

# **CONGRESS PRIZE MONEY – A GUIDE FOR TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS**

The QBA does not regulate prize money for congresses. However, Tournament Organisers should be aware that discontent may arise when a single field is artificially divided for secondary prize money purposes and contestants from a lower division are placed overall or in a higher division than their seeding.

One way to avoid problems is to make the first place prize in any secondary division equal to (or lower than) the lowest prize in the next higher division.

Example: In addition to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall there are to be cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> in a Plate and cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in a Consolation.

You can make 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall the same amount as 1<sup>st</sup> Plate, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Plate the same amount as 1<sup>st</sup> Consolation. The prizes therefore are abc, cde, ef.

In determining eligibility for secondary prizes the Tournament Organisers should not create a graded event out of an event advertised and conducted as an open competition.

Tournament Organisers should also be aware that when conducting an open event, awarding the Plate prizes only to those in the artificial division above Consolation (i.e. that contestants in the Consolation may not win Plate prizes) converts the open event into a graded event and would be contrary to the advertised format.

Example:

(a) All contestants are eligible for the Overall cash prizes.

(b) All contestants below an announced seeding or half way position are eligible for the Plate cash prizes providing they have not won an Overall prize.

(c) All contestants below an announced seeding or half way position are eligible for the Consolation cash prizes providing they have not won an Overall or Plate prize.