

## QSA RDL Arrangements

### Background

Regional Development Levies are collected by SAFA and disseminated to Regional Associations to provide benefits to SAFA members in that Region.

Regional Development Levies are not automatically a membership fee for a regional association or club.

Regional Associations set the amount to be levied.

They are payable based on the residential address (postcode) of the pilot.

Regional Development Levies are not subject to GST.

As at 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2020 the current RDL arrangements for the different State Associations are as follows;

- QLD N \$22
- QSA \$22
- WA \$27.50
- VIC \$44
- ACT \$50
- NSW \$50
- SA/NT \$75
- TAS \$75

Traditionally, QSA levies, less QSA operating costs, have been passed back to local clubs to be used as the clubs see fit for the benefit of their members and it is intended to continue with this practice. Notwithstanding, the QSA Committee may, at its discretion, make changes to such things as;

- The amount of the levy (up or down)
- The use of the levy, subject to any use being for the benefit of our clubs and their members

Having said this, no change of significance will take place without the input and agreement of our SAFA affiliated clubs.

One further matter involves how the levy is collected – it relies on the residential postcode of SAFA member pilots and is collected when they renew SAFA membership. For clubs close to State Association borders this presents a problem in that, for example, a pilot living in say Tweed Heads but flying exclusively as a member of the Canungra club, will pay the NSW levy rate and that will be disbursed to the NSW State Association.

It may be necessary for affected clubs to identify any pilots so affected and then advise QSA so that the matter may be taken up with the appropriate State Association. It should be noted that the same applies in reverse in that there may be Qld based pilots who fly exclusively with NSW clubs.