

Queensland School Sport



10-12 years Australian Football Competition Procedures

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This document **must** be read in conjunction with the
QSSMG Competition Procedures.

1 Queensland School Sport Internal Structures

1.1 Sport Specific Committees and Advisory Groups

The Queensland School Sport (QSS) 10-12 years Australian Football sports specific committee follows:

- Queensland School Sport Management Group (QSSMG) Competition Procedures.
- Queensland School Sport 10-12 years Australian Football Competition Procedures

QSS 10-12 years Australian Football Competition Procedures and QSSMG Competition Procedures must be read in conjunction with one another.

1.2 Registration of New Sports

1.3 Alternative Procedures Enabling Participation at a School Sport Australia Competition

1.4 De-registration of Sports

1.5 Sport Specific Committee Reports

1.6 State Sport Committee Finances

2 Approval of Competitions

3 Competition Programs

3.1 State Championships (Inter-regional Competition)

3.2 State Championship Competition Rules

3.2.1 Boys Championship Rules

The championship shall be conducted according to the current Laws of Australian Football as published by the Australian Football League. The Rules and Regulations will mirror those used at the SSA National Championships. Exceptions to these current AFL rules used at our State Championships are:

3.2.1.1 A 25 metre penalty shall be used instead of 50m.

3.2.1.2 No kicking in from a behind until goal umpires have waved flags.

3.2.2 Girls Championship Rules

The championship shall be conducted according to the AFLQ State Junior Football Rules and Regulations 2018 (Girls Under 13)

3.2.2.1 Games will be played on a modified field that will be 130m x 90m in dimensions

3.2.2.2 Each team will consist of 15 players with 12 players on the field at one time. The interchange will consist of 3 players.

3.2.2.3 Games will be played with a Leather size 3 (a synthetic size 3 football will be available if both coaches agree to use due to wet weather conditions)

3.2.2.4 Players will only be allowed a maximum of 2 bounces before depositing of the ball

3.2.2.5 Mark will be paid if it's a direct catch from a minimum of 10 m.

3.2.2.5 A 15m penalty will be awarded by umpires based on game rules

General Structure (Boys and Girls Championship)

3.2.2.1 The draw is to be provided and ratified by the QSSAF 10-12 years Committee prior to the State Championships. The draw should be set with the intent of maximising participation rates of all players and avoiding back to back game clashes.

3.2.2.2 Following the conclusion of round robin matches, in the cross over over/finals games in order to determine progression in the draw and overall positions, should there be a washout:

the team that scores the first goal will be awarded the win

should no team score a goal, the team that scores the first points will be awarded the win.

in both circumstances the ground marshal will keep record of these events (first team to score points, first team to score a goal).

3.2.2.3 The draw for the for the boys championship will consist of a qualifying round (based on the previous year's results) to determine two pools through which final positions will be decided. The girls draw will be a round robin format.

3.2.2.4 The blood and send off rules will apply for every match.

3.2.2.5 Players may wear any football boots/shoes, although no player will be allowed to take the field with metal tagged boots. Umpires will check all players before the commencement of the game

3.2.2.6 Players are permitted to wear specialised garments under their playing shorts and jersey as long as it is either skin colour or the colour of their team shorts.

3.2.2.7 Players are only permitted to wear playing gloves when a medical certificate is presented by the team manager to the championship convenor.

3.2.2.8 The maximum playing time for each player per day is 100 minutes.

Round robin pool matches will consist of 15 minute halves. The semi-final/final shall be a maximum 15 minute quarters. The length of the quarters will be determined by the host region in consultation with the executive prior or during the championships e.g. adjustments required due to weather conditions or team travel arrangements

3.2.2.9 The breaks between quarters shall be a maximum of five, ten and five minutes respectively. These times can be varied by agreement between the State Executive and the organising committee.

3.2.2.10 Team officials — At the State Championships each regional team may have officials consisting of: coach, assistant coach/runner, manager, trainer and water carriers (two). On warmer days, an allowance for more water carriers will be permitted in consultation with carnival convener and committee.

3.2.3.12 Coaches and assistants (maximum of 6 people) of the playing teams will be restricted to occupying the Coach's bench/designated area during the playing time.

3.2.3.13 Trainers will be allowed on the field to attend to injuries. Designated runners will be allowed on the field to provide drinks for players and deliver coach's instructions. They are not to stay on the field for lengthy periods of time to 'coach' the players. They must be wearing a uniform set by the QSSAF 10-12 years committee. The trainer/runner must then retire from the field of play immediately.

