

# Victorian Qualifying Points – Overview

VQPs (Victorian Qualification Points) are the method for ranking the teams applying to enter the Victorian Open team playoff, and ultimately for selecting the Victorian Open team.

VQPs are awarded for high finishes in Congresses, Regional Championships, and major State events. The number of VQPs available for a given event depends on the strength and size of the event. For example, there are 3 tiers of Congress events (small, medium and large) with bigger events attracting more VQPs. Please refer to the point allocation tables for details.

We now have around 60 qualifying events for the Victorian Open Team playoff (up from just 2 under the previous selection method). The point scheme is structured to enable the most successful Congress players to participate in the playoffs while ensuring the overall integrity of the selection process.

Everybody with any VQPs is eligible to participate in the Victorian Open Team Playoff next year, and you can team up with anybody else with VQPs. The 6 teams with the highest average VQPs per player contest a one-weekend play off to become the Victorian team. The Saturday is a round-robin, with a head-to-head final on the Sunday.

We're also using the same point structure to identify the annual Congress Champion. We list the leaders in the Bulletin every month and regularly update the list on the VBA website.

For playoff purposes, the VQP "year" is a little different, running approximately from March the year before the playoff through February the year of the playoff. This gives everyone plenty of time (roughly one month) to form their teams and enter the playoff.