

10-19 years Softball Competition Procedures

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NOTE: This manual is to be read in conjunction with the:

- School Sport Australia policies and guidelines
- Queensland Representative School Sport Leadership handbook



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Sport Competition Guidelines

Minimum Venue Standards

The host region venue must comply with audit requirements and:

- complete a procurement process (where required).
- have sufficient and suitable (e.g. cabin/motel style) accommodation within the host town/city to provide places for all visiting parents/supporters competitors/ student officials/team officials
- have access to appropriate transport to/from the host town/city
- have access/proximity to 24 hour medical services (e.g. hospital, ambulance, dentist, physio)
- The playing venue must be a suitable standard and must comply with the sport specific minimum requirements. Consideration must also be given to factors such as:
 - sufficient number of suitably sized change rooms present
 - spectators must be adequately catered for with suitable viewing, toilet facilities, canteen etc.
 - Competition Area – Number of Diamonds and Warm-Up Areas
 - Suitable shade & shelter for hot & wet weather if necessary
 - Access to water
 - Officials' Room with secure area for official's bags
 - Championship working group control room
 - Access to internet
 - Laptop and printer
 - Photocopier
 - Paper
 - General stationery

First Aid

A minimum of two First Aid Officers/Sports Trainers must be provided each day of competition. Any child treated must be accompanied by a Team Official or parent.

Spectator's facilities

Ensure there is sufficient shade, seating, toilets facilities, food and drinks vendors.

Officials

It is preferable that all key officials have a minimum Level accreditation and first aid/CPR. The key officials are (but not limited to):

- Tournament Convenor
- Technical Chief Umpire
- Umpire Educator
- SOM
- Student Officials (umpires, statisticians, coaches)
- Tournament Chief Statistician

Equipment

- The Host Region must supply all equipment for the safe conduct of the Championships other than personal playing equipment e.g., gloves, bats, helmets, catchers gear, hats, etc.
- All equipment must comply with sport specific requirements
- Competition Software (if applicable)
- Access Passes (if applicable)

Competition areas must be checked each day for potential hazards and steps must be taken to rectify or make safe these potential hazards.



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Bulletins

Bulletin 1

- Team levy
- Venue
- Dates
- Pre-championship meeting date and venue
- Post-championship meeting date and venue
- Participating regions
- Team size
- Competition working group contact details
- Program of events

- Sports medicine arrangements
- Opening ceremony information
- Closing ceremony information
- Photo graph cost
- Canteen arrangements
- Independent selector details

Bulletin 2

- Confirmation of previous bulletin information
- Draw
- Photo Schedule

Additional information required for the tournament

Links for Live results & Live streaming

Special Guest for Opening ceremony

- Education Minister, Sport Minister
- Director Teaching and Learning
- Local Government representative
- Department of Education
- QRSS Board
- State Organisation
- Event sponsors

Ceremonies

Opening Ceremony

Closing Ceremony

Invitation to the following:

- Host Region officials
- Key Event Officials
- Team Officials
- Sponsor representative
- State Sporting Organisation Representative
- Local Life Members

Meetings

Pre-Championship Meeting

Selection Meetings

Post-Championship Meeting (if applicable)

A pre-championship meeting, chaired by the host RSSO / Asst. RSSO, in conjunction with the QRSS-SE member in attendance shall be convened for the purpose of discussing the conduct of the championships. The convenor may also be involved in the hosting of the meeting.

Regional team lists are to be confirmed at the pre-championship meeting. No changes are to occur after the list is confirmed.



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A post-championship meeting may be convened and from this meeting recommendations may be put forward for consideration by the QRSS-SE. If recommendations are endorsed by regional delegates, these must then be submitted to the QRSS-MC for approval.

All regional officials must attend all meetings and official functions as organised by the championship convener and/or the QRSS-SE. This would include any Professional development opportunities as organised by the QRSS-SE.

Pre Championship Meeting agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Team officials' registrations
3. Student protection
4. Project Consent
5. Reporting injuries
6. Concussion
7. Game time consideration
8. State Team selection
9. Communication lines
10. Championship working group items
 - Championship schedule
 - Check program for player changes
 - First Aid/Ice
 - Venue information
 - Venue layout
 - Parking
 - Fields/Courts/warm up area
 - Emergency Response Plan/Procedure
 - Championship Contact Numbers
 - Team Photographs
 - Opening and Closing Ceremonies
 - State championship draw
 - Competition procedures
 - Unofficial Dinner
 - Referees

Duration and Draws

Duration of championships are to be scheduled to use no more than two school days for competition. Where this cannot occur, the Host Region will communicate with the QRSS – RC and QRSS for approval and endorsement.

Such issues may include:

- availability of venues and number of games played per day etc

At each State Championship for team sports, the draw must ensure that all teams play on each day of the event.

At each State Championship a Queensland team may be selected and named (as a travelling or merit team). No other teams are to be named.

The sport specific competition procedures outline the draws and round robin matches to be played for various formats.



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Softball 10-19yrs Competition Rules and Guidelines

<p>Queensland Representative School Sport trials and championships shall be conducted under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Softball Australia rules and Interpretations as endorsed by the QRSS Softball 10-19yrs Sport Executive. • SSA 12 years and under rules and guidelines • SSA 18 years and under rules and guidelines • QRSS Leadership Handbook • QRSS Risk assessment handbook 	
<p>Age groups offered</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-12 years Boys & Girls– State Championship & SSA National Championship • 13-18 years Boys & Girls – State Championship & SSA National Championship
<p>Event Officials</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Sport Executive member • 1 convenor for each venue • Technical Chief Umpire (TCU) • Umpire Educator • Ground support staff (usually association volunteers as covered under ground hire agreement) • 1 FAO or equivalent per venue. Determination as to 2nd FAO depending on venue size, location and accessibility. • 1 Student official manager (SOM) per venue depending on minimum number of student officials has been met • Student Officials (umpires, statisticians, coaches) • SSO Umpire officials • Chief Statistician at each venue • Independent Selector is to be added to the budget if the (Qld Coach/Manager is not a regional official) • Independent selector additional (if funded by QRSS-SE)
<p>Championship Host</p>	<p>The host region will liaise with the QRSS 10-19yrs Softball Executive around all aspects of the State Championship organisation but will be responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain permission, at an early date, to use grounds and facilities and consider wet weather alternatives. • Check with QRSS Softball 10-19yrs Sport Executive if there is a sponsorship or in-kind agreement re: 11-inch softballs (10-12yrs), 12-inch softballs (13-19yrs). • If no sponsorship or in-kind agreement, then the cost of the balls (three dozen leather 11-inch softballs (10-12yrs) and 6 dozen leather 12-inch softballs (13-19yrs), need to be added to the budget of the championship. • Liaising with the QRSS Softball 10-19yrs Sport Executive to appoint a convenor. • TCU (Technical Chief Umpire) will be appointed by Queensland Umpires Association in consultation with QRSS Softball 10-19yrs Sport Executive. • Prepare a bulletin for distribution to regional sport officers (copies to QRSS Softball 10-19yrs Sport Executive and the QRSS Responsible officer), to contain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Playing dates including start and finish times ○ Suggested arrival and departure dates and times ○ Venue details ○ Student and officials' accommodation ○ Nomination fee /team levy ○ Request for details of team officials, travel arrangements, team list