3.2.3.14 Water carriers must have RSSO approval prior to the state championship

Water carriers must be officially nominated by the team officials prior to the state championship. Each Regional School Sport Officer must approve the water carrier nominations before water carriers can carry out their duties. Water carriers are only to deliver water to the players. They are not to give players any instructions at all throughout the game.

3.2.3.15 Field umpires of all games shall be certified umpires appointed by the Student Official Manager in consultation with AFLQ, where possible and should be properly attired in official uniform. Boundary umpires should be attired in uniform, which will be provided by QSSAF 10-12 years committee. All games will be umpired by a minimum of 1 central umpire, 2 boundary umpires and 2 goal umpires.

3.2.3.16 The football is to be a leather football and shall be of a specific school size three and provided by the host region. A synthetic ball (size three) may only be used if both coaches are in agreement prior to their game.

3.2.3.17 An official timekeeper, independent of the field umpire, shall be appointed for each game.

3.2.3.18 No time on added.

3.2.3.19 Protests must be lodged with the convenor within thirty minutes of the conclusion of the game on the date of the match and shall be dealt with by the managers of the teams involved, the organising committee and a member of the QSS 10-12yrs Australian Football committee executive (or delegate). This meeting will be chaired by the convenor.

3.2.3.20 Send-off rule: only field umpires, officially appointed to control matches, shall have the power to order a player(s) from the field.

Yellow card – player is sent from the ground for the remainder of the current quarter and all of the next quarter (no report).

Red card – player is sent from the ground for the remainder of the match (automatic report).

Players sent from the ground with a yellow or red card may be replaced immediately.

Players can receive two yellow cards in one match without being reported.

Depending on the severity of the red card (report) the State Championship's Executive is to decide on the penalty of the incident. A player involved in a report may receive, for example, a one-match ban, a day suspension or ineligibility for selection in the state team – the penalty is to be determined by the executive. The information obtained in the report is to be passed on to the player's school, representative region (e.g. Met East) and sporting region (e.g. AFL Brisbane juniors).

3.2.3.21 Player reports —the umpire shall have the power to report a player for serious infringements to the championship convenor.

- A sub-committee shall be formed to discuss the report. The sub-committee shall consist of the managers of the two teams involved a member of QSSAF 10-12 year's committee executive & will be chaired by the convenor.
- The report shall be discussed within sixty minutes of the end of the game, in the presence of the umpire.
- The managers of the teams involved must table relevant documentation.
- The power of the sub-committee shall be all encompassing within the confines of the competition.

3.2.3.22 Blood rule

3.2.3.22.1 Emergency procedures:

- The appointed first aid officer is the designated case manager for all injuries and subsequent treatment.
- The appointed first aid officer approves the player re-entering the field after initial treatment.
- Regional manager is the designated liaison with the appointed first aid officer.

3.2.3.22 Treatment:

- The umpire will stop play and direct player from field, a replacement player is able to take the field immediately
- A player with:

- (a) an open cut or abrasion or
- (b) blood on any part of his/her body or uniform is to be removed from the field of play for treatment or cleaning

3.2.3 Appointment of Queensland team selectors

3.2.3.1 The state team selection panel shall consist of the QSS appointed State Team Coach and two other regional team officials. Nominations for these two selectors positions will be called for prior to the pre-championship meeting where ever possible. Should there be more than two applicant for these positions a vote or ballot will determine their appointment.

3.3 School Based Competitions

3.3.1 AFL Queensland conducts a state-wide knock out competitions for both primary school aged boys and girls which is open to all schools around Queensland. All schools are eligible and welcomed to nominate team/s. The QSSAF 10-12 years has no role in organisation of this competition.

3.4 Sponsorship

4 Access to State Championships

4.1 Eligibility

- 4.1.1 To be eligible for selection in the Queensland team, a player must be enrolled at an approved school or college that is affiliated with Queensland School Sport.
- 4.1.2 Participants must be a minimum age of 10 years and a maximum age of 12 years as of 31 December in the year of competition.
- 4.1.3 Each region is invited to enter a team of up to 23 players (maximum team size) for the Boys competition and up to 15 players for the Girls competition.

4.2 Centres of Athletic Development

4.3 Guidelines for Gender Equity in Sport

5 Conduct of State Championships

5.1 Championship Host

5.2 Participation

5.3 Finance

5.4 Accommodation Framework

5.5 Event Officials

5.6 Complaints Management

5.7 Meetings

5.7.1 Organisation

5.7.1.1 Meetings — The QSSAF 10-12 years holds the AGM at the State championships each June following the pre-carnival meeting. Additional sports committee meetings are called throughout the year when needed.

5.7.1.2 There shall be a meeting of managers and coaches prior to the commencement of the championships (pre-championship meeting) where all competition procedures are discussed.

