

### **BAWA Policy re Youth Players Travelling Representing BAWA**

When playing in any bridge competition outside of the Perth metropolitan area which involves an overnight or longer stay, players under 18 years of age, who are representing BAWA, or receiving a subsidy from BAWA, must be in the **constant care** of a parent or suitably qualified, parentally approved guardian. The parent or guardian has the sole legal responsibility for the supervision and care of the young player.

BAWA considers constant care would preclude the parent or guardian playing in the same or associated/parallel event if there was a possibility that children could be unsupervised in a unsuitable environment; or at an unsuitable time; or for an extended period of time. Unsuitable environments would include, but not be restricted to, licensed premises or hotels. After 6.00pm would be considered an unsuitable time and more than 2 hours an unsuitable period. Naturally more stringent supervision requirements would be required for children under 14.

BAWA requires a "suitably qualified guardian" to be either a close adult relative or a person with a valid West Australian Working With Children Check.\*

All expenses relating to the supervision of players under 18 are the responsibility of the players and their parents. BAWA's financial responsibility to these players is limited to the extent of the financial assistance offered to other members of the team or subsidy group. For the ANC specifically BAWA will however, always consider an application by an approved chaperone for assistance with the purchase of an airfare.

BAWA requires the parent(s) of under 18 players to sign a form acknowledging these conditions.

Notwithstanding the above conditions ALL players representing BAWA are required to maintain a standard of behaviour which would reflect favourably on our organisation.

\* Full details of the Working with Children Check can be found here <http://www.checkwwc.wa.gov.au/checkwwc>