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any other information relevant to the championship ○ Arrange catering facilities. ○ Ensure that adequate shade is provided. ● Ensure that the playing benches are adequately shaded and water containers and ice are available on all playing benches. ● Arrange accommodation for team and QRSS Softball 10-19yrs Sport Executive officials, Technical Chief Umpire plus Umpire Educators (if appointed), selectors, and SOM. ● Arrange transfer of duty requirements for any sport Executive officials attending the championships. ● If necessary, organise transport for teams and officials. ● In consultation with Sport Executive arrange Professional Learning & Officials Recognition Session ● Service sponsors according to QRSS 10-19 years School Sport Policy Guidelines. ● Seek local sponsorship. ● Organise venues for all meetings to be convened during the championships. ● Make arrangements for first aid/sports medicine facilities with ice provided each day for managers. Provide managers with accident report forms. Inform team officials of nearby medical, dental and other related centres. ● Arrange for the diamonds to be marked accordingly. ● Provide all team and executive officials with a championship information folder which would include: meeting agendas, previous meeting minutes, draw, program, score cards, Professional Learning & Officials Recognition Session/ Dinner Information, lunch order forms, accident report forms, bus roster (if arranged), medical facilities list, and social events etc. ● Risk Management Assessments are completed daily and records are kept. ● Arrange media cover. ● Ensure all safety procedures as set out in the Education Queensland Manual: Health & Safety HS-10: Workplace, Health and Safety – Curriculum (Policy & Guidelines) shall be adhered to throughout the championships. ● Arrange for the printing of the program. Check with Queensland Representative School Sport to ascertain which sponsors' advertisements must be included. ● Organise medallions, MVP Awards. Numbers of medallions are to include the coach, assistant coach and manager. ● Remind previous years winning teams to bring back trophy/s. ● Make arrangements for team photographs to be taken through the host region. ● Make arrangements for the sale of QRSS Merchandise. ● Include Codes of Behaviour for Players, Parents and Spectators in the championship program (Refer to Queensland Representative School Sport's Competition Procedures). ● Immediately notify QRSS for resolution of any dispute that cannot be settled. ● Within eight weeks of the conclusion of the state carnival, provide a written report to QRSS and QRSS Softball 10-19yrs Sport Executive, to include all results, recommendations and financial statement. This report should include any media articles and/or photographs that the organising committee was successful in obtaining.
QRSS 10-19yrs Sport Executive Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Forward to the RSSO and Championship Convenor a copy of 10-19 years Competition Procedures, together with any rules and conditions necessary for the conduct of the championships.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make available any assistance requested by the host centre organisers, including previous convenors' notes. • Be in contact with Queensland Umpire Association to discuss TCU plus Umpire Educators for the Championships. • Liaise and develop the state Championship budget, for approval by sports unit. • Manage any organisation regarding State representative teams. • Conduct all Championship meetings. • Provide copies of meeting agendas (Pre and Post Champ) • Provide copies of the previous year's carnival meeting minutes. • Ensure the selection of state teams takes place in accordance with the Queensland Representative School Sport Selectors Workbook – softball. • A member of the QRSS Softball 10-19yrs Sport Executive will introduce the State team officials and subsequently announce each member of the state team.
Additional teams (if required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If there are fewer than 12 regions represented at the state championships, regions may opt to nominate an additional team as per the QRSS Leadership handbook process.
Sporting Organisation Support (if required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In kind agreement with Softball Queensland to supply match balls for each State Championship (10-12yrs and 13-19yrs). Regional organising committee to confirm with QRSS Softball 10-19yrs Sport Executive prior to budget finalisation around the supply of match balls
State Championship Team Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team officials 10-12yrs - At the State Championships each regional team must have 3 officials consisting of: coach, assistant coach and manager • Team officials 13-19yrs - At the State Championships each regional team must have minimum of 2 officials to a maximum of 3, consisting of either: coach, assistant coach or manager • All officials entering the field of play must meet mandatory requirements as per the Team Officials Matrix (outline for appointment of team official positions) published in the QRSS Leadership Handbook, and named in the program.
Umpires/Referees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Softball Queensland Umpires Association – contact re TCU appointment for each Championship. • 10-12yrs Championship - Each Region is to supply 1 student official umpire per team entered into the 10-12 years championship. Student Officials are attached to each regional team. Student Officials also are required to register via the QRSS Student Officials portal. If supplementary umpires are required, these can be sourced through Softball Queensland Umpires Association or venue association. • 13-19yrs Championships – umpires are sourced via the QRSS Student Officials portal and supplemented through Softball Queensland Umpires Association or venue association.
Appointment of Queensland Team Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointments are through a merit-based application process via QRSS as per the QRSS leadership handbook.
Appointment of Selectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The selection of the state team/s or merit team should take place in accordance with the QRSS-SE selection policy as adopted and approved by the QRSS-B. • A panel of selectors will be appointed to ensure a transparent, fair and equitable selection process has occurred at the trial/event. • The selection panel may consist of up to 3 people, one of whom will be the Queensland coach.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent selectors may be appointed by the QRSS-SE and communicated to the Host Region to ensure they are included in the budget. Panellists are to ensure they use the criteria provided (where required) and send a pdf copy of the feedback to QRSS for storing.
Announcement of the state team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A member of the QRSS Softball Sport Executive will introduce the State team officials and subsequently announce each member of the state team. The coach of each team will present each player with a state cap and shake their hand. The player will pass each state team official shaking hands as they pass. In the absence of a QRSS-SE member, a special guest or life member may be invited to make the team announcements.
Minimum Venue Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required Diamonds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 Teams - 4-5 diamonds 11 Teams - 4 diamonds 10 Teams - 4 diamond 9 Teams - 3-4 diamonds 8 Teams - 3 diamonds 7 Teams - 3 diamonds 6 Teams – 3 diamonds 5 Teams – 2 diamonds <p>*In the event of a joint championships, the required diamonds will be equal to one less than the addition of the diamond requirements listed above.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adequate Warm Up Areas. Catering facilities. Adequate shade is provided. Playing benches are adequately shaded and water containers and ice are available on all playing benches.
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10-12yrs team – teams must be represented by students who are 10-12yrs of age. A minimum age of 10 years in the year of competition, and a maximum of 12 years as of 31 December in the year of competition. 13-19yrs team - teams must be represented by students who are 13-19yrs of age. A minimum age of 13 years in the year of competition, and a maximum of 19 years as of 31 December in the year of competition. Eligible players for selection into a team to compete at any SSA Championship event must be 18 years of age and under on 31 December of the year of competition.
Participation expectations – sport specific	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students must receive equitable participation as per the QRSS leadership handbook.
Playing uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uniform numbering – it is mandatory for each player to have a number on the back of the playing shirt being a minimum of 15cm in height. It is optional to have a number on the sleeve or side of the playing shorts. It is advisable for safety reasons that no names are visible on clothing
Match equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The host region will arrange all equipment required for the conduct of the championships. Match balls to be provided by the organising committee (added to the budget) or provided by Softball Queensland (in kind agreement). Individual players will be responsible for providing their own playing and safety equipment. Catchers will be responsible for providing all protective equipment necessary as stated in the current rules of softball.

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Team Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-12yrs – Each team roster shall consist of a maximum of fifteen (15) players and a minimum of twelve (12) players. • 13-19yrs – Each team roster shall consist of a maximum of fifteen (15) players and a minimum of twelve (12) players.
First Aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each team should have an adequate first aid kit. • FAO will provide ice for injury. • Blood Bin Rule • Concussion <p>Emergency procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Treatment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The umpire will stop play and direct player from field, a replacement player is able to take the field immediately • A player with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ an open cut or abrasion or ○ blood on any part of his/her body or uniform is to be removed from the field of play for treatment
Spectator's facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Convenor and Ground Manager are responsible for ensuring the safety of players and officials. • Parents – Parents are not permitted to enter the diamond or any field of play. • If no fence at the venue, parents and spectators are to remain an adequate distance from the boundary of the field as requested by the Ground Manager or as indicated by ground markers.
Trophies and presentations	<p>Medallions will be awarded to the top three regional teams at the conclusion of each boys and girls 10-12yrs and 13-19yrs Championships.</p> <p>10-12yrs Championships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The winner of the 10-12yrs Girls Championship will be presented with the '10-12yrs Girls State Championship Trophy'. • The runner up of the 10-12yrs Girls Championship will be presented with the 'Girls State Championship Runner-up Trophy'. • The winner of the 10-12yrs Boys Championship will be presented with the 'Barry Sandford Shield'. • The runner up of the 10-12yrs Boys Championship will be presented with the 'Stuart Landis Trophy'. <p>13-19yrs Championships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The winner of the 13-19yrs Girls Championship will be presented with the 'Chris Thornton- Corrie Knight Trophy'. • The winner of the 13-19yrs Boys Championship will be presented with the 'Queensland Representative School Sport Softball Championship trophy'. <p>13-19yrs Player Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An award will be presented to any player who has represented a region/s for five years.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the Girls Championship this award will be the 'Corrie Knight Service Award' • For the Boys State Championship this award will be the 'Russell Miller Service Award.' <p>MVP Awards (10-12yrs and 13-19yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPV awards for each Regional Team. MVP awards to be included into the Championship budget.
Selection of referee/umpires to attend National Championships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 student umpires to be selected per team to attend SSA National Championships based on their performance at the QRSS 10-12yrs and/ or 13-19yrs Softball State Championships. (This number may be elevated should Queensland be hosting the SSA Championship in that year). • Selection of umpires to be assessed and determined by the TCU in collaboration with State team officials.
School Based Competitions	<p>QRSS-SE Golden Glove Softball Challenge (13-19yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This competition is open to girls and boys Softball teams in a girls only and a boys only Open Division from all affiliated schools. • Schools wishing to participate in this Challenge are to make contact with QRSS-SE Golden Glove organising sub-committee. • Golden Glove rules outlined below Championship Rules and Guidelines.
Complaints Management	<p>Championship Protest Committee 10-19years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at the pre-championship meeting a protest committee of three people, will be confirmed. The committee will consist of the tournament chief umpire, convenor/key official and a sport executive member or one team official, appointed from the floor of the meeting. <p>Organisational/ General Complaints: <i>RSSO and Convenor or elevate to QRSS CO Team</i></p>

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10-12 Years Boys and Girls competition rules

Overall Information

The championships are to be conducted under Softball Australia rules and Interpretations as endorsed by the QRSS 10-19 years Softball Executive except wherein stated.

