



## **Table Tennis Queensland Board of Management Meeting – November**

### **Summary of meeting outcomes/updates**

#### **Calendar 2017**

As previously circulated the Board approved the Association/State events for 2017.

#### **Association Opens**

11-12 March	Bundaberg Open
18-19 March	University of QLD Open
14-16 April	Rockhampton Open
22-23 April	Moreton Bay Open
29-30 April	Wynnum Open (date changed since initial publication of calendar)
29 April-1 May	Townsville Open
13-14 May	Brisbane Open
10-11 June	Toowoomba Open
26-27 August	Gold Coast Open
30 Sept-1 Oct	Mackay Open

#### **State Championships**

2-6 April	QLD Junior Championships – Mackay
27-28 May	QLD Open Championships – Gold Coast
28 June-2 July	QLD Closed Championships – Townsville
19-23 July	QLD Veteran Championships – Bundaberg

#### **Other Club Events to note**

25-26 March	East Coast Veterans Gold Coast
3-4 June	Moreton Bay Veterans
29-30 July	Moreton Bay South East QLD Challenge
16 September	Women's National Table Tennis Challenge Moreton Bay

The TTQ Board would like to thank all associations that applied to host a State Championships in 2017. We're excited to take the Junior Championships to North Queensland for the first time since 2012. This decision was previously made after conducting an extensive review into the trial of hosting the event in Brisbane from 2013-2015. Feedback from players & parents was also received and the decision to reintroduce the rotation (North & South) has been met with positive feedback from many associations, players & parents.

A review of the Queensland Open has also been conducted by the TTQ Board throughout 2016. In the process of reviewing the event, participation was a key consideration. In 2017 the Queensland Open will consist of junior, youth, senior, veteran and para events to provide the opportunity for more participants to compete.



**Queensland Government**

The Closed and Veterans events in 2017 will be moved forward a day to now be from Wednesday to Sunday. This decision was based on a number of reasons and feedback from our members. The final day of the event (Sunday) will include all of the singles finals & presentations, therefore allowing for as many spectators & supporters as possible to watch the event. The Sunday finish will allow participants to travel late Sunday afternoon/evening to return to work Monday if required.

The Gold Coast club have offered to continue their recent efforts in assisting with the coordination of great state championships. We're sure their staff/volunteers will again deliver a great event in the Queensland Open.

For the first time in a number of years, Bundaberg will be the host venue for a state championships. Congratulations to Bundaberg and all of the host venues for the 2017 state championships.

In 2017 Table Tennis Queensland will again be fully responsible for coordinating each of the state championships. This would not be possible without the great support of each host association and their volunteers for every event.

TTQ would like to take this opportunity to encourage other associations to apply to host a state championship in future. Please contact the TTQ office for more information about what is required to host an event.

#### **National Championships (from Table Tennis Australia)**

3-7 February National Para Championships – Mornington Peninsula, Victoria

8-15 July National Junior Championships – Hobart, Tasmania

23-30 September National Senior Championships – Adelaide, South Australia

7-14 October National Veteran Championships – Mandurah, Western Australia

#### **TTQ Annual General Meeting**

4 March 2017 Sports House, Milton

Information about the Table Tennis Queensland Annual General Meeting will be distributed to all member associations by 23 December 2016.

With all of these events we'd love to hear your feedback, feel free to pass on your thoughts to the TTQ office via [admin@tabletennisqld.org](mailto:admin@tabletennisqld.org)

#### **QLD Team Uniforms**

A review of the current State Team Subsidy policy was conducted. The focus was on the Uniform subsidy currently in place, which includes one free shirt for all QLD team members every year. The board made the decision that from 2017 QLD junior team members will receive one free shirt each year (given their increased growth rate).

Only new QLD youth, senior, veterans and para team members will receive a free shirt.

If the QLD team uniform design/supplier changes, all team members will receive a new shirt that year.

Table Tennis Queensland will continue to cover all team/president's team entry fees for QLD players at national table tennis championships.

#### **QLD Junior Team Management**

The board reviewed the current QLD Junior team arrangements and the expenses involved in sending our team away to the national championships on an annual basis.

A minor management fee of \$50.00 per player will be introduced in 2017.



**Queensland Government**

The funding arrangements were reviewed and this decision was reached due to the fact that TTQ are the only state to send a coach for each team and covers 100% of the costs for these coaches. This constitutes the most significant annual expense for TTQ (\$10,000+ each year to send junior team to nationals). This fee has been introduced to assist in covering a small percentage of the overall expenses involved in sending our Queensland team coaching staff away with the team every year.

The TTQ Board are committed to continually manage all TTQ resources to develop the sport and implement new initiatives. One such initiative that all Queensland Junior team members will have access to, is the Elite junior training camps. Throughout 2017 these camps will be offered free of charge to the chosen participants.

### **Membership package reminder**

As previously noted the TTQ membership packages will no longer be sent via post direct to each of our members. The Board determined that this operation is financially unsustainable and will cease as of December 2016. The membership package will go fully electronic in 2017.

