

# **SA BRIDGE FEDERATION**

## **PROCEDURE FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF DIRECTORS**

### **PREAMBLE**

One of the Objects of the SA Bridge Federation as defined in its Constitution as:

“To train and develop tournament directors and such other personnel as may be required to carry into effect the objects of the Federation.”

In accordance with this Object, the SA Bridge Federation outlays here the way in which this Object will be met.

### **SABF TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR ACCREDITATION SCHEME**

The SABF will conduct teaching courses and annual examinations for director accreditation. Standards of knowledge required are listed below, together with other requirements.

#### **CLUB DIRECTOR**

- good understanding of the commonly used laws (eg leads out of turn, insufficient bids, calls out of rotation) and ability to interpret the less common laws;
- knowledge of standard Mitchell movements, odd and even, twinned, appendix and rover;
- knowledge of Howells and three-quarter Howells; able to cope with adding late pairs / tables to a movement;
- awareness of American whist movements and a movement for an even number of teams; round robin teams' movements;
- understanding of match-pointing including adjusted scores; and
- awareness of the principles of factoring;
- familiarity with an appropriate scoring package that meets the requirements of the Club.

Any aspiring individual who wishes to become accredited as a Club Director must complete and pass the Club Director open book exam. He/she will then be issued with a certificate of competency qualifying them to direct at Club level.

It is also recommended that they:

- a) attend a New Director course run by the SA Bridge Federation (available biennially); and
- b) gain experience under-studying at a club affiliated to the Federation, with a written report from his/her mentor to be completed and sent to the Chairperson of the Director Development Sub-committee;
- c) gain experience under-studying at a club affiliated to the Federation, with a written report from his/her mentor to be completed and sent to the Chairperson of the Director Development Sub-committee.

#### **CONGRESS DIRECTOR**

Any aspiring Club Director who wishes to attain his/her Congress Director certificate should:-

- a) have completed 1 year of directing at club level at any Club affiliated with the SA Bridge Federation;
- b) be nominated by the Management Committee of any club affiliated to the SA Bridge Federation for assessment as a Congress Director;
- c) complete and pass the Congress Director open book exam;
- d) gain experience as a Congress Director under-studying at a club affiliated to the Federation, with a written report from his/her mentor to be completed and sent to the Chairperson of the Director Development Sub-committee. He/she will then be issued with a certificate of competency

- qualifying them to direct at Congress level;
- e) have the following knowledge/experience:
- i. thorough understanding of all the laws, with particular reference to the more difficult areas such as misinformation and misunderstanding, alerting regulations;
  - ii. the standard required will be higher than that for club directors;
  - iii. must show the ability to organise a large pairs or teams movement;
  - iv. be able to run a Howell movement with barometer pairs scoring and a round robin or Swiss teams movement;
  - v. understanding of across-the-field scoring;
  - vi. must be able to advise congress convenors on all tournament matters, such as tie breaking, promulgating of regulations, affirmation of appeals procedure, permitted systems, announcements before the event etc;
  - vii. must have a clear understanding of the roles of the director and the appeals/review personnel;
  - viii. must be familiar with the SABF general, systems and alerting regulations;
  - ix. must show expertise in breaking of ties, scoring of fouled boards, arrow-switched boards, unplayed boards, adjusted and split scores;
  - x. must have an understanding of the ABF Masterpoint Scheme and know the requirements for reporting results for masterpoint purposes. Must be aware that it is the Director's responsibility to ensure that the results are reported to the State Masterpoint Secretary;
  - xi. must undertake to observe any SABF requirements in relation to ongoing registration as a congress director. The SABF may require some evidence of ongoing self-education;
  - xii. membership of the Australian Bridge Directors' Association is recommended though not compulsory.

### **CONGRESS DIRECTOR (Country)**

- must have extensive experience directing at club level, including events with more than one session;
- must have qualified as a club director through the SABF accreditation process or hold comparable qualifications from another jurisdiction;
- must be capable of computer scoring Swiss events as well as movements for small numbers.

Application is made by a club's management committee to the SABF Chairman Director Development. While essentially a needs-based qualification, the candidate need not be from the club intending to hold a congress, providing there is a willingness to be engaged to run a small country congress.

A Congress Director (Country) may be authorised to direct a small country congress when a SABF Congress Director is not available. Permission will be given on a case-by-case basis by application to the SABF Tournament Committee.

### **STATE DIRECTOR**

A Director seeking accreditation as a SABF State Director should make application to the SABF Chairman Director Development.

The SABF Chairman Director Development may:

- request further information as to the applicant's suitability and/or require an interview
- advise the applicant that further experience is recommended before proceeding with the application and assist the applicant to gain that further experience
- form a panel of appropriate people to assess the application
- obtain reports from the Director in Charge of any ABF gold point event at which the applicant has worked or ask that the applicant be formally assessed at an ABF gold point event.

Any decision to grant SABF State Director accreditation requires endorsement by the SABF Management Committee to be valid.

Any decision made as part of the above process may be appealed to the SABF Management Committee.

Requirements:

- the applicant shall have been a registered and active congress director for a minimum of 2 years, and should have had extensive experience in directing congress events - a minimum of 3 red masterpoint congress events of at least two sessions, or equivalent large multi-section club events;
- the applicant should have had experience in directing at the Autumn National Open Teams, Victor Champion Cup, Summer Festival of Bridge, Gold Coast Congress, Territory Gold or similar national Gold Point Event and have received a favourable report from the chief director of that event;
- a trainee state director wanting to gain experience at one of the above events should apply to the appropriate congress committee;
- application for subsidy may be made to the SABF Chairman Director Development who will liaise with the SABF Management Committee.

In addition, the applicant should have demonstrated the following:

- an extensive knowledge of the 2017 Laws of Bridge and the regulations of the SABF;
- experience in conducting events with large numbers of tables;
- familiarity with a broad range of movements and the ability to cope with last minute changes;
- experience in organising and scoring Swiss teams and Butler pairs;
- a dedication to accuracy in scoring;
- sufficient knowledge of the ABF Masterpoint Scheme to know the requirements for reporting tournament results;
- familiarity with at least one method of computer scoring;
- to retain status as a state director, he/she must direct at least two congress or higher events per year. The Management Committee may relax this requirement for cause e.g., illness, absence from the state etc.

The SABF Chairman Director Development may recommend state accreditation for suitably experienced directors from other states.