State Championship Rules:

- Games shall be of 1 hour 15 minutes duration or a regulation game of seven innings, whichever is arrived at first. Should the score in a game be tied at the end of the seventh innings, a tiebreaker will be played until a winner is determined or time is called for a “time game”.
- If a game ends on an incomplete innings, the winning team shall be the team scoring the most runs at the end of the last completed innings, unless the team actually batting in the bottom half of the incomplete innings has scored the most runs, then that side shall be the winner OR if the number of runs scored by both sides is the same, the game shall be drawn. Exceptions are:
 - Semi-finals – one hour fifteen minutes duration or a regulation game of seven innings. If the score is tied after completion of the seven innings and time remains, the tiebreaker rule shall apply. That is, starting from the top of the eighth innings, and each half innings thereafter the offensive team will begin its turn to bat with the player who is scheduled to bat ninth in that respective half innings being placed on second base. If after time has lapsed and even innings played and score is tied game is played until there is a winner with even innings played. Or other option could be is to go to tie breaker rule so as to get a winner.
 - Grand final – as for semi-finals. Should any grand final either using the above tiebreaker or not, result in a drawn or abandoned game both teams will be declared winners.
- Games will start and finish by the plate umpire’s watch. No new innings will be commenced in the last five minutes of a game if teams have had even offensive innings.
- The official diamond shall have a pitching distance of:
 - Boys – 12.19m (40ft)
 - Girls – 11.58m (38ft)
- Points shall be awarded as follows:
 - Win – 3 points
 - Draw – 2 points
 - Loss – 1 point
 - Forfeit – 0 points

If two or more teams have gained an equal number of points, placings shall be decided in the following order by:

 - Percentages (Runs scored against/defensive innings played)
 - The result of the game played between the two teams
- Protests are to be lodged in writing within 10 minutes of the completion of the game. The convenor will receive all protests and forward them to the protest committee. The decision of this committee is final. Protests will only be received on issues involving a misinterpretation of a rule, the failure of an umpire to apply the correct rule or a failure to impose a correct penalty for the violation of a rule. The umpire must be notified at the time before the next pitch, of the intention to protest.
 - Semi-finals and finals – protests will be heard immediately upon notification that a protest has been lodged.
- In order to speed up play, a runner may enter the game to replace the catcher on base when there are two outs. That runner can be anyone in the playing line up that is not in the next four batters. Using a runner for the catcher does not constitute as a substitution.
- A “designated runner”, referred to as a “DR”, may be used for any base runner once only in any offensive innings, provided it is made known prior to the start of the game and the player’s name is indicated on the line-up sheet.
 - The “DR” may be used as a substitute for any fielder or batter during the game; and/or.

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- The “DR” may be substituted for at any time by a player who then becomes the “DR”. The substitute must be a player who has not been in the game.
- If at the time of the “DR” entering the game as a substitute a replacement “DR” is not named, the position of “DR” shall lapse.
- The designated enclosed fence distances will be within the range of 60.96m (200ft). The exceptions to this will be in the advent of a pre-existing fence. In this case the fence will remain and the enclosed fence distance will be as exists. Should a fence not be erected for the championships, and where it is possible for all diamonds to have the same unobstructed playing surface an open diamond will be played. A batted long fly ball going beyond the marked distance will be awarded an automatic home run. A batted ground ball which bounces or rolls through the boundary is played out as per an open diamond. Any blocked ball by an obstruction two bases will be awarded.
- Rule 6 Sect. 8 Intentional Walk as detailed in the Softball Australia Rulebook will not apply in this competition.
- No metal cleats, steel studs or screws are permitted.
- A pitcher in any one game is restricted to a maximum of four innings, with only three innings consecutive.
- Due to an injury and if all reserves have been used, you are allowed to reuse or re-enter a player so as not to forfeit the game and to allow all players to be used in every game.
- In round robin competition, an innings is completed when either three outs have been made or 5 runs have crossed the plate.
 - Note: This rule does not apply for the final series (Semi-Finals, Preliminary Finals, Grand Finals or any other games determined to be part of the final series)
 - Note: On an automatic home run, all runs will be scored and counted in the total runs for that inning.
- The first named team in all matches will occupy the first base bench and call the toss.
- A conference is allowed one per offensive and defensive innings.
- Completed scorecards, showing the result of the game for each innings played, and signed by the plate umpire, shall be handed to the championship registrar immediately after the game. These results are to be displayed for all to peruse.
- Any player who in the opinion of the plate umpire throws a bat dangerously, whether or not that bat hits a person shall be declared out. The ball is dead and base runners must return to the base held at the time of the pitch.
 - Warm up on diamonds is allowed prior to the commencement of games:
- Twelve minutes before the game the team to bat first has the diamond.
 - Seven minutes before the game the team to field first has the diamond and then stays there for the game to begin.
- A minimum of 15 minutes is allowed between games.
- Individual players will be responsible for providing their own playing and safety equipment. Catchers will be responsible for providing all protective equipment necessary as stated in the current rules of softball.

Structures:

- The championships shall be conducted – girls over four days and boys over four days

Consent:

Parental consent, personal details and medical forms, and principal's approval form:

- Team officials must ensure that these forms are completed and brought to the championships by the manager
- Team officials must provide a completed personal details form and medical form.

Match balls:

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- The host region organising committee will be responsible for the supply of all match balls if there is no sponsorship available or in-kind agreement. All games will be played with an 11" leather softball. Minimum of three dozen balls.
- After the carnival these balls are to be provided to the current state team officials to be used for state training.

Team levy:

- A team levy will be set to help offset the cost of conducting the championships. This levy will be determined each year by the QRSS Softball 10-19yrs Sport Executive in consultation with the host region and follow the levy and budget guidelines from Queensland Representative School Sport.

Team officials:

- All team official names and their position/s in the team must be listed on the official team list and ratified by the respective regional sports officer prior to the commencement of the championships. All regional team officials will be presented to the pre championship meeting by the convenor for the meeting's endorsement. Only officials listed on this team list are permitted to sit on the bench and to take part in the game.
- Scorers must be nominated to the plate umpire prior to the game commencement.

Championship draw:

- All regions are invited to compete in the championships but if an uneven number of teams indicate their participation, another team from the host region may be invited to participate.
- The championship draw will be finalised by the QRSS Softball 10-19yrs Sport Executive and forwarded to the RSSO and championship convenor for dissemination via bulletin to the participating teams..
- The format for the championships will be a full round robin. The girls draw will use a four-diamond draw and the boys draw may use three diamonds (see Appendix 1 and Appendix 2). This may change due to the number of team nominated. Changes will be updated by the QRSS Softball 10-19yrs Sport Executive.
- At the completion of the boy's round robin semi-finals will be played: 1 v 4 and 2 v 3. A grand final will then be played between the winning teams of each semi-final.
- At the completion of the girl's round robin a grand final will be played between the two highest ranked teams.
- If the round robin is incomplete, the winner will be determined by the results at the completion of the amended competition, with reference to the following:
 - A minimum of six completed rounds by all regions must have been completed. In order to achieve this, the following will apply:
 - abandoned rounds will be postponed initially and may be rescheduled if time allows (additional time slots may be considered, if possible, at the venue)
 - should it be necessary to use the semi-final and grand final time slots to achieve the minimum number of completed rounds, this will receive priority
- If, due to the loss of a significant portion of the competition on days one and two to inclement weather, it is evident that sufficient rounds may not be completed to achieve an outcome as stipulated above; the championship (as determined from previous year's placings) will be played for the remaining rounds of the championship, to enable a state team to be selected.
- Due to any unforeseen circumstances such as wet weather and a round is incomplete. The draw maybe altered under the direction of the host region, TCU and sports specific executive or key person. Where possible, night games could be played. Medallions may be presented to state team members.

