MEMO

Date:	Wednesday, 12 March 2025
To:	QTF Affiliates, Regions, and Staff
From:	David Stokes – QTF Events Manager
Cc:	Greg Denny, QTF CEO
Subject:	**2025 Junior State Cup – Conditions of Entry**

The 2025 Junior State Cup (JSC) Conditions of Entry (COE) have been updated. The accompanying Conditions of Entry include operational and competition updates to support the delivery of the JSC events purpose to **"Develop a love of Touch Football for life"!**

Please refer to the 2025 JSC COE for more information, visit:
https://juniorstatecup.qldtouch.com.au/resources/

ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

- **Item 2.3 - AGE RESTRICTIONS**

The QTF Board recently approved an amendment to the Age Restrictions criteria for the 2025 JSC to provide a more inclusive, supportive, and developmentally appropriate environment for young athletes, ultimately enhancing their experience and fostering long-term participation.

The rationale for these changes, include alignment of age divisions, increased participation and retention, improved player development and enhanced social and emotional development.

It is **QTFs recommendation** that junior participants **play in their respective Age Divisions** as they ascend the pathway. We understand that the number of available players can be challenging for the smaller and rural Affiliates and in older age divisions, hence therefore provided flexibility to align with a three-year sporting participation window for each Age Division.

Division	Top Age	Bottom Age
Under 10 Boys/ Girls	Born in 2015	Born in 2017
Under 12 Boys/ Girls	Born in 2013	Born in 2015
Under 14 Boys/ Girls	Born in 2011	Born in 2013
Under 16 Boys/ Girls	Born in 2009	Born in 2011
Under 18 Boys/ Girls	Born in 2007	Born in 2009

NOTE: No exceptions to the above Age Restrictions will be considered.

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- Item 3.2 – TEAM NOMINATIONS

» **Item 3.2.2 – Affiliate Team Declaration Form**

Affiliate Coordinators are required to submit an Affiliate Team Declaration Form for each participating Team to ensure that all players meet the eligibility requirements for JSC. This will include detailing each Player's Name, NRL ID, DOB, eligible Affiliate entity, and eligible Season(s) within a signed Entity Declaration.

Affiliates who nominate teams to compete at QTF events are responsible for checking that all players meet all age and eligibility requirements, as outlined in event Conditions of Entry through the team selection process. The onus is on the Affiliate to ensure all players selected, nominated and registered for Affiliate team meet the eligibility criteria, as outlined in Item 4.2 Player Eligibility & Registration and submit a signed Affiliate Team Declaration form. Consequences for breach of eligibility are outlined within.

Affiliate Team Declaration Forms must be completed and submitted to QTF by **Monday 12 May 2025.**

- Item 4.2 – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY & REGISTRATION

» **Item 4.2.2**

A season will only qualify if it meets the QTF minimum standard:

- A **weekly competition** comprising of a minimum of **four (4)** Teams within designated Age Groups (i.e. U12 Division).
- Running no less than **ten (10)** weeks based on **one (1)** round per week, before finals.
- Season offerings including **approved Term Touch** competitions offering covering consecutive terms only (i.e. Terms 1 & 2; or 3 & 4).
- Competitions in split terms (e.g. 1 & 3) are not able to be included.

- Item 5.3 – PLAYING RULES

» **Item 5.3.2 – Interchange Area (Sub Box)**

Only registered personnel are permitted in the Sub Box; including Players participating in the game, Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager that are nominated on the Registration Sheet, medical staff (1) and/or (1) Affiliate Officials (approved by QTF).

- **U10s Division – maximum of seventeen (17) people**
- **U12/U14/U16/18 Divisions - maximum of twenty (20) people**

- Item 5.6 – DRAW FORMULA

» **Item 5.6.2 – QTF Draw Format**

The final format will not be confirmed until all team nominations are finalised. QTF will endeavor to ensure that Teams play a **minimum of six (6) games,** and where appropriate, have an extended finals series that provides for Quarter Finals or a similar system and reserved the right to amend the draw the format from time to time when required.

- SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Queensland Touch Football (QTF) is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people who participate in our sport and access our events. We support the rights of the child and will act at all times to ensure a child safe environment is maintained.

The following Child Safeguarding & Integrity Education measures will be implemented at the 2025 JSC for **Affiliate Coordinators, Team Management/Support Personnel and Referees.**

1. **All Adult (18 years and older), Affiliate Coordinators, Team Management/Support Personnel and Referees must:**
   - have current and valid Blue Card/ Exemption Card (WWCC)
   - be linked to the Affiliate they are representing through **the Blue Card Organisation Portal,** and
   - include Blue Card/ Exemption Card details on registration to MySideline.

Affiliates must provide a copy of their Organisation's Blue Card Register to QTF by Friday 20 June 2025

2. Comply with the Integrity Education requirements as outlined in Appendix 6

QTF will provide additional information regarding Child Safeguarding and Integrity Education requirements and work with Affiliate Coordinators to ensure a smooth transition to providing a safer environment for Children and Young People at JSC.

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