



JUNIOR STATE CUP 2024

EVENT BULLETIN #1

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1. INTRODUCTION

Queensland Touch Football (QTF) will issue regular Event Bulletins outlining important changes for Queensland's premier junior touch football competition, Junior State Cup (JSC) aimed at fostering a lifelong love for the sport. Please review carefully to incorporate these changes into your relevant planning.

Please note this bulletin provides an overview of significant changes to the event; however, it does not cover all modifications. We strongly recommend reviewing the Junior State Cup Conditions of Entry for a thorough understanding of eligibility criteria and requirements.

The 2024 Junior State Cup is set to take place in Cleveland at Redlands Touch Association, marking the first time in its history that the event will be held in the SEQ corner. Anticipation is high, with significant interest expected in this marquee junior event.

VENUE: Redland Showgrounds, Cleveland, QLD

ADDRESS: 44 Smith Street, Cleveland

DATE: Thursday 4 - Saturday 6 July 2024

2. MANAGING TEAM NOMINATIONS

To effectively manage Affiliate expectations, QTF advises that for the 2024 Junior State Cup, there may be a need to enforce capped team numbers, subject to draw capacity, field, and referee availability.

Affiliate teams that participated in the 2023 Junior State Cup in Rockhampton will receive preference, with additional Affiliate teams considered based on draw formats, subject to application and approval by QTF.

We are committed to accommodating as many teams as possible; however, **it's essential to understand that the automatic acceptance of new or additional Affiliate team nominations may not be guaranteed.** Your understanding and cooperation are highly appreciated.

Affiliates are strongly encouraged to create opportunities for new and additional teams to participate in the various junior events leading up to the JSC.

3. DIVISIONS AND TEAM NOMINATIONS

Team nominations will be taken per Division and will be allocated by QTF into Divisions, as per 2024 JSC Conditions of Entry (COE).

U10 & U12 DIVISIONS

Affiliates will nominate Team(s) for respective Divisions (U10/U12). QTF will allocate Teams into either the Challenge or Development Division, based on the requirements outlined in the 2024 JSC COE.

Entry to U10/U12 Challenge and Development Divisions will be determined, as follows:

Division Criteria (U10/U12)	Challenge Division	Development Division
Affiliates with 2* Teams (Per Division)	1 st and 2 nd Team	On request & approval
Affiliates with 1 Teams (Per Division)	On request & approval	1 st Team

**Please see Section 3.2.3 of COE in relation maximum number of teams.*



QTF may move an Affiliate Team (between Divisions) as necessary to equalise Draw formats. The final decision on team allocation rests with QTF.

Your understanding and support in conveying positive messaging to stakeholders are greatly appreciated.

U14 & U16 DIVISIONS

At this stage, it is our intention to conduct the U14 & U16 Divisions in the same format as 2023 JSC. Affiliates will nominate team(s) for respective U14 & U16 Divisions, with teams to be separated into Championship and Challenge Divisions at completion of Day 1, as per 2023 JSC.

It is possible that matches involving local Affiliates teams (U14 & U16 Divisions) may be played in the evening of Wednesday (3 July). Affiliates will be provided advance notice of scheduled matches.

Should the number of Affiliate team nominations exceed the field capacity and scheduling requirements for U14 & U16 Divisions, QTF may separate teams directly into Championship and Challenge Divisions. QTF reserves the right to allocate Affiliate teams directly into either Divisions (Championship and Challenge) as best suits the competition.

4. INDIVIDUAL PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE

As the Junior State Cup has experienced ongoing growth and development, the associated expenses for infrastructure, traffic management, accommodation, travel, and event-related costs have also increased. Despite this, QTF has consistently kept prices modest compared to other events, implementing limited price adjustments over the years.

To sustain the success, viability, and growth of the Junior State Cup, QTF will gradually increase the Individual Player Registration Fee over the next three years. The cost will remain competitive with similar State and National events.

For the 2024 Junior State Cup, the **Individual Player Registration Fee will be \$85.00 (inclusive of GST).**

5. ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

QTF will only accept Affiliates and Players who meet the player and competition eligibility requirements, as outlined in Section 4 of the COE, including:

4.2.1 Player Eligibility

- **ALL Players MUST** be a participating, financial member of the Affiliate they wish to represent, actively registered player (in the MySideline database), in the Current or Previous Season, as outlined in **Section 4.2.2**
- All players must have played a minimum of five (5) games:
 - In the one team
 - In the one division
 - In the one competition
 - In the same season; and
 - Within the Affiliate the player wishes to play for



4.2.2 Current or Previous Season is defined by the following:

2024 QTF Event	Current Season	Previous Season
Junior State Cup	Season 1, 2024	Season 2, 2023

A season will only qualify if it meets the QTF minimum standard of a **weekly competition** running no less than ten **(10)** weeks based on one (1) round per week, before finals

6. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- [Junior State Cup Conditions of Entry](#)
- [QTF General Conditions of Entry](#)
- [Junior State Cup Website](#)



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