

BY-LAW 17. SQI TECHNICAL DIRECTORATES**17.1 General**

- 17.1.1 In accordance with Rule 10.1, the SQI Board may create or establish Technical Directorates in the areas of Coaching, Scoring and Umpiring.
- 17.1.2 The duties and functions of SQI Technical Directorates are set out in each Directorate's Terms of Reference.
- 17.1.3 The SQI Technical Directorates are accountable to the SQI Board.

17.2 Member Selection and Review

- 17.2.1 Each Technical Directorate shall comprise a minimum of 5 persons appointed by the Board, one of whom will be the relevant State Director or Chair.
- 17.2.2 The term of appointment is two years from 1 May to 30 April unless otherwise determined by the Board.
 - 17.2.2.1 The State Director / Chair and at least two members will be appointed in one year and the remaining members (at least two) appointed in the alternate year.
- 17.2.3 A person nominating for a position on a Technical Directorate must:
 - (a) be a current financial registered member of a SQI member District Softball Association; and
 - (b) have submitted to the SQI office his/her nomination for appointment duly signed by the Secretary, or other appointed office bearer, of the applicant's home District Association or in the case of a Board Member, endorsed by the Board.
 - (c) have experience and expertise relevant to the purpose of the Technical Directorate.
- 17.2.4 Retiring members shall be eligible for re-appointment provided a nomination is received in accordance with By-Law 17.2.3.
- 17.2.5 Appointment of Technical Directorate members is at the discretion of the Board upon the recommendation of the State Director / Chair of the relevant Technical Directorate.
- 17.2.6 A casual vacancy on any Technical Directorate may be filled by a person appointed by the Board upon the recommendation of the State Director / Chair of the relevant Technical Directorate.
- 17.2.7 Any member of a SQI Technical Directorate may resign from membership of the Directorate at any time by giving notice in writing to the General Manager. Such resignation shall take effect at the time such notice is received by the General Manager unless a later date is specified in the notice.
- 17.2.8 A member may be removed from a Technical Directorate by the Board provided that any person whose removal is proposed shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in his/her defence at a Board Meeting.
 - 17.2.8.1 A person who is removed from a Technical Directorate pursuant to By-Law 17.2.8 has no right of appeal against such removal.
- 17.2.9 Where a Technical Directorate considers it necessary, it may submit a request to the General Manager to co-opt additional personnel to assist it in the discharge of its functions. Such request shall not be unreasonably denied.

17.3 Sub-Committees

- 17.3.1 Any SQI Technical Directorate may form and appoint from time to time such sub-committees as it deems necessary to assist the Directorate in fulfilling its purpose.
- 17.3.2 Any such sub-committee will be fully accountable to the respective SQI Technical Directorate.

17.4 Administration, Annual Operational Plan and Member Expenses

- 17.4.1 Each Technical Directorate shall convene at least quarterly and such other times as it deems necessary.
- 17.4.2 A quorum will be constituted by a simple majority of appointed members.
- 17.4.3 The State Director or Chair shall chair all meetings. Where the appointed State Director or Chair is absent, the members of the Technical Directorate in attendance shall appoint a Chair for that meeting from the members present.
- 17.4.4 It is the responsibility of the appointed State Director or Chair to ensure that the Technical Directorate operates at all times within the SQI Rules, By-Laws and Policies in place at the time.
- 17.4.5 No proxy representation shall be permitted in relation to any meeting of any Technical Directorate.
- 17.4.6 Each Technical Directorate shall keep full and proper records of its proceedings and activities and shall provide a report to the Board as directed.
- 17.4.7 Each SQI Technical Directorate shall prepare an Annual Operational Plan together with detailed budget, for consideration and approval by the Board.
- 17.4.8 The Annual Operational Plan will be implemented upon acceptance and approval of the annual budget by the Board.
- 17.4.9 Prior to expenditure, any unbudgeted proposed expenditure by a SQI Technical Directorate shall be first submitted to the Finance and Commerce Committee for approval prior to being forwarded to the Board for consideration.
- 17.4.10 The Board may amend the budget at any time and may cancel or defer any project at its discretion.