



North Queensland Touch Football

Cyclones Junior Selection Policy

Rationale:

The aim of this policy is to:

- Ensure an equitable procedure is followed for all junior players wishing to represent North Queensland Cyclones.
- Ensure a Duty of Care is followed regarding the age of junior players.
- Establish a pathway for representative players.

Selection Process Overview:

- The North Queensland's Technical panel shall oversee any disputes in relation to the selection process or decisions of the selectors.
- Selection squads for respective divisions will be selected from players attending the Junior State Cup North (JSCN), including approved dispensations. Squads will be up to a maximum of 30 players.
- Final team selections will be completed at the Final Muster / 1st training weekend on a date determined by the NQ Operations Manager in consultation with the Technical panel. This will be advertised and communicated across all factors to our NQ touch community.
- Coaches and their Selection team will supply Technical Identification (TID) and selection paperwork to support their team's selection. Individual player information will be available on request to the NQ office.

Eligibility Criteria (12's/14's/16's/18's)

To be considered eligible for selection the following applies:

1. Players must be registered for and playing in a current affiliated NQ competition, or the season prior, for selection.
2. It is desirable to have completed the Expression of Interest (EOI) registration prior.
3. Players must attend the Junior State Cup North or apply for dispensation for non-attendance. Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis and are not guaranteed.
4. Players must attend the final muster (1st training weekend) or apply for dispensation for non-attendance. Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis and are not guaranteed.
5. A player will not be granted dispensation for both events (Junior State Cup North (JSCN) and final muster) i.e., they **MUST** attend at least one of the events.
6. Players will only be considered for selection in their designated age division commensurate with their date of birth for the 12, 14 and 16 divisions.



7. In the 18's division, players will be considered for selection in that division commensurate with their age of birth. A 15/16yrs player may only be considered for selection in this division through "exemption" (see point 7&8 of Dispensation, Exemption etc.) circumstances **ONLY**
***NB exemption for underage players will only be considered pending Touch Football Australia's Conditions Of Entry for NYC event.**
8. If you are selected into the Cyclones 16's or 18's and then attain selection into the QLD 18 School team, you **MUST** take the 18 schools' position.

Ineligibility Criteria (12's/14's/16's/18's)

A player will be deemed ineligible for selection if any of the following applies:

1. They are deemed un-financial with a local affiliate or with NQ region or TFA.
2. They have been banned or are currently suspended from any affiliated competition run by QTF or TFA
3. They fail to adhere to the association, region and/or TFA Code of Conduct
4. They breach the stated selection policy
5. By reason of injury or illness they are unable to perform at the required standard set out by the respected coach. This will be determined in consultation with the technical panel and advice from a medical practitioner.

Dispensation, Exemption, Injury or Illness During Selection

1. If a player cannot participate at the JSCN or Final Muster weekend a dispensation form must be filled out and submitted to the NQ office prior to the event/muster.
2. Grounds for dispensation include medical, residential, alternate representative sporting commitments or other extenuating circumstances.
3. Any medical dispensation will require a medical certificate stating the nature and probable length of recovery from the illness or injury.
4. It is the responsibility of the player to provide the required dispensation documentation. Verbal notification for dispensation by a player will not be accepted.
5. Acceptance for dispensation DOES NOT equate to automatic selection into a squad or team.
6. North Queensland Touch will give consideration on the information provided and reserves the right to refuse acceptance of any dispensations received.
7. Exemption for players to be considered for alternative selection into another age division will be based on consultation with the division's coaches, Technical panel, and NQ Operations Manager.
8. The Players age, history and overall achievements will be considered to assist the technical panel and operations manager in the decision-making process. N.B. any selected positions will be accepted into the division that best suits the NQ region.



Final Team Selections

1. Final team selections will be determined by each of the divisions panels and will only involve eligible players from the squads selected following JSCN and any approved dispensations.
2. Teams positional compositions will be determined by the team's coaches' criteria.
3. All players must adhere to the Code of Conduct. Conduct from previous events may also be taken into consideration during the selection process.
4. Any player from the initial squad selection may be considered as a replacement or shadow option if needed unless they are removed from the squad for a particular reason. Players performance at the JSCN or Muster weekend will determine any order of selection.
5. Confidentiality & privacy must be adhered to at all times.
6. Successful player selections will be announced at the completion of the final muster. Final Team announcements will then be made public via social media platforms.

Dispute Resolution or Appeal

1. Participants with grievances about the conduct of the selection process or seeking appeals on their non-selection must submit them in writing through the North Queensland Administrator within five days of receiving notification of the selection outcome, along with any supporting evidence or information to support the grievance.
2. All grievances and appeals will be considered by the North Queensland technical panel (*noting the need for exclusion and subsequent addition of personnel should there be any conflict of interest by any member of that panel).
3. The panel will then decide on the matter in accordance with NQ policies, and the TFA Member Protection Policy.
4. The committee will then inform the participant of the process used to consider the grievance or appeal and the outcome of the deliberations within 30 days of receiving the grievance or appeal decision.