



QLD State Titles

All Zones
General Preparation and Information
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1. Introduction

The QCSA State Titles is an annual event to showcase the talent in our association and allow teams to compete at the highest level of Christian soccer/football in Queensland.

The QCSA State Titles are open to the three Zones within the QCSA; North, West and South-East; Sunshine Coast Christian Soccer Association (SCCSA) including the SCCSA North (Juniors only) and South Zones (juniors only); as well as all affiliates of the QCSA and can include other Christian football bodies upon application to the QCSA.

The QCSA reserves the right to invite/issue an invitation to other teams as deemed appropriate.

QCSA Rep Zone Sub-Committee consists of:

- QCSA Rep Coordinator; and
- SCM Representatives (Zones will be advised of who these representatives are)

The QCSA Rep Zone Sub-Committee will also liaise directly with:

- QCSA DOC; and
- Zone nominated representatives (max 2 (two) per zone)

QCSA will send out information to players of all Zones directly through the MCM system and advertise on the QCSA website as well.

2. Zones Accountability to QCSA

1. All Zone Committee members and executive must be a current active member of a current QCSA club and all Zones are to advise the QCSA Rep Zone Sub-Committee this information, including current club position held.
2. Zones must send through minutes of any meeting/s that occur to the QCSA Rep Zone Sub-Committee (including financial figures; justification for accounts held; and monies spent over and above the competition fees and costs);
3. Zones must email any minutes of meetings that occur within their zone to **ALL clubs from their zones in a timely fashion** (within a week of the meeting being held) – QCSA Rep Zone Sub-Committee must also be copied into this email correspondence;
4. Meetings with the QCSA Rep Zone Sub-Committee and reps from North Zone, South East Zone and West Zone will occur prior to the player selection process commencing.
5. At all times, Zone officials, coaches, managers, players, parents and spectators, must abide by the QCSA Code of Conduct, By-Laws, Competition Rules (other than those specific to State Titles competition as stated in the State Titles Booklet). All the aforementioned positions are accountable to QCSA and can be brought in before QCSA Rep Zone Sub-Committee, QCSA Exec, QCSA SCM or QCSA Discipline if deemed necessary.

3. Selection of Coaches and Managers for State Titles Zone Teams

1. Each Zone committee is to call for applications/expressions of interest, for coaches and managers for each of their teams. This may be done by email or in writing (not verbally) and applicant must state any past/present experience etc.;
2. It is highly suggested that Zones email the clubs from each applicant and get the club to endorse the respective applicant, whether they are an existing coach, manager, parent or player with their club. This will alleviate applicants being selected for Zone responsibilities that may have had discipline issues within their club, etc, or have trouble following the QCSA rules.
3. QCSA Rep Zone Sub-Committee to oversee the Zone coach & manager selection process together with the respective Zone committees;
4. It is preferable that the coach or manager be a current coach or manager of a club in that zone for the upcoming year. A parent who has a child in a representative team is permitted to be appointed as a coach or a manager for that team;
5. No Coach of a Zone Team can apply to be a Coach or A/Coach of any National Team in any age group;
6. No A/Coach of a Zone Team can apply to be a Coach or A/Coach of the same age group National Team;
7. Blue Cards details are required to be given to QCSA Rep Zone Sub-Committee from each Zone for **all** coaches and managers. Blue Card Registers will also be kept by zones;
8. All Coaches and Managers will be expected to attend a meeting to discuss their responsibilities and the player selection process. The date of the meeting will be advised through your Zone Committee.