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Interruption of games:

- For all interrupted games, the recommencement of play will be from the point of the interruption unless determined otherwise by the Disputes committee.
- If a regulation game of three innings or a minimum of one hour has been completed, the game will not be recommenced unless time within the normal allocated timeframe permits.
- In the event of a protest, the umpire will note the time taken for the protest to be heard and decided. This time will be added to the finishing time for the game to ensure full time allocation for the game.
- In the event of an injury to a player extending beyond five minutes, the umpire will note the time taken for the treatment of the injury. This time will be added to the finishing time for the game to ensure the full-time allocation for the game.
- If the injury time extends beyond fifteen minutes, the tournament chief umpire may declare the game to be an "interrupted game".

13-19 Years Boys and Girls competition rules

Overall Information

The 13-19 years age division provides multiple opportunities for students to participate in, develop and grow their softball skills by supporting District and Inter-regional Competitions and offering the QRSS-SE Golden Glove Softball Challenge (13-19yrs) at differing times throughout the year. These opportunities are offered with the aim of providing inclusive, social and lifelong experiences which in turn help to support students' health and wellbeing in the hope they continue this pursuit into adulthood.

The pinnacle of the softball representative program, is the QRSS State Championships. Here, Regions are invited to compete for the Title of State Champions and provides students the opportunity through equity and excellence for selection into a State team (a boys and girls State Teams are selected), to compete at the School Sport Australia National Championships. Students then represent their state vying for the podium title of National Champions and furthermore, selection into an All Australian Team.

Below are the Specific Rules for the QRSS 13-19yrs State Championships and the QRSS-SE Golden Glove Softball Challenge for organisation and rule clarity. District and Inter-regional Competitions are usually conducted under modified rules to increase participation.

All competitions are to be conducted under Softball Australia Limited (SAL) Rules and Interpretations as endorsed by the QRSS Softball 10-19yrs Sport Executive except wherein stated.

Competition Rules will be listed in order:

- QRSS 13-19yrs State Championships Competition procedures
- QRSS-SE Golden Glove Softball Challenge

Structure:

- The Championships shall be conducted:
 - Girls — over three and a half days
 - Boys — over three and a half days

Paperwork:

- Team managers must ensure that they have accessible access to all students forms at the State Championships. This includes all mandatory QRSS student paperwork

Umpires:

- Regions are invited to bring student officials to participate. i.e. student official umpires. This student would be considered as part of the team and in so doing, would become an extra team member but

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not be included in the playing squad. As a team member that student will abide by the rules and conditions applying to all team members.

- It is the policy of Queensland Representative School Sport to encourage suitable qualified student umpires to participate at this level as this provides another avenue for sport education.

Team Officials:

- Each regional team must have minimum of 2 officials to a maximum of 3, consisting of either: coach, assistant coach or manager.
- All officials entering the field of play must meet mandatory requirements as per the Team Officials Matrix (outline for appointment of team official positions) published in the QRSS Leadership Handbook, and named in the program.
- All team officials' names and their position/s in the team must be listed on the official team list and ratified by the respective Regional Sports Officer prior to the commencement of the Championships. All regional team officials will be presented to the pre championship meeting by the Convenor for the meeting's endorsement. Only officials listed on this team list are permitted to sit on the bench and to take part in the game.
- Scorers/ statisticians must be nominated to the plate umpire prior to the game commencement. Scorers/ statisticians is not a team official must comply with Child Safety requirements (hold a Blue Card).

Rules:

- Games shall be of 1 hour 15 minutes duration or a regulation game of seven innings, whichever is arrived at first. Should the score in a game be tied at the end of the seventh innings, a tiebreaker will be played until a winner is determined or time is called for a "time game".
- If a game ends on an incomplete innings, the winning team shall be the team scoring the most runs at the end of the last completed innings, unless the team actually batting in the bottom half of the incomplete innings has scored the most runs, then that side shall be the winner OR if the number of runs scored by both sides is the same, the game shall be drawn. Exceptions are:
 - Semi-finals — 1 hour 30 minutes duration or a regulation game of seven innings. An innings once started must be completed. An innings may not be started within five minutes of the end of the game.
 - Grand Final — as for semi-finals. In semi-finals or the grand final, if games are drawn at completion time or seven innings additional tie breaker innings will be played until a result is determined.
- Games will start and finish by the plate umpire's watch. No new innings will be commenced in the last five minutes of a game if teams have had even offensive innings.
- The official diamond shall have a pitching distance of:
 - Boys – 14.02m (46ft)
 - Girls – the official diamond shall have a Girls pitching distance of 13.11m (43ft). However, a distance of 12.19m (40ft) should also be marked so that any pitchers who are 13 or 14 years of age may pitch from the 40ft distance BUT will not be considered for selection as a pitcher in the QRSS Softball State Team if pitching from the shorter distance.
- Points shall be awarded as follows:
 - Win – 3 points
 - Draw – 2 points
 - Loss – 1 point
 - Forfeit – 0 points
- If two or more teams have gained an equal number of points, placings shall be decided in the following order by:
 - Percentages (Runs scored against/defensive innings played)
 - The result of the game played between the two teams

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- Runs for/offensive innings played
- The toss of a coin
- The first named team in all matches will occupy first base bench and call the toss.
- In order to speed up play, a runner may enter the game to replace the catcher on base when there are two outs. That runner can be anyone in the playing line up that is not in the next four batters. Using a runner for the catcher does not constitute as a substitution.
- A “Designated Runner”, referred to as a “DR”, may be used for any baserunner once only in any offensive innings, provided it is made known prior to the start of the game and the player’s name is indicated on the line-up sheet:
 - The “DR” may be used as a substitute for any fielder or batter during the game, and/or
 - The “DR” may be substituted for at any time by a player who then becomes the “DR”. The substitute must be a player who has not been in the game
 - If at the time of the “DR” entering the game as a substitute a replacement “DR” is not named, the position of “DR” shall lapse.
- The designated enclosed fence distances will be within the range of 200– 225ft. The exceptions to this will be in the advent of a pre-existing fence. In this case the fence will remain and the enclosed fence distance will be as exists. Should a fence not be erected for the championships, and where it is possible for all diamonds to have the same unobstructed playing surface an open diamond will be played. However, should an open diamond be obstructed, all diamonds are to have a marked boundary and a ground rule double shall apply for balls which are hit through this boundary.
- Rule 6 Section 8 Intentional Walk as detailed in the SAL Rulebook will not apply in this competition.
- In all games the batting team may declare an innings closed. This rule can only be invoked when coaches from both teams agree that it is in the best interests of the game.
- No metal cleats, steel studs or screws are permitted.

Interruption of games:

- For all interrupted games, the recommencement of play will be from the point of the interruption unless determined otherwise by the Disputes Committee.
- If a regulation game of three innings OR a minimum of one hour has been completed, the game will not be recommenced unless time within the normal allocated timeframe permits.
- In the event of a protest, the umpire will note the time taken for the protest to be heard and decided. This time will be added to the finishing time for the game to ensure full time allocation for the game.
- In the event of an injury to a player extending beyond five minutes, the umpire will note the time taken for the treatment of the injury. This time will be added to the finishing time for the game to ensure the full-time allocation for the game.
- If the injury time extends beyond 15 minutes, the Tournament Chief Umpire may declare the game to be an ‘Interrupted Game’

Umpires:

- Regions are invited to bring student officials to participate. i.e. umpires. It is the policy of Queensland Representative School Sport to encourage suitable qualified student umpires to participate at this level as this provides another avenue for sport education.

Team Officials:

- All team officials’ names and their position/s in the team must be listed on the official team list and ratified by the respective Regional Sports Officer prior to the commencement of the Championships. All regional team officials will be presented to the pre championship meeting by the Convenor for the meeting’s endorsement. Only officials listed on this team list are permitted to sit on the bench and to take part in the game.

Championship Draw:

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- The championship draw will be finalised by the QRSS Softball 10-19yrs Sport Executive and forwarded to the RSSO and convenor for dissemination via bulletin to the participating teams.
- Where 12 or 11 regions are competing, the draw will be constructed about two pools, determined by the serpentine method from the final placings in the championships of the previous year.

