of two other comparable quotes, and the tender will only be awarded to the most favourable quote in terms of conditions and price.

As per the QEBF Constitution, and the QLD Incorporated Associations Act (1981), any member tendering for the provision of any goods and/or services shall not be involved in the decision making on the award of such goods and/or services.

In such cases, payment will be made after goods and/or services have been rendered, upon presentation of a valid tax invoice\*.

#### **Examples**

QLD Cup;

QLD Country Cup;

QLD State Singles;

QLD State Team playoff;

Travel - Submit expense claim with receipts

Food & Incidentals - Submit expense claim with no receipts

Hire of equipment - Send valid tax invoice

Live streaming data, stationary etc. - Submit expense claim with receipts

PoolStat Schedule and Scoring Administration - Submit expense claim with no receipts

Other - Submit expense claim with receipts

<sup>\*</sup> A valid tax invoice is an invoice with a current ABN. An invoice not meeting this criterion will not be paid.