TTQ would like to thank all of our associations and member's assistance in this transition. Over the last 5 months we have seen the number of members email addresses on the TTQ database increase from 77% to almost 87%. We still have some work to do to get closer to 100% and we ask that you please update your details with your club secretary before renewing your membership for 2017 to ensure you receive your membership package. Members without an email address will have their membership package sent directly to their association.

**REMINDER: all clubs please ensure email addresses are included for all of your members on the TTQ database.**

### **Queensland Veterans Survey**

The TTQ Board further reviewed the recent feedback received from the Queensland Veterans community on a number of topics. A survey was conducted during the QLD Veterans State Championships event. Players who weren't at Townsville were emailed the survey directly. The survey was also sent to all of our members associations.

Some of the key reviews of the survey included the below responses:

Should the State Championships be compulsory for State Team selection?

YES: 71 %      NO: 29%

In reviewing the open ended question, Do you have any suggestions on an alternate format of QLD Veterans Championships the overall consensus was that participants prefer the current format. A number of survey responses and individuals that provided direct feedback to TTQ officials at the QLD Veterans noted that they had the opportunity to do some sight-seeing in Townsville compared to previous years with the busier schedule.

The survey also asked how Veterans members receive communication in the table tennis community. Of the participants that completed the survey, 77% receive communication via the TTQ website. 69% receive notifications from the TTQ newsletter. And 37% received information from the local club newsletter.



It was noted in the survey by a number of people that a simplified version of the selection policy would be useful. The Board noted this and a document will be prepared and distributed in early 2017 and will be included on the QLD Veterans Championships entry form.

Thank you again to all that took the time to complete the survey. TTQ will look to conduct surveys in future to collect members feedback on a range of different topics.

### **Commonwealth Games 2018**

The expressions of interest for Table Tennis volunteers has previously been circulated throughout our communication channels. This information will also be included on the new dedicated link on the TTQ website: <http://tabletennisqld.org/?PageID=118&wp=4>

Please visit this site for regular updates relating to the Commonwealth Games.

\*\*\* Reminder the EOI for Table Tennis volunteers must be received no later than the 13th January 2017.

\*\*\* A reminder that a number of employment opportunities are currently available and more roles will become available in 2017, be sure to keep up to date of these opportunities on the GOLDOC website: [www.gc2018.com](http://www.gc2018.com).

### **Tournament player levy**

The TTQ Board discussed the idea of reintroducing a tournament player levy to all association open events. The proposed fee would be \$5.00 per player, per association open. The various event organisers would collect this fee and it would be payable to Table Tennis Queensland. This levy would be used to assist fund the Elite Junior Training camp and other future development initiatives.

As this fee needs to be set at the TTQ AGM, the TTQ Board will be discussing this levy at the development forum for member association's feedback and distributing more information to all clubs prior to the AGM.

### **QLD Government Governance Compliance**

The Queensland Government has sent all State Sporting Organisations (SSO) an outline of best practice Governance Compliance that will be included in the 2019 funding application. The expectation from the QLD Government is all SSO's will discuss these suggestions with their respective member associations prior to 2019. These topics will be presented at the development forum for the clubs feedback and thoughts on whether or not they should be adopted by TTQ.

### **Governance Training**

Whilst the TTQ Board were in Brisbane they underwent some Governance training so that they're up to date with the various governance requirements to ensure best practice of the organisation. Melanie Woosnam from Active8 Sport Solutions presented a 2 hour workshop which included a number of Governance reporting requirements and some new ideas that the TTQ board will look to implement.

Updates on any changes introduced will be passed on to all associations as required.



## TTQ Development Forum & AGM

As noted above the TTQ development forum and AGM are due to be held on the **4<sup>th</sup> of March**. The development forum is held from 9am with the AGM to commence at 1pm. If your club would like any topics included for discussion at the development forum please send them through to [admin@tabletennisqld.org](mailto:admin@tabletennisqld.org). TTQ may, if required, explore the option of getting an external presenter to speak on a requested topic so please provide some ideas for the forum.

A reminder to our members, all AGM paperwork must be submitted through your local association. Please contact them if you have any questions or are interested in any positions such as Board member, selector etc.

## Policy updates

Two new policies have been adopted and included in the TTQ bylaws.

A social media policy has been created and adopted. As we know, the use of social media across all platforms is continuing to rise. TTQ needs to ensure that social media is being used correctly by our members at all times. Our coaching staff will be going through the policy in basic terms with all of our team members in future.

A "Board" code of conduct is now in place. This is to ensure that the board continues to operate efficiently and effectively. It outlines the expectations of all board members and other responsibilities such as confidentiality and conflicts of interest.

Please feel free to view both of these policies by going to: <http://tabletennisqld.org/?PageID=32&wp=5>  
The changes noted above have been made to the policies on this website.

## Board Meeting dates

The board meeting schedule for the rest of 2016 are as follows:

18 December
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Please note if your club would like the TTQ Board to discuss anything in particular, please contact [admin@tabletennisqld.org](mailto:admin@tabletennisqld.org). Your club has the opportunity to contact the TTQ Office at any time throughout the year for matters to be passed onto the Board for their consideration.