Pool A	Pool B
1 st	2 nd
4 th	3 rd
5 th	6 th
8 th	7 th
9 th	10 th
12 th	11 th

- Teams will play a round robin within their pool and at the completion of these games will be placed in:
 - Championship Pool consisting of the top three teams of each preliminary pool and
 - Placing Pool consisting of the bottom five or six teams (dependent on the number of competing regions).
- Both pools will then play a new round robin with no carry –over points from the preliminary rounds.
- The two teams placed highest within the Championship Pool (determined with reference to Rule 3.2.1.6) will play a Grand Final to determine the Champion Team.
- If the Championship or Placing Pools are cancelled, the winner will be determined by the results of the single-round robin or an amended competition.
- Where 10 regions are competing, a full round robin will be played.
 - At the completion of the round robin Semi Finals will be played: 1 v 4 and 2 v 3. A Grand Final will then be played between the winning teams of each semi-final.
 - If the round robin is incomplete, the winner will be determined by the results at the completion of the amended competition, with reference to the following:
 - a minimum of five completed rounds by all regions must have been completed. In order to achieve this the following will apply:
 - abandoned rounds will be postponed initially and may be rescheduled if time allows (additional time slots may be considered if possible at the venue)
 - should it be necessary to use the semi-final and grand final time slots to achieve the minimum number of completed rounds, this will receive priority.
 - If 5–9 rounds have been completed, and the semi-final and grand finals abandoned, the champions and runners up will be determined with reference to: Points shall be awarded as follows:
 - Win – 2 points
 - Draw – 1 point Loss – 0 points
 - If two or more teams have gained an equal number of points, placings shall be decided by:
 - i) Percentages (Runs scored against/defensive innings played)
 - ii) The result of the game played between the two teams
 - iii) Runs for/offensive innings played
 - iv) The toss of a coin
 - If, due to the loss of a significant portion of the competition on days one and two to inclement weather, it is evident that sufficient rounds may not be completed to achieve an outcome as stipulated; therefore, the championship and placing pools (as determined from previous year's placings) will be played for the remaining rounds of the championship, to enable a State Team to be selected
 - Where fewer than 10 regions are competing, a full round robin will be played and a final series will be designed to include additional games to make best use of available time. A Grand Final will then be played between the two highest ranked teams to conclude the tournament.

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QRSS-SE Golden Glove Softball Challenge (13-19yrs)

Eligibility:

- This competition is Open division (13-19yrs) Boys and Girls team from all affiliated schools.
- No mixed gender teams permitted.

Team Competition:

- Teams are restricted to 14 players on the day of competition.
- All players must be full time bona fide secondary students who must be under 20 years of age at 31 December of year of competition.
- All players must wear the correct school softball uniform or sports uniform.

Competition Rules:

- The competition will be played under current ISF rules and Interpretations unless otherwise stated below.
- All matches will be of 1 hour 15 minutes duration or a regulation game of seven innings, whichever is arrived at first. However, an innings once started must be completed. An innings cannot be commenced within five minutes of the scheduled finishing time of the game i.e., after the 1 hour 10 minute mark.
- A game that is tied at the end of seven innings or at the end of a completed innings at the end of 1 hour 15 minutes shall be continued by playing additional tie breaker innings.
- Declaration — in all games the batting team may declare their innings closed. This declaration may be made for each innings if so desired.
- “Designated Runner”, referred to as a “DR”, may be used for any baserunner once only in any offensive innings, provided it is made known prior to the start of the game and the player’s name is indicated on the line-up sheet.
- The “DR” may be used as a substitute for any fielder or batter during the game, and/or
- The “DR” may be substituted for at any time by a player who then becomes the “DR”. The substitute must be a player who has not been in the game.
- If at the time of the “DR” entering the game as a substitute a replacement “DR” is not named, the position of “DR” shall lapse.
- Pitching distances are:
 - Girls 40ft (12.19m)
 - Boys 46ft (14.02m)

Tie breaker rules:

- Starting at the top of the next innings, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat ninth in that innings i.e., the last player ‘out’, being placed on second base. The same is repeated at the bottom of the innings for the other team. The game is continued in this way for additional innings until a result is reached.
- Each game must have a result. No drawn games.
- No metal cleats or shoes are permitted.
- Each school will supply one regulation leather softball (in suitable condition) for each game. All regulation equipment (this includes leggings for all catchers) must be used during the game.
- Games should be controlled by official ‘badged’ umpires where possible. The home (non- travelling) team should arrange for the supply of umpires.
- Umpires are responsible for keeping the match time and score.
- The official team sheet, as supplied by the organising committee, must be used for all matches. The completed score sheet, signed by both schools, must be faxed to the Convenor within three days of the completion of the game

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Structure of Competition:

- All schools which nominate will be organised according to Education Queensland's regions as near as possible.
- Within each region there will be a competition organised on a single elimination knockout basis.
- In special circumstances the organising committee will organise a one day round robin tournament to decide the winner for that region or zone.
- The organising committee will arrange the draw.
- Matches in each round must be played by the nominated date. Failure to do so may result in exclusion from the competition.

Match Venues and times

- For all matches up to but excluding the finals series, the venue is to be arranged by mutual agreement. If schools cannot mutually agree, the organising committee will arbitrate.
- After the first round, the school which has travelled most in that round will be deemed, in most cases, to be the home team.
- All matches are to be arranged at a time mutually acceptable to both schools. In most cases this will be outside school hours. Where school time is available, it must be with the approval of both principals.
- School convenors are asked to contact the local Softball Association for assistance in relation to umpires and/or facilities. A list of Association contacts is provided to each competing school.

Responsibilities:

School Responsibilities

- The competition will be known as the Golden Glove Softball Challenge (herein referred to as 'The Challenge').
- All efforts must be made by team officials to seek publicity in the local press and softball publications.
- A team nomination entry fee will be paid to enter the Challenge. This payment is to be determined by the QRSS-SE Golden Glove organising sub-committee and payment will be made to the QRSS-SE prior to commencement of the Challenge.
- All payments must be received prior to the Regional Competition Day.

Organising Committee Responsibilities

Trophies

- Golden Glove Softball Challenge winning teams (i.e., girls and boys) will receive a trophy.
- The winning school in each area will receive an appropriate memento of their participation in the Final Series.
- Players in all participating teams will be presented with a certificate.

Enquiries

- All enquiries should be directed to the Convenor.

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Appendix 1 – 10-19 years Draw for 12 Team State Championship (4 Diamonds)

* The QRSS Softball 10-19yrs Sport Executive will formulate the draw by allocating Regional teams to numbers as they were placed in the previous year.

**The following draws may need to be changed, depending on the number of teams attending the Championships.

(Year) Queensland Representative School Sport (Age Group) (Boys &/or Girls) Softball State Championships Softball Draw

Competing Teams							
(Age Group) (Boys &/or Girls) Rankings from (Previous Year)							
1	Team 1	4	Team 4	7	Team 7	10	Team 10
2	Team 2	5	Team 5	8	Team 8	11	Team 11
3	Team 3	6	Team 6	9	Team 9	12	Team 12

Day One: Thursday (Date)				
Time	Diamond 1	Diamond 2	Diamond 3	Diamond 4
8.10pm – 8.30pm	Opening Ceremony			
9.15pm – 10.30pm	1 v 2	3 v 4	5 v 6	7 v 8
10.45pm – 12.00pm	1 v 3	11 v 12	5 v 2	9 v 10
12.15pm – 1.30pm	4 v 6	11 v 8	7 v 9	12 v 10
1.45pm – 3.00pm	4 v 1	2 v 6	3 v 5	
3.15pm – 4.30pm	10 v 7	8 v 12	9 v 11	
Day Two: Friday (Date)				
Time	Diamond 1	Diamond 2	Diamond 3	Diamond 4
8.30pm – 9.45pm	1 v 5	2 v 4	3 v 9	7 v 11
10.00pm – 11.15pm	1 v 6	2 v 3	12 v 9	8 v 10
11.30pm – 12.45pm	4 v 5		12 v 7	11 v 10
1.00pm – 2.15pm	3 v 6	8 v 9	1 v 7	
2.30pm – 3.45pm	12 v 6	8 v 2	4 v 10	5 v 11
Day Three: Saturday (Date)				
Time	Diamond 1	Diamond 2	Diamond 3	Diamond 4
8.30pm – 9.45pm	4 v 11	6 v 7	5 v 12	3 v 10
10.00pm – 11.15pm	2 v 9	1 v 8	4 v 12	3 v 11
11.30pm – 12.45pm	1 v 9	2 v 10	5 v 7	
1.00pm – 2.15pm	6 v 8	3 v 12	4 v 7	
2.30pm – 3.45pm	5 v 8	2 v 11	6 v 9	1 v 10
Day Four: Sunday (Date)				
Time	Diamond 1	Diamond 2	Diamond 3	Diamond 4
8:30pm – 9:45	2 v 12	6 v 10	4 v 8	3 v 7
10.00pm – 11.15pm	6 v 11	1 v 12	5 v 10	9 v 4
11.30pm – 12.45pm	9 v 5	2 v 7	1 v 11	8 v 3
1:30pm – 2:45pm	Final - 1 st v 2 nd	Final - 3 rd v 4 th		
3:00pm	Presentations			
3:30pm	Championship concludes – Team departs			