4. Selection of Players for State Titles Zone Teams and Player Eligibility

1. All zones are encouraged to have their muster days/nights for interested players at the same time in the preceding year (if at all or within the same week). These are **NOT** to have anything to do with pre-selecting players, they are purely to keep the kids interested and running any interested players as a whole squad. No selections will be made until the start of the year in which the State Titles is being held.
2. Representative trials are held annually at the discretion of the QCSA Rep Zone Sub-Committee in conjunction with liaising with the individual Zones, typically once clubs have had their sign-on days for the year the state titles is being held.
3. The representative Trials can be held over three weekends/multiple weeknights or a suitable timeframe for your Zone. This allows the selectors to watch the players wishing to try out. It is suggested that at the trials you may have a one-hour session, in this time you can run drills and / or play a game amongst the players or another team.

4. SCM members can be used to help and guide any new zone coaches and managers on selection of players for their teams. National team coaches to guide Zone coaches on selection of players; Zone coaches are not permitted to do selections (where possible);
5. Squad selections must be done by a 3 (three) person panel to be appointed by the Zone, **with the QCSA Rep Zone Sub-Committee overseeing the panel selection process, in advance of the trials.** Where appropriate, selectors should be from 3 (three) different clubs and completely independent from the age group concerned. The reason why QCSA has a 3-person selection panel is so the process of representative selection be seen as unbiased and fair to all players trying out. It also takes the onus off the coach should parents complain. Please liaise with your Zone Committee and QCSA Rep Zone Sub-Committee to assist you with this.
6. The Zone Representative Coach of that age group can be there only for selectors to consult with, seek advice or clarification on any questions that may arise about a player trialing.
7. At the trials no player is permitted to wear any representative gear.

Selection Process

Team numbers

1. Each zone or association may field two teams per age group;
2. Under 10 to Under 14 mixed and Under 16 boys and Under 16 girls teams are permitted to select a maximum of 16 players per team and are permitted to play a maximum of 16 players per match;
3. Under 18 boys, Senior Ladies and Senior Men are permitted to select a maximum of 20 players per team but are only permitted to play a maximum of 16 players per match;

Player Eligibility

1. All players **MUST** be a registered player of the QCSA, its affiliates or the Christian football body they represent. Each zone is required to verify that each player is a registered player of a current QCSA/SCCSA club and playing in the correct age group for State Titles.
2. All players are to be registered for the current soccer season with their respective club.
3. Players must play in their correct age group as at 31st December of the year prior to the State Titles (regardless of what age group they play for in the QCSA or SCCSA respective Club fixtures competition);
4. Players are **NOT** permitted to play **DOWN** an age group, under any circumstances;
5. Players can only play up an age group if:
 - (a) Your zone does not form a team in the age group;
 - (b) There are surplus players for one team, but insufficient to form a second team in that particular age. There is no restriction on the number of players that can play up an age group.

6. In the case of a zone or association not forming a team or having insufficient players to form two teams in an age group; or the player cannot move up an age group into a team, the player/s is/are permitted to try out for selection in another zone or association, **only with the permission of both Zones involved and the QCSA Rep Coordinator;**
7. To encourage the participation, the Under 16 Girls competition will continue to include those in the Under 16 and Under 14 competition bracket, (up one age group. To encourage the level of participation, all female teams in the U13 Competition may consist of Under 13, Under 12, and U11 competition bracket. This will be reviewed as the number of teams in the competition grow.
8. Players currently suspended in the QCSA Fixture competition, its affiliated competitions (SCCSA) or the Christian football body they represent (Baptist), who as of the Friday prior to State Titles commencing, have two (2) or more weeks left of any suspension are not allowed to take part in the State Titles competition. *.i.e.*, if a player received a three (3) week suspension two (2) weeks before aforementioned date, they are fine to play, **BUT, if a player received a four (4) week suspension two (2) weeks before the aforementioned date they are not allowed to play.**

5. Uniforms

Every team within each Zone is to wear the same coloured uniform. If a zone has 2 (two) teams in the same age group, then they are to have 1 (one) alternate strip for wearing by 1 (one) team when they play against each other only. The alternate strip is not to be worn for any other matches against other zones.

