



Queensland Cricket Umpires' & Scorers' Association Inc.

Bob Spence Medal Rules – 2023/24 Season

The Award will be made to the Member of the Association who, in the opinion of the committee, best exemplifies the spirit of contribution by his/her efforts both on and off the field during the season immediately preceding the giving of the award. This Award was named the Bob Spence Medal in recognition of his service to Queensland Cricket and in particular his support of the Queensland Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Inc. ("QCUSA").

1. ELIGIBILITY
2. ALLOCATION OF POINTS
3. DISCRETIONARY POWERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. ELIGIBILITY

- a) Be a financial member of the QCUSA by 31st October. (New members by the 30th November.)
- b) A member may decline to be considered for the award by advising the Honorary Secretary to this effect in writing.

2. ALLOCATION OF POINTS

Points will be allocated to all eligible umpires as follows:

A. Meetings

- (i) Umpires shall be awarded 0.5 point for attending meetings of the QCUSA in person and 0.25 point for attending meetings of the QCUSA via video conferencing or other audio-visual means, up to a maximum of 9 meetings. If an umpire attended a meeting of the QCUSA via video conferencing or other audio-visual means because they were forced to isolate under the Law because of a positive Covid-19 diagnosis, they shall be awarded shall be awarded 0.5 point. An application for this would need to be made to the Honorary Secretary prior to the meeting as an apology for not being at the meeting in person. This sequence of meetings begins with the AGM the year immediately preceding the giving of the Medal and ends with the March meeting.
- (ii) The Honorary Secretary of the QCUSA shall cause to be circulated at each meeting a record of attendance. Members present must record their name and signature or they will not be allocated points. The names so recorded will be circulated at each subsequent meeting and any dispute as to attendance at the immediately preceding meeting will be decided by a vote of members.
- (iii) New members will be awarded 0.5 point for meetings prior to their membership acceptance, providing they actually attend those meetings and sign the record of attendance as a visitor.



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B. Umpiring Queensland Cricket Controlled Matches

0.25 point per day available for umpiring (up to 32 days maximum), with 0.5 point bonus for 20, 21, 22 or 23 days, 1 point bonus for 24, 25, 26 or 27 days, 1.5 points bonus for 28, 29, 30 or 31 days and 2 points bonus for 32 or more days.

- (i) For each day available, an umpire will be awarded 0.25 points.
- (ii) Having been available for 20 days, an umpire will be entitled to 0.5 bonus point, i.e. $20 \times 0.25 = 5$ plus 0.5 point = 5.5 points.
- (iii) Having been available for 24 days, an umpire will be entitled to 1 bonus point, i.e. $24 \times 0.25 = 6$ plus 1 point = 7 points.
- (iv) Having been available for 28 days, an umpire will be entitled to 1.5 bonus points, i.e. $28 \times 0.25 = 7$ plus 1.5 points = 8.5 points.
- (v) Having been available for 32 days or more, an umpire will be entitled to 2 bonus points, i.e. $32 \times 0.25 = 8$ plus 2 points = 10 points. (Maximum)

Note: a) *An umpiring day is a Friday, Saturday or Sunday scheduled for any fixture for which Queensland Cricket is responsible for allocating umpires. This includes Grade, Subdistricts, Churches, GPS, all One-Day, Twenty20 and Women's competitions.*

b) *Umpires appointed to First Class or any other Queensland Cricket controlled games shall be credited with points for rounds for which they would otherwise be available.*

c) *Semi-finals and Final matches will be disregarded.*

C. Seminars

0.5 point per day will be allocated for attending the pre-season seminar conducted by the QCUSA Board of Examination and Coaching.

D. Refresher Exam

0.5 point will be allocated for completing any refresher or open-book exam as determined by the QCUSA Board of Examination and Coaching.

E. Averages

The average of each umpire's match points will be determined by the Association Statistician by means of the following process:

- 1) Any captains' marks an umpire receives from officiating First to Sixth Grade games (excluding T20 matches) will be used to calculate each umpire's overall average.
- 2) The statistician will calculate the average mark for umpires in each grade (grade average).
- 3) The statistician will determine in which grade each umpire officiated the most games in the season (relevant grade).



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- 4) Each umpire's overall average will be compared with the grade average for the relevant grade to calculate your overall net score (which can be positive or negative).

Note: If the Umpire Report Form has no provision for the allocation of match points for each umpire, the Management Committee of the QCUSA will determine a method for determining the umpire's match points from this form.

F. Determination of Winner

The winner of the Bob Spence medal will be the highest points earner as determined by a subcommittee (appointed by the QCUSA Management Committee) after totalling the points gained in 2 (A-E). Every effort will be maintained to preserve the anonymity of the Medal winner. Where possible, allocation and summation will be undertaken by the Statistician and members of the sub-committee. This subcommittee will be made up of non-active members of the QCUSA.

3. DISCRETIONARY POWERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- a) Subject to the powers invested in the Management Committee of the QCUSA as set out in 3 (b) below, the Bob Spence Medal will be presented annually to the umpire gaining the highest number of points as determined by 2F.
- b) The Management Committee will have the power to:
 - (i) Allocate the AGM and August General Meeting points for new members who qualify for allocation prior to commencement of the season.
 - (ii) Take into consideration any extenuating circumstances, which may affect the allocation of points.
 - (iii) Veto the presentation of the Medal to the umpire receiving the highest number of points and to continue this process of elimination if necessary, until the winner is determined.
 - (iv) Declare a winner of the medal at their complete and sole discretion.