

# MEMBERSHIP



## **BQF 2019-2020 Membership Policy**

### **I. Club membership**

In line with the BQF statutes, there are two types of club membership: active membership and emerging membership. Each club must have at least one team. Clubs are led by a President. They may represent their club in the General Assembly, The president may appoint up to 2 additional representatives to represent their club.

#### **A. Active Members**

To become an active BQF member, a club must:

- Participate or promise to participate in a BQF tournament during the current season
- Not be a member of another IQA-recognised National Governing Body (NGB).

Active members have the following benefits:

- A vote in the General Assembly per team affiliated with the active member.
- There is no limit on the number of teams that can be affiliated with an active member.

Active member clubs are encouraged to become a non-profit organisation.

#### **B. Emerging Members**

This type of membership is intended for clubs that are not entirely developed yet and/or are just starting out, but that wish to participate in Belgian quidditch.

Emerging members:

- Don't have a vote in the General Assembly.
- Can have only one affiliated team. This team will be an emerging team.

An Emerging Member club is encouraged to switch to Active membership after one (1) full season, and obliged to do so after two (2) full seasons.

## II. Team membership

BQF offers two (2) types of team membership: league and emerging. A team must be affiliated with a club. If a club has multiple teams affiliated with it, a hierarchy must be established for those teams.

### A. League team

To become a league team, a team must:

- Be part of a club that is an Active Member.
- Have a team manager. This may be any (non-)playing staff or board member of the club that the team is affiliated with.
- Have between 7 and 35 Individual Members registered to the team. At least 7 Individual Members must be registered with the team as “Primary Team” within the Belgian Quidditch Federation to be recognised as a Team.
- Have one (1) IQARDT-certified Head Referee, two (2) IQARDT-certified Assistant Referees, and one (1) IQARDT-certified Snitch Referee. These all four (4) being different individuals. If this is the first year a team signs up as a league team, they need at least two of the aforementioned four referees (although all teams are encouraged to recruit as many referees as possible).

Benefits of being a league team:

- By adhering to this level of membership, your team is automatically enrolled into the Belgian Quidditch League. Your team is also automatically invited to the Belgian Quidditch Cup.
- Every League Team is able to play in any match or tournament organised and/or supported by the Belgian Quidditch Federation, a recognised governing body of Quidditch Europe and/or the International Quidditch Association, unless further specified.

A League Team may switch to Recreational Team at the start of each new season.

### B. Emerging team

To become an Emerging team, a team must:

- Be part of a club that is an Emerging Member.
- Have a team manager. This may be any (non-)playing staff or board member of the club that the team is affiliated with.
- Have between 7 and 35 Individual Members registered to the team. At least 7 Individual Members must be registered with the team as “Primary Team” within the Belgian Quidditch Federation to be recognised as a Team.
- Have one (1) IQARDT-certified Assistant or Snitch Referee, although all teams are encouraged to recruit as many referees as possible.

Benefits of being an emerging team:

- By adhering to this level of membership, your team is automatically invited to the Belgian Quidditch Cup and any developmental initiatives organised by the Belgian Quidditch Federation.
- Every Emerging Team is able to play in any match or tournament organised and/or supported by the Belgian Quidditch Federation, a recognised governing body of Quidditch Europe and/or the International Quidditch Association, unless further specified.

Emerging Teams cannot qualify for the European Quidditch Cup.

### III. Individual membership

Everyone who wishes to join a BQF team or club needs to purchase individual BQF membership before they can be assigned to a club and team and consequently be able to compete in any event hosted or supported by the Belgian Quidditch Federation. Membership is non-refundable and non-transferable.

A person wishing to become a BQF member needs to be at least 16 years old or turn 16 years old before the end of the season (June 30). Stricter rules may apply for participation in specific tournaments.

To become an individual member, a person has the following options:

- Option 1: BQF individual membership fee of 44 euros for members of league teams or 35 euros for members of recreational teams.

This covers:

- administrative costs
  - a donation to the Gryffins Fund of 6 euros
  - insurance during all BQF-supported events (i.e., playing quidditch as part of a BQF member team, playing in QPL or playing quidditch in a fantasy tournament that BQF is aware of)
- Option 2: BQF individual membership fee of 38 euros for members of league teams or 29 euros for members of recreational teams.

This covers:

- administrative costs
- a donation to the Gryffins Fund of 6 euros

Option 2 does not include insurance. People selecting this type of individual membership must be able to provide proof that they have insurance covering their quidditch activities, if necessary.

Benefits of becoming an individual member:

- By adhering to this level of membership, you have access to join two (2) teams: a Primary Team and a Secondary Team, **or** join one (1) Club. More information on the restriction and rules governing Primary and Secondary Teams, and Clubs, can be found in the Roster Restriction Policy.
- Every Individual Member is eligible to be selected for the Belgian national quidditch team: the Belgian Gryffins, unless prohibited by stricter ruling of the International Quidditch Association.

An individual member cannot be affiliated with any other IQA recognised body as part of a club and/or team outside Belgium, except in a non-playing function (e.g. to coach or otherwise support the team). For the purposes of European competitive tournaments (specifically EQC) a person cannot be affiliated with more than one club in any function.