



## **Tournament Committee Terms of Reference**

### **Purpose**

The Tournament Committee (TC) advises the ABF Board of Directors and ABF Council as to the nature, structure and conditions of tournaments conducted by the ABF and promulgates the general Tournament Regulations of the ABF.

### **Committee Membership & Positions:**

The ABF Constitution requires at least one National Event Co-ordinator to be a member of the TC. The TC Chair and other members of the TC are appointed by the Board.

### **Objectives/Responsibilities**

The TC's role is advisory, focusing on the following areas:

- Regulations and format of National events, in conjunction with Tournament Organisers.
- Selection of Australian representative teams, including playoff formats and timing, for all teams apart from Youth representation.
- Augmentation and substitution regulations for the playoffs and Australian representative teams.
- Determination of target and non-target events.
- Playoff Qualifying Point (PQP) regulations used to determine teams for playoffs, including transfer of PQPs between categories (Open, Women's, Seniors and Mixed).
- Oversight of the International Player Task Force (IPTF). The IPTF is a separate committee which aims to improve Australian results at the international level by the long-term development of prospective international representatives.

The TC typically does not advise on:

- Matters of finance, which are the responsibility of the ABF Treasurer
- Youth events and Australian Youth representative teams, which are managed by the Youth Committee
- Regulations and running of non-National events
- The GNOT event
- Maximisation of player experience, which is within the role of the Tournament Organiser

The key points for the TC to consider are the need for integrity, organisational convenience and value for money to the ABF.

The Board may ask the TC to consider and advise on other related topics as required.

## **Authority**

The TC is authorised to:

- Finalise tournament regulations.
- Engage directly with ABF registered players as required to undertake its responsibilities. In particular, it can consult with players about changes to tournaments in a method the TC deems appropriate for the topic.

Other matters are referred to the Board with recommendations, accompanied by the appropriate justification.

## **Key Dates**

<b><u>Timing</u></b>	<b><u>Item</u></b>
Quarterly	TC meetings
March	Recommendation for representative team playoffs for the following year
June	Finalisation of PQP awards for the following year, starting with the Spring Nationals
October	Recommendation for the ANC format for the following year

## **Process**

The TC meets at least quarterly either face-to-face or using videoconferencing technology. Issues that need to be resolved prior to the next meeting are discussed among TC members.

## **Reporting / Minutes of Meetings**

The committee provides a written report of all meetings, recommendations and decisions to the Board. After consideration by the Board decisions are published on the ABF website. Key decisions are communicated separately to relevant stakeholders (e.g. Tournament Organisers of ABF licensed events).

## **Terms of Reference Review**

The committee will review its terms of reference every two years, or otherwise as it considers necessary. Any substantive changes to the Terms of Reference are recommended by the TC and formally approved by the Board.

These terms of reference may be amended by the Board by providing written amendments to the Chair of the TC.