

ABM – REGULATIONS FOR NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

2026

Who can represent ABM?

The following are eligible for financial support in representing ABM in National Competitions:

- players affiliated to ABM
- who have paid their subs before 15th February 2026 or if applicable before the date of the local heat of the National Competitions
- except in the case of the Taça de Portugal, in which unaffiliated players are permitted to participate in the competition, but without any financial support from ABM

Registration Confirmation + Procedures

After the conclusion of the local heat for a National Competition, the pair or team must nominate their 'representative' to ABM, who will receive any financial contribution provided by ABM on behalf of the other player or pair. This representative **must confirm their intention to participate in the National final no later than the deadline published in the regional regulations for that competition**. After that date ABM will contact, without further notice, the next-placed pair.

Confirmation should be made by email to abm@abridgemadeira.com, with the following information:

- 1) First and last name
- 2) NIF
- 3) IBAN of the representative for the pair or team

Other important information:

- a) The responsibility for booking flights lies with the players.
- b) It is the responsibility of participants to book accommodation and make other travel arrangements if required.

ABM financial support- Travel

ABM will fund travel costs for participants in National finals up to the maximum eligible for reimbursement via CTT, currently €400. Any costs above that amount must be borne by the participant. This support is provided on an equal basis to all those representing ABM, irrespective of their placing in the regional qualifying heat.

ABM financial support– Per Diem

Per player per day for each day of the Final or Competition.

- For the winners of the regional qualifying heat ABM will provide €120
- For the remainder of the participants in the National Final or competition who are eligible for support according to the Regional Regulations, ABM will provide 50% of the support available to the winners.

Entry Fees

ABM will pay the whole of the entry fee.

Eligible Expenses

The per diem element of the financial Support may be used for expenses in respect of accommodation, meals and local ground transport. All claims for expenses must be supported by receipts bearing the name and NIF (511160658) of ABM.

Flight Subsidy + Delivery of Documents

It is the responsibility of players to obtain any documents required for the flight subsidy and receipts for other eligible expenses. These must be passed by the representative of the pair or team to ABM together with a list of expenses and amounts and the confirmation document issued by CTT. The deadline for receipt by ABM is the Thursday after the end of the National Competition. ABM will not reimburse any expenses claimed, with the required documents, after this deadline. The original documents plus a copy of each document must be provided.

DRJD Dispensations

Players who require dispensation authority from DRJD must request it at the same time as confirming participation, stating the name and full address of the sponsoring employer and the job title or employment category of the participant.

Convention Cards

Your attention is drawn to the fact that for all National Competitions, fully-completed convention cards must be provided. In cases where the convention card must be submitted in advance, this is the responsibility of the participants. A copy must be sent to ABM before the start of the competitions.

Banned Substances

Permission to use prescribed drugs or treatments which are otherwise banned according to the list published annually by the Anti-Doping Authority of Portugal (available on the FPBridge website) must be sought by the participants.

Zero Tolerance

The Management of ABM may decide to refuse support for representative participation in National Competitions to any player who has violated the rules of ZERO TOLERANCE, who, at the date of the qualifying heat or the completion of the event, has been the subject of disciplinary enquiry or who is considered to have failed on previous occasions to maintain the ethical, sporting and polite behaviour which is consistent with the honour of a Regional Representative. This decision will be deemed final.