

**Queensland School Sport**



**13-19 year 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) 13-19 year Football sports specific committee follows:

- Queensland School Sport Management Group (QSSMG) Competition Procedures.
- Queensland School Sport 13-19 year Football Competition Procedures

QSS 13-19 year 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)**

#### **3.1.1 Structure**

Competition is played in two pools (odd and even). The composition of the pools is decided by the placing's of the teams (in each division, namely boys and girls) from the previous championships.

### **3.2 State Championship Competition Rules**

#### **3.2.1 Rules for 16-19 years Girls & 17-19 years Boys competition**

3.2.1.1 The championships are to be conducted under the rules of the game as endorsed by FIFA except as follows.

3.2.1.2 To compete in the 17-19 years boys competition players must be 17,18 or 19 years of age as at 31 December in the year of competition. To compete in the 16-19 years girls competition, players must be 16, 17,18 or 19 years of age as at 31 December in the year of the competition. Exemptions may be sought based on the requirements of a particular region to fill a team, subject to their own regional policies. Regions should refer to the QSSMG guidelines for exemption to the Age Policy.

3.2.1.3 The following points will be awarded for Preliminary Rounds:

- Win 3 points
- Draw 1 point
- Loss 0 points

3.2.1.4 There are no shootouts or extra time in preliminary rounds.

3.2.1.5 A squad of 16 players may be used with unlimited interchange. All substitutions to be made at the halfway line. Exiting players must be off the field before replacement players can enter. The game will be stopped in line with FIFA rules for the interchange to take place and the referee must be notified that a change is about to take place.

3.2.1.6 Duration of play

All games will consist of two halves of 30 minutes with a 10 minute break for half time. No time shall be added on for the preliminary games except for serious injuries or other major disruptions.

3.2.1.7 Selection of final teams

At the completion of the pool games, a further cross over round will be played to determine the teams involved in the semi-finals crossover as well as the placing's play-off games. The winners of these two semi finals play each other in the Final to decide positions 1 and 2 and the losers play off to decide positions 3 and 4.

In the event of teams being tied on points in the pool stages, for the highest ranked loser from the crossovers and for the play-off games to decide finishing placings 5 vs 6, 7 vs 8, 9 vs 10 (except 1 vs 2 and 3 v 4), the following criteria (in order) will apply to determine final placings.

Criteria

- (a) Highest points from the pool stage
- (b) Most wins
- (c) Best Goal Difference
- (d) Most Goals scored
- (e) Least goals conceded
- (f) Shoot-out (5 kicks each, followed by sudden death shots)

#### **All Cross-over, Play off for 3rd and 4th, Semi Finals and the Final**

If both teams are tied at the end of fulltime, the game will be decided with a penalty shootout in line with FIFA rules. Only the 11 players who finished the game will take part in the shootout.

If **play-off games for finishing positions 5 vs 6, 7 vs 8, 9 vs 10** end in a draw, the above criteria will be applied to decide final placings (no shoot-out until criteria (f) as above).

3.2.1.8 Cautions/suspensions

A player who accumulates two cautions in the pool games will automatically be suspended for the next rostered game one game. A player cannot appeal a caution.

The caution count will re-start in the final (knockout) phase of the championship whereby an additional two cautions will apply before a further one game suspension will be enforced.

A manager or other team official may clarify cautions and the respective offence after the game with the referee (up to 30 minutes after the game). A player/team can only appeal a send-off suspension that is for more than the mandatory one match.

#### 3.2.1.9 Coaching

Coaches may coach from the bench or technical area but may not walk up and down the side line to coach. If a technical area is designated, they (or anyone from the bench) must not leave this area during the game.

#### 3.2.1.10 Blood

3.2.1.10.1 Should a player require medical assistance due to bleeding, s/he must leave the field of play for treatment unless considered detrimental to her/his health in which a trainer or medical officer will come to the player.

3.2.1.10.2 Once appropriate first aid has been provided and the bleeding has stopped, (and the player is cleared and well enough to continue) they may take further part in the game. Should the garment have blood on it, then it must be swapped for a new one so that no other players are exposed unnecessarily.

3.2.1.10.3 Each region must bring a spare unnumbered playing shirt so that a bloody garment can be changed if required in consultation with the referee.

#### 3.2.1.11 Establishment of a judiciary

3.2.1.11.1 A judiciary established at the beginning of the championships will cover under their jurisdiction match incidents, discipline and suspensions.

3.2.1.11.2 The convener of the championships (or her/his nominee) will chair the judiciary.

3.2.1.11.3 The judiciary will deal with student behaviour off the field gather the necessary evidence and make the final decision.

3.2.1.11.4 The judiciary will decide on the suspension for a player who receives a red card in any game automatically means a one game suspension.

3.2.1.11.5 For dispute of red cards that carry more than a one game suspension (based on the referee report) the judiciary may include the referee and/or a referee official. After evidence is heard, the judiciary will make the decision which cannot be overturned.