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Appendix 2 – 10-19 years Draw for 11 Team State Championship (4 Diamonds)

(Year) Queensland Representative School Sport (Age Group) (Boys &/or Girls) Softball State Championships Softball Draw

Competing Teams							
(Age Group) (Boys &/or Girls) Rankings from (Previous Year)							
1	Team 1	4	Team 4	7	Team 7	10	Team 10
2	Team 2	5	Team 5	8	Team 8	11	Team 11
3	Team 3	6	Team 6	9	Team 9		

Day One: Thursday (Date)				
Time	Diamond 1	Diamond 2	Diamond 3	Diamond 4
8.10am – 8.30am	Opening Ceremony			
9.15am – 10.30am	1 v 4	11 v 7	3 v 6	5 v 2
10.45am – 12.00pm	9 v 10	11 v 8		
12.15pm – 1.30pm	1 v 5	4 v 3	8 v 7	6 v 2
1.45pm – 3.00pm	9 v 11	7 v 10		
3.15pm – 4.30pm	2 v 4	8 v 10	1 v 6	5 v 3
Day Two: Friday (Date)				
TIME	Diamond 1	Diamond 2	Diamond 3	Diamond 4
8.30am – 9.45am	7 v 1	10 v 5	8 v 2	9 v 3
10.00am – 11.15am	10 v 6	11 v 4		
11.30am – 12.45	5 v 6	7 v 3	8 v 1	9 v 2
1.00 – 2.15	10 v 4	11 v 5		
2.30 – 3.45	7 v 2	11 v 6	3 v 8	9 v 1
Day Three: Saturday (Date)				
Time	Diamond 1	Diamond 2	Diamond 3	Diamond 4
8.30am – 9.45am	5 v 9	4 v 8	2 v 1	
10.00am – 11.15am	6 v 7	3 v 11	10 v 1	
12.15pm – 1.45pm	6 v 9	4 v 8	5 v 7	2 v 10
2.0pm0 – 3.15pm	5 v 8	2 v 11		
3.45pm – 5.00pm	10 v 3	6 v 9	4 v 7	1 v 11
Day Four: Sunday (Date)				
Time	Diamond 1	Diamond 2	Diamond 3	Diamond 4
8:30am – 9:45am	1 v 3	4 v 6	8 v 9	
10.15am – 11.30am	2 v 3	4 v 5	7 v 9	10 v 11
12:30pm – 1:45pm	Final 1 st v 2 nd	Final 3 rd v 4 th		
2:00pm	Presentations			
2:30pm	Championship concludes – Team departs			

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Appendix 3 – 10-19 years Draw for 7 Team State Championship (3 Diamonds)

(Year) Queensland Representative School Sport (Age Group) (Boys &/or Girls) Softball State Championships Softball Draw

Competing Teams					
(Age Group) (Boys &/or Girls) Rankings from (Previous Year)					
1	Team 1	4	Team 4	6	Team 6
2	Team 2	5	Team 5	7	Team 7
3	Team 3				

Day One: Thursday (Date)			
Time	Diamond 1	Diamond 2	
8.15am	Opening Ceremony		
9.00am – 10.15am	6 v 1	3 v 4	
10.45am – 12.00am	2 v 7	5 v 4	
12.30pm – 1.45pm	6 v 7	5 v 1	
2.15pm – 3.30pm	4 v 2	6 v 3	
4.00pm – 5.15pm	5 v 3	7 v 1	
Day Two: Friday (Date)			
Time	Diamond 1	Diamond 2	
8.30am – 9.45am	3 v 1	6 v 2	
10.15am – 11.30pm	4 v 7	1 v 2	
12.00pm – 1.15pm	5 v 6	3 v 7	
1.45pm – 3.00pm	5 v 2	6 v 4	
Day Three: Saturday (Date)			
Time	Diamond 1	Diamond 2	Diamond 3
8.30am – 9.45am	1 v 4	2 v 3	5 v 7
10.30am – 11.45am	Game 1 2 nd v 3 rd	Game 2 4 th v 5 th	
12.15pm – 1.30pm			
2.00pm – 3.15pm	Game 3 1 st v Winner G1	Game 4 6 th v 7 th	Game 5 - Loser G1 v Winner G2
3.45pm – 5.00pm	Game 6 Loser G2 v Winner G4		
Day Four: Sunday (Date)			
Time	Diamond 1	Diamond 2	Diamond 3
8.30am – 9.45am	Game 7 - Winner G3 v Winner G5	Game 9 - Loser G3 v Loser G5	Game 8 - Loser G4 v Loser G6
10.15am – 11.30pm	Game 10 - Loser G7 v Loser G9	Game 11 - Loser G4 v Winner G6	
12.00pm – 1.15pm		Game 12 - Loser G6 v Winner G6	
12.30pm – 1.45pm	Final - Winner G7 v Winner G9		
2.00pm	CLOSING CEREMONY		
2.30pm	Championship concludes – Team departs		

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Appendix 4 – 10-19 years Draw for 6 Team State Championship (2 Diamonds)

(Year) Queensland Representative School Sport (Age Group) (Boys &/or Girls) Softball State Championships Softball Draw

Competing Teams					
(Age Group) (Boys &/or Girls) Rankings from (Previous Year)					
1	Team 1	3	Team 3	5	Team 5
2	Team 2	4	Team 4	6	Team 6

Day One: Thursday (Date)		
Time	Diamond 1	Diamond 2
8.15am	Opening Ceremony	
9.00am – 10.15am	3 v 6	2 v 5
10.45am – 12.00am	1 v 4	
12.30pm – 1.45pm	5 v 1	4 v 4
2.15pm – 3.30pm	5 v 3	6 v 2
4.00pm – 5.15pm	4 v 2	6 v 1
Day Two: Friday (Date)		
Time	Diamond 1	Diamond 2
8.30am – 9.45am	1 v 3	6 v 5
10.15am – 11.30pm	1 v 2	4 v 5
12.00pm – 1.15pm	2 v 3	4 v 6
3.30pm – 4.45pm	Pool Matches 5 th v 1 st	Pool Matches 2 nd v 4 th
Day Three: Saturday (Date)		
Time	Diamond 1	Diamond 2
8.30am – 9.45am	2 nd v 6 th	3 rd v 1 st
10.30am – 11.45am	4 th v 6 th	3 rd v 5 th
1.45pm – 3.00pm	Finals - Game 1 (G1) 5 v 6	
3.30pm – 4.45pm	Finals - Game 2 (G2) 3 v 4	Finals - Game 3 (G3) 1 v 2
Day Four: Sunday (Date)		
Time	Diamond 1	Diamond 2
8.30am – 9.45am	Finals - Game 4 (G4) Loser G3 v Winner G2	Finals - Game 5 (G5) Loser G2 v Winner G1
10.15am – 11.30pm	Finals - Game 6 (G6) Loser G4 v Winner G5	Finals - Game 7 (G7) Loser G5 v Loser G1
12.30pm – 1.45pm		Finals - Game 8 (G8) Winner G3 v Winner G4
2.00pm	CLOSING CEREMONY	
2.30pm	Championship concludes – Team departs	

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Appendix 5 – Results tables Example 6 Team

2021 QUEENSLAND SCHOOL SPORT 10-12 YEARS BOYS SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS TABLE																			
Redlands - Metropolitan East																			
	Capricornia		Darling Downs		Met East		Met West		Sunshine Coast		Wide Bay		RUN S	RUN S	POINT	WIN	DRAW	LOSS	PLACE
Capricornia			7	3	9	11	15	8	8	6	6	9	45	37	11	3	0	2	3
			3		1		3		3		1								
Darling Downs	3	7			11	11	12	10	3	9	2	17	31	54	8	1	1	3	5
	1				2		3		1		1								
Met East	11	9	11	11			14	1	5	2	7	11	48	34	12	3	1	1	2
	3		2				3		3		1								
Met West	8	15	10	12	1	14			2	12	1	11	22	64	5	0	0	5	6
	1		1		1				1		1								
Sunshine Coast	6	8	9	3	2	5	12	2			5	6	34	24	9	2	0	3	4
	1		3		1		3				1								
Wide Bay	9	6	17	2	11	7	11	1	6	5			54	21	15	5	0	0	1
	3		3		3		3		3										