It is the responsibility of the Zones to provide the alternate strip, as the venue where the State Titles matches are to be held will not be providing any alternate uniforms for Zone teams to wear.

North Zone	Light Blue and White
Southeast Zone:	Red and/or Blue
Sunshine Coast Association:	Yellow and/or Black (includes Sunshine Coast North & South Zones)
West Zone	Bottle Green and/or Yellow

6. Timeline for Zone Team payments and Zone player information to be given to QSCA

1. Preliminary nomination of teams in each age group: **Wednesday 27th March 2019**
2. Team Payments due to QCSA: Close of business on **Wednesday 10th April 2019**
 - Juniors (Under 10s up to and including Under 16 Girls or Under 16 Boys) = 16 players: **\$800.00**
 - Seniors (Under 18s and Seniors) = 20 players: **\$850.00**
3. **FINAL** nomination of teams in each age group: **Friday 12th April 2019**

4. Zones must give the QCSA Rep Coordinator nominated player's names, DOB and club ID# by: **Friday 12th April 2019** (excel spreadsheet electronically attached for use).

7. Nomination of players for QLD National Teams

- Age Groups offered for QLD National Teams: Under 14, Under 16 Girls, Under 16 Boys, Under 18 Boys, Under 23 Men, Ladies, Men.
- Provisional names of players for QLD National nominations must be advised by Zone Representatives to the QCSA Rep Coordinator by **Friday 26th April 2019**;
- FINAL names of players for QLD National nominations must be advised by Zone Representatives to the QCSA Rep Coordinator by **Wednesday 1st May 2019**;
- QLD National Nomination Fee: \$350 for 2019; with estimated maximum cost to participate \$1,600 per player (Clothing, meals, accommodation & transport, tournament fees);
- Nomination fee must be handed in by Zone Representative or player by 9:00am on the Saturday morning of the State Titles competition;
- Any player who may be approached by selectors during the State Titles tournament, must have their paperwork and payment in 2 (two) hours before their first game on the Monday of State Titles.
- Before the selected squad is announced, the list will be checked by the QCSA Treasurer to ensure that all nomination fees have been paid.
- Selection process for players is:
 - Selection panel for QLD National players consists of 3 people per age group, and overseen by the Rep Coordinator and QCSA DOC;
 - Selectors get a list of nominated players sent to them on the Friday night prior to State Titles by the QCSA Rep Coordinator;
 - During the tournament, players that catch the selectors attention, may be approached by selectors on the Saturday and asked if they wish to nominate. Rules as stated above apply for this nomination and payment process;
 - No player from the last year is a certainty.
 - If a zone player is injured leading up to the State Titles which incapacitates them sufficiently that they are unable to play in a zone team at State Titles and they are trialing for the QLD team, they need to produce a medical certificate to the QCSA DOC (prior to State Titles) to still be eligible for selection in a QLD squad team. They will then need to prove themselves to be fit well in time for the QLD tournament, to the satisfaction of the QCSA Rep Co-Ordinator, QLD coach, QCSA DOC and at a trial date to be advised. They must also provide a suitable medical clearance to the QCSA DOC.
 - If it is deemed necessary, Senior Men and Senior Women, team/squads may not be named at the conclusion of the State Titles. If this occurs players will be invited to re-trial on Sunday 19th May 2019 (venue TBA, in the afternoon and early evening – allow 3-5 hours), at the discretion of the Rep Co-Ordinator.

- For the Senior men and Senior Women (and potentially Under 23 Men), any player who is approached by Rep Co-Ordinator, selectors or QCSA DOC during the State Titles tournament or during QCSA fixture matches following State Titles may be invited to attend the trial date on 19th May, must bring their paperwork and payment with them and hand it in at least 1 hour prior to the trials commencing on 19th May 2019.
- The Rep Co-Ordinator, has the discretion to call extra trial dates for any age groups after the State Titles, if it is deemed necessary to be able to capture all potential players to trial for the National Teams.