5.8 Health and Safety

5.9 Excursions and Functions

5.10 State Team Selections

5.11 Host Report

Post carnival reports and feedback is to be provided at the next available QSSAF 10-12 years committee meeting after the state championships.

5.12 Travel Subsidy

5.13 Requests for Access to Students

5.14 Loss or Damage of Equipment at State Championships

5.15 Photography

5.16 Trophies and Presentations

5.16.1 Perpetual trophies will be awarded to the winning championship team (highest ranked team after the final on the final day).

Medallions will be awarded to the top three regional teams at the conclusion of the championship.

5.16.2 Player of the Boys Championship – *Jason Akermanis Medal (funded by the committee) will be awarded to the best player during the open championship (state selectors will select this player)*

Player of the Girls Championship – Tayla Harris Medal (TBC) (funded by the committee) will be awarded to the best girl player in the girls' championship (regional coaches will select this player)

5.16.3 The King/Coker Spirit Award (funded by the committee) will be awarded to the team with the most accrued 'fair play and sportsmanship points' as awarded by the field umpires at the conclusion of each game. This award is named after two life members of the association.

5.16.4 Regional team player awards to be presented by regional team officials and are not included in the closing ceremony.

5.17 Areas of Responsibility

5.18 Minimum Venue Standards

5.19 Regional Delegates Role

6 Queensland Teams (Open championship only)

6.1 State Team Selection Policies

6.1.1 Criteria for selection

6.1.1.1 The major criteria for selection shall be the performance of the students at the state championships (in the open division). Areas considered include:

- the level of skills exhibited by the student
- the performance of the student as a member of the team
- the attitude and behaviour of the student on and off the field of competition

6.1.2 Procedures

6.1.2.1 The selection panel shall be determined prior to the pre-carnival meeting (organised by the host convenor) where ever possible.

6.1.2.2 Selection meetings will be lead by the state team coach but will be overseen by a member of the executive as chair.

6.1.2.3 The selection panel must comprise of a minimum three members (QSS state team coach, 2 regional team officials) in addition, a representative from AFLQ may assist with selection by providing feedback as required.

6.1.2.4 The selectors shall meet on each day of the state carnival.

6.1.2.5 The selection panel, or panel members, will meet with all coaches of competing regions daily (determined at the pre-carnival meeting).

6.1.2.6 Team coaches may submit a written report to selectors.

- 6.1.2.7 At least two selectors shall be present at every game during the competition.
- 6.1.2.8 The selectors shall maintain a written record of all competition viewed and meetings held.
- 6.1.2.9 Regional team coaches/managers shall advise chairperson of students not available for selection.
- 6.1.3 Announcement of the state team
 - 6.1.3.1 The state coach or manager will announce the team.
 - 6.1.3.2 The Boys state team of 23 members & Girls state team of 18 members will be named at the closing ceremony of the state carnival.
 - 6.1.3.3 Shadow players may be named at the ceremony and may be invited to train with the state team.
 - 6.1.3.4 A meeting of players, parents (if present) and officials will occur at the completion of the naming of the state team.

6.2 Selection Policy Guidelines

6.3 6.2.1 Participation at National Events

6.3.1 The Queensland team will be known as the “Queensland Blaze” while playing in the SSA National Championships

6.4 Appointment of Team Officials

6.4.1 Appointment of Queensland Team Officials

- 6.4.1.1 The appointment of QSSAF 10-12 years state team officials is governed by the QSS Competition Procedures.
- 6.4.1.2 Applicants for Queensland Team positions must have attended a minimum of 2 State championships as a regional team official, championship convenor or member of the committee executive.
- 6.4.1.3 In applying for their respective positions, all officials make the commitment to attend all set training times and/or be available to attend a team training camp.
- 6.4.1.4 A pathway coach may be appointed only if sufficient funding is provided by AFLQ to fully fund the position (including TRS). This position is intended to provide officials with the opportunity to be mentored by the QSS state team officials appointed for that year & AFLQ coach development staff as a means of succession planning, but does not guarantee progression to state team coach in the following year.
- 6.4.1.5 Applications for pathway coaches will only be accepted from officials who are attending the relevant QSS state championship events in an official capacity (either as a regional team official, a

key official or a member of the committee executive). All applications will then be considered by a panel consisting of QSS 10-12yrs Australian Football committee executive, and a Queensland School Sport Officer and must be endorsed by a nominated AFLQ representative prior to being appointed/announced (subject to AFLQ sponsorship money outlined in the agreement between QSS and AFLQ)

- 6.5 Uniforms**
- 6.6 Travel Policy**
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