POOLS																			
	Capricornia		Darling Downs		Met East		Met West		Sunshine Coast		Wide Bay		RUN S	RUN S	POINT	WIN	DRAW	LOSS	PLACE
Capricornia			11	2							10	4	66	43	17	2	0	0	2
			3								3								
Darling Downs	2	11									4	3	35	68	12	1	0	1	5
	1										3								
Met East							13	4	5	4			66	42	18	2	0	0	1
							3		3										
Met West					4	13			6	15			32	92	7	0	0	2	6
					1				1										
Sunshine Coast					4	5	15	6					53	35	13	1	0	1	4
					1		3												
Wide Bay	4	10	3	4									57	35	17	0	0	2	2
	1		1																

Def Inn Percentage

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Finals

Game 1	5th	6th
	Darling Downs - 9	V Metropolitan West - 5
Game 2	3rd	4th
	Capricornia - 6	V Sunshine Coast - 5
Game 3	1st	2nd
	Metropolitan East - 7	V Wide Bay - 6
Game 4	Loser G3	Winner G2
	Wide Bay - 4	V Capricornia - 5
Game 5	Loser G2	Winner G1
	Sunshine Coast - 11	V Darling Downs - 6
Game 6	Loser G4	Winner G5
	Wide Bay - 4 (4th)	V Sunshine Coast - 11 (3rd)
Game 7	Loser G5	Loser G1
	Darling Downs - 15 (5th)	V Metropolitan West - 0 (6th)
Game 8	Winner G3	Winner G4
	Metropolitan East - 7 (2nd)	V Capricornia - 9 (1st)

Final Rankings

1st	Capricornia	4th	Wide Bay
2nd	Metropolitan East	5th	Darling Downs
3rd	Sunshine Coast	6th	Metropolitan West



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Appendix 6 – Results table Example 11 Team

2021 QUEENSLAND SCHOOL SPORT 10-12 YEARS GIRLS SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS TABLE														
Redlands - Metropolitan East														
	Capricornia	Darling Downs	Met East	Met North	Met West	Northern	Peninsula	South Coast	South West	Sunshine Coast	Wide Bay	PLACINGS		
												LOSS		
												DRAW		
												WIN		
												POINTS		
												AGAINST		
												RUNS FOR		
												RUNS AGAINST		
												def		
Capricornia		6 3	2 14	7 18	1 11	2 10	17 4	1 11	5 10	3 18	3 5	2 0	8 9	
Darling Downs	3 6		4 15	0 11	5 13	2 15	18 3	2 16	1 12	1 14	13 10	0 0	8 9	
Met East	14 2	15 4		5 7	14 0	11 2	12 2	5 1	17 2	7 1	15 4	9 0	1 1	30 0.83333333
Met North	18 7	11 0	7 5		4 6	8 0	15 4	1 13	11 4	7 5	16 1	0 2	3 3	
Met West	11 1	13 5	0 14	6 4		10 8	10 0	3 15	12 8	5 11	18 11	7 0	3 4	37 2.0810811
Northern	10 2	15 2	2 11	0 8	8 10		8 6	0 1	5 3	5 8	5 13	4 0	6 6	
Peninsula	4 17	3 18	2 12	4 15	0 10	6 8		1 17	15 15	3 15	9 17	0 1	9 11	
South Coast	11 1	16 2	1 5	13 1	15 3	1 0	17 1		15 2	6 4	17 2	9 0	1 1	30 0.7
South West	10 5	12 1	2 17	4 11	8 12	3 5	15 15	2 15		3 9	9 6	3 1	6 7	
Sunshine Coast	18 3	14 1	1 7	5 7	11 5	8 5	15 3	4 6	9 3		12 7	7 0	3 4	29 1.6206897
Wide Bay	5 3	10 13	4 15	1 16	11 18	13 5	17 9	2 17	6 9	7 12		3 0	7 8	

Grand Final

Team 1
Metropolitan East - 4 (1st) V
South Coast - 2 (2nd)

Final Rankings

1st	Metropolitan East	4th	Sunshine Coast	7th	South West	10th	Darling Downs
2nd	South Coast	5th	Metropolitan West	8th	Wide Bay	11th	Peninsula
3rd	Metropolitan North	6th	Northern	9th	Capricornia		



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Appendix 7 – Sport Specific Selection Processes

Process

Prior to the Championship

- Queensland Representative School Sport (QRSS) 10-19 Years Softball Executive advertises for Team Official positions.
- Successful applicants must complete the mandatory training prior to the State Championship.
- QRSS 10-19 Years Softball Executive will communicate the Chair of Selectors to each region.
- Regions will send the final team lists to the Chair of Selectors.
- As part of Bulletin 2, Regions will request nominations for the panel of selectors.
- Chair of selectors will complete the selectors booklet for distribution at the Pre-Championship meeting.
- At the Championship
- Chair of selectors establishes a roster for each game.
- At least one member of the selection panel must be present for each game – where possible.
- Each panel member must attempt to see part of each of the games or every team on at least four different occasions (draw permitting).
- Regional team officials must be consulted with regarding selection on the first two days of the championship collectively.
- Notes must be kept for each athlete wishing to be selected.

Schedule

Pre-Championship Meeting

- Meet and discuss the selection booklet.
- Establish the criteria.
- Discuss the roster for each game.

Day 1

- Game observations.
- Regional team officials' consultation meeting at the end of the day.
- Preliminary selection meeting with the panel post last game.
- Presentation of preliminary list of possible and probable athletes from each panel member.
- Discussion regarding feedback from game observation and regional team officials.

Day 2

- Game observations.
- Regional team officials' consultation meeting at the end of the day.
- Selection meeting post last game.
- Presentation of revised list of possible and probable athletes from each panel member
- Discussion regarding feedback from game observation and regional team officials.

Day 3

- Game observations.
- Regional team official consultation – request only.
- Presentation of final list of possible and probable athletes from each panel member.
- Discussion regarding feedback from game observation and regional team officials.

Day 4

- Prior to the Grand Final, the final team selection is made.



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Selection Criteria

The following factors will be considered for players wishing to be selected in the Queensland Representative School Sport Team.

- Sport Specific Skills
- Attitude and Coachability
- Communication
- Problem solving
- Team work

Sport Specific Skills: Relevant to a position. Skills specific to a position as well as general skills. There are a limited number of spots available in each position. Players are selected to best fill team requirements in a position. Relevant attributes relating to the sport and position i.e.: power, running, strength, accuracy, agility, etc.

Attitude and Coachability: Positive, committed and focused players. The player pays attention, listens to the coach and apply instructions. As players develop, their roles on the team become more defined. Teams are selected to maximize the development of players into their roles.

Communication: Contributes to a positive team environment through the appropriate use of language towards teammates. Articulates direction on court or field of play when necessary.

Problem Solving: Initiation of change and demonstration of solutions relating to the following when relevant:

- Selecting or communicating to team member/s appropriate strategy.
- Selecting or communicating to team member/s appropriate strategy that affords in attack or defence.
- Initiating change in body position and or court position and or speed of play to improve success in defence and or success and accuracy of passing and or shot selection and or to deceive the opposition.
- Initiating change in offensive and or defensive situations to counter strengths in the opposition.
- Providing solutions to elicit change in team performance (e.g., communicating feedback or advice).

Team Work: Demonstration of leadership, fair play and cooperation.