### 3.2.2 Rules for 13-15 years Girls & 13-16 years Boys competition

3.2.2.1 FIFA Rules apply with the following modifications.

3.2.2.2 To compete in the 13-15 girls years competition, players must be 13, 14 or 15 years of age as at 31 December in the year of the competition. To compete in the 13-16 years boys competition, players must be 13, 14, 15 or 16 years of age as at 31 December in the year of the competition.

3.2.2.3 Point – preliminary rounds

- Win 3 Points
- Draw- 1 Point
- Loss 0 Pints

3.2.2.4 A squad of 16 players may be used with unlimited interchange. All substitutions to be made at the halfway line. Exiting players must be off the field before replacement players can enter. The game will be stopped in line with FIFA rules for the interchange to take place and the referee must be notified that a change is about to take place.

3.2.2.5 Duration of play

All games will consist of two halves of 30 minutes with a 10 minute maximum break for half-time whenever possible.

3.2.2.6 Selection of final teams

At the completion of the preliminary rounds, a further cross over round will be played to determine the teams involved in the semi-finals as well as the placing's play-off games. The winners of these two semi-finals play each other in the Final to decide positions one and two and the losers play off to decide positions three and four.

In the event of teams being tied on points, the following criteria will apply:

- (a) Most wins
- (b) Best goal difference
- (c) Most goals scored
- (d) Least goals conceded
- (e) Shoot-out (five kicks each, followed by sudden death shots, in-line with 3.2.1.1).

If play-off games for positions five to ten end in a draw the above criteria will be applied to decide final placing's.

3.2.2.7 Cross-over, play off for 3rd and 4th, semi-finals and final

If both teams are scoreless at the end of fulltime the game will be decided with a penalty shootout in line with FIFA rules. Only the 11 players who finished the game will take part in the shootout.

3.2.2.8 Coaching

Coaches may coach from the bench but may not walk up and down the sidelines coaching. If a technical area is designated, they (or anyone from the bench) must not leave this area.

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### **3.3 School Based Competitions**

#### 3.3.1 State knockout competitions/ championships

Nil endorsed

#### 3.3.2 Metropolitan finals

Nil endorsed

#### 3.3.3 Inter-regional/district

Nil endorsed

### **3.4 Sponsorship**

## **4 Access to State Championships**

### **4.1 Eligibility**

### **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**

Pre-championship meeting (championship organisation, election of selectors).

AGM — will be conducted at a pre-championship meeting of a scheduled championship most convenient for executive and delegates or by pre-arranged teleconference if more suitable to the management committee.

Official dinner — compulsory attendance by all regional coaches and managers unless prior approval has been granted by the host regional sports officer. The host region will look to provide a guest speaker where possible.

## **5.8 Health and Safety**

## **5.9 Excursions and Functions**

## **5.10 State Team Selections**

## **5.11 Host Report**

## **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**

## **5.17 Areas of Responsibility**

## **5.18 Minimum Venue Standards**

## **5.19 Regional Delegates Role**

# **6 Queensland Teams**

## **6.1 State Team Selection Policies**

## **6.2 Selection Policy Guidelines**

6.2.1 Criteria for the Selection

6.2.2 Exemptions

6.2.3 Team size

6.2.3.1 A team of sixteen players will be selected.

6.2.3.2 A squad of sixteen shadow players will also be named.

#### 6.2.4 Selection panel

6.2.4.1 The number of selectors for each division (boys and girls) will be a minimum of three and a maximum of five. If present at the championships the Queensland coach will be one of the selectors.

6.2.4.2 The Queensland coach will be the chairperson of the selection panel if present at the championships.

6.2.4.3 If the Queensland coach is not present at the championships, the chairperson of the selection panel will be appointed by the panel of selectors. If they cannot agree on a chairperson, the regional delegates present from the boys/girls will appoint the chairperson by means of a vote at the pre- championship meeting.

6.2.4.4 Applications for the position of selectors (other than coach) will be taken from the floor of the pre-championship meeting.

6.2.4.5 The election of selectors will be by preferential ballot at the pre-championship meeting.

#### 6.2.5 Selection procedures

#### 6.2.6 Announcement of Queensland team

#### 6.2.7 Notification

6.2.7.1 The Queensland team will be announced at the closing ceremony by the state coach.

### **6.3 Participation at National Events**

### **6.4 Appointment of Team Officials**

6.4.1 There is no set tenure for the coach and manager. Officials will be appointed on an application and merit system as per Queensland School Sport guidelines.

6.4.2 Elected team Officials to only hold one position per year if more than one applicant has applied. The exception to this rule is if there is only one applicant for the nominated position in that calendar year.

6.4.3 Election of officials shall be conducted under the rules and regulations of Queensland School Sport.

### **6.5 Uniforms**

### **6.6 Travel Policy**

### **6.7 Queensland Team Preparation**

### **6.8 Risk Management**

### **6.9 Guidelines for Interstate Exchanges / Non School Sport Australia Events**

**6.10 International Tours**

**6.11 Costs**

**7 Accommodation framework**

**8 Codes of Conduct**

**8.1 Team Members, Parents and Spectators**

**8.2 Team Officials**

**9 Team Officials – Duty of Supervision**

**10 Procedures for the Investigation and Recording of Misconduct**