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Player Rating Rubric

	Isolated (1-5)	Marginal (6-10)	Acceptable (11-15)	Good (16-20)	Excellent (21-25)
	Performance is fundamental. The player is able to participate to a minimum standard. Contribution to the performance is minimal.	Performance is below average. Frequent errors when performing the skills.	Performance is satisfactory. Tasks and skills are performed to an average standard.	Performance is at a good level. Some errors when performing the skill.	Performance is at an excellent level. Minimal errors when performing the skill.
Sport Specific Defensive Skills - General					
Flyballs	Struggles to catch fly balls and does not know how to execute a drop step or get into proper position.	Catches fly balls some of the time. Occasionally executes a drop step and gets into the proper position.	Catches fly balls most of the time. Executes a drop step and gets in proper position most of the time.	Catches fly balls consistently. Executes a drop step and gets in proper position on a consistent basis.	Catches fly balls consistently and confidently. Executes a drop step and gets in proper position on a consistent and confident basis.
Groundballs	Struggles to field ground balls cleanly.	Occasionally catches ground balls.	Catches ground balls some of the time.	Catches ground balls most of the time.	Catches ground balls consistently and confidently.
Throwing	Throws to target with little accuracy. Displays very little arm strength in terms of velocity.	Throws to target with limited accuracy. Displays a below average throwing arm in terms of velocity.	Throws to targets accurately some of the time. Displays an average throwing arm in terms of velocity.	Throws to targets accurately most of the time. Displays an above average throwing arm in terms of velocity.	Throws to targets accurately, confidently and consistently. Displays a strong throwing arm in terms of velocity.
Sport Specific Defensive Skills - Positional					
Pitcher					
Accuracy	Has difficulty throwing strikes with fastball and change-up and does not use a third pitch.	Has below average command of a fastball and a changeup. Struggles to throw a third pitch in the strike zone (screw ball, rise ball, curve ball).	Has average command of a fastball and a changeup. Struggles to throw a third pitch in the strike zone (screw ball, rise ball, curve ball).	Has above average command of a fastball and a changeup and can occasionally throw a third pitch in the strike zone (screw ball, rise ball, curve ball).	Has exceptional command of multiple pitches including a fastball, change up and at least one other pitch (rise ball, curve ball) and controls the strike zone with each pitch.
Velocity	Does not pitch consistently.	Consistently pitches under 75 KPH.	Can consistently pitch between 75-82 KPH.	Can consistently pitch between 82-93 KPH.	Can consistently pitch over 93 KPH.
Sports Mentality	Easily loses focus. Loses composure when faced with adversity.	Loses focus and composure.	Maintains focus some of the time. Displays composure when faced with adversity some of the time	Maintains focus most of the time. Displays composure when faced with adversity most of the time.	Maintains focus consistently when pitching. Displays composure when faced with adversity.

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Catcher					
Blocking	Struggles to block pitches in the dirt and keeps the ball in front of them towards the field of play.	Sporadically blocks pitches in the dirt and keeps the ball in front of them towards the field of play.	Occasionally blocks pitches in the dirt and keeps the ball in front of them towards the field of play.	Blocks pitches in the dirt and keeps the ball in front of them towards the field of play most of the time.	Consistently blocks pitches in the dirt and keeps the ball in front of them towards the field of play.
Throwing	Very inaccurate throwing to bases. Displays very little arm strength in terms of velocity.	Throws occasionally reaches target.	Throws accurately to bases some of the time. Displays below average arm strength in terms of velocity.	Throws accurately to bases with confidence most of the time. Displays average arm strength in terms of velocity.	Accurately throws to each base with confidence. Displays a strong throwing arm in terms of velocity.
Game Sense/Sports mentality	Does not communicate with pitchers and teammates.	Limited communication with pitchers and teammates.	Communicates with pitchers and teammates some of the time.	Communication with pitchers and teammates most of the time.	Consistently and confidently communicates with pitches and teammates.
Corners					
Fielding	Rarely receives accurate throws, demonstrating awkward stances and glove positions.	Receives accurate throws with ease, demonstrating basic stances and glove positions.	Receives accurate throws with ease, demonstrating various stances and glove positions.	Consistently receives throws with ease and confidence, displaying appropriate stance or glove position.	Consistently receives throws with ease and confidence, displaying appropriate stance and glove position.
	Weak inaccurate throw. Sometimes uses footwork to improve range.	Strong or accurate throw. Sometimes uses footwork to improve range.	Strong or accurate throw. Sometimes uses footwork to improve range.	Strong and/or accurate throw. Some effective footwork to improve range.	Strong, accurate throw and effective footwork to improve range.
Bunt Play	Unaware of the bunt situation.	Reacts slowly to bunt situation.	Recognises and reacts to a bunt situation.	Reacts quickly to a bunt situation.	Anticipates and/or reacts quickly to a bunt situation.
Pivots					
Fielding	Rarely receives accurate throws, demonstrating awkward stances and glove positions.	Receives accurate throws with ease, demonstrating basic stances and glove positions.	Receives accurate throws with ease, demonstrating various stances and glove positions.	Consistently receives all throws with ease and confidence, demonstrating appropriate stance or glove position.	Consistently receives all throws with ease and confidence, demonstrating appropriate stance and glove position.
	Weak inaccurate throw. Sometimes uses footwork to improve lateral range.	Strong or accurate throw. Sometimes uses footwork to improve lateral range.	Strong or accurate throw. Sometimes uses footwork to improve lateral range.	Strong and/or accurate throw and some effective footwork to improve lateral range.	Strong, accurate throw and effective footwork to improve lateral range.
Bunt Play	Unaware of the bunt situation.	Reacts slowly to bunt situation.	Recognises and reacts to a bunt situation.	Reacts quickly to a bunt situation.	Anticipates and/or reacts quickly to a bunt situation.

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Outfield	<p>Moves in one direction (e.g., forward) only.</p> <p>Cannot catch a fly ball.</p> <p>Poor glove work on catching fly balls – fingers up, looking at back of glove.</p> <p>No covering of bases observed.</p> <p>Throws balls inaccurately towards infield players.</p>	<p>Covers a part of the area around their position.</p> <p>Catches fly balls directly hit to them.</p> <p>Rarely correct glove work on catching fly balls – fingers up, looking at back of glove.</p> <p>Rarely covers bases.</p> <p>Throws balls accurately towards infield players.</p>	<p>Covers a large area.</p> <p>Catches fly ball to both sides or while moving forward.</p> <p>Sometimes correct glove work on catching fly balls – fingers up, looking at back of glove.</p> <p>Sometimes covers bases.</p> <p>Throws balls accurately to infield players.</p>	<p>Covers a large area consistently.</p> <p>Catches fly ball to both sides and while moving forward.</p> <p>Correct glove work on catching fly balls – fingers up, looking at back of glove.</p> <p>Usually covers bases.</p> <p>Throws balls accurately to pivots not pitcher.</p>	<p>Covers a large area consistently and quickly.</p> <p>Catches fly balls both sides and while moving forward or back.</p> <p>Correct glove work on catching fly balls – fingers up, looking at back of glove.</p> <p>Knows when to back up or cover a base.</p> <p>Throws balls accurately to the appropriate pivot not pitcher.</p>
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Sport Specific Offensive Skills - General					
Hitting					
Contact	Has difficulty making solid contact.	Makes contact some of the time.	Makes solid contact some of the time.	Makes solid contact most of the time.	Makes solid contact consistently.
Power	Struggles to drive the ball with authority and rarely hits line drives.	Hits the ball with varying power.	Drives the ball by hitting line drives from gap to gap occasionally.	Drives the ball by hitting line drives from gap to gap most of the time.	Consistently drives the ball by hitting line drives from gap to gap.
Bunting	Has difficulty getting a bunt down in any situation.	Limited application of a bunt.	Gets bunts down some of the time in all situations.	Gets bunts down most of the time in all situations.	Consistently gets bunts down in all situations (sacrifice, squeeze etc.)
Baserunning					
Speed	Displays very little speed when running the bases. Struggles to get a good lead and rarely makes the proper turn around the bases.	Displays below average speed when running the bases. Gets a below average lead and makes the proper turns around each base some of the time.	Displays average speed when running the bases. Gets an average lead and makes the proper turns around each base some of the time.	Displays good speed when running the bases. Gets a good lead and makes the proper turns around each base most of the time.	Displays outstanding speed when running the bases. Gets a great lead and makes proper turns around each base on a consistent basis.
Game Approach					
Attitude and Coachability	Isolated positive and appropriate attitude towards teammates, match officials and coaching staff.	Marginal positive and appropriate attitude towards teammates, match officials and coaching staff.	Satisfactory positive and appropriate attitude towards teammates, match officials and coaching staff.	Good positive and appropriate attitude towards teammates, match officials and coaching staff.	Excellent positive and appropriate attitude towards teammates, match officials and coaching staff.
Communication	Isolated use of appropriate language skills during game play	Marginal use of appropriate language skills during game play	Satisfactory use of appropriate language during a game play. Is able to articulate when necessary.	Good use of language during a game play. Effectively articulates to teammates during game play.	Excellent use of language during a game play. Clear and accurate instructions to teammates during game play.
Problem Solving	Isolated application of movement concepts and strategies during game play.	Marginal application of movement concepts and strategies during game play.	Satisfactory application and transfer of movement concepts and strategies during game play.	Effective application and transfer of movement concepts and strategies during game play.	Excellent application and transfer of movement concepts and strategies during game play.
Teamwork	Isolated demonstration of leadership, fair play and cooperation during game play.	Marginal demonstration of leadership, fair play and cooperation during game play.	Satisfactory demonstration of leadership, fair play and cooperation during game play.	Effective demonstration of leadership, fair play and cooperation during game play.	Excellent demonstration of leadership, fair play and cooperation during game play.

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