

Queensland School Sport



10-12 years Rugby League Competition Procedures

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This document **must** be read in conjunction with the
QSSMG Competition Procedures.

1 Queensland School Sport Internal Structures

1.1 Sport Specific Committees and Advisory Groups

The Queensland School Sport (QSS) 10-12 years Rugby League sports specific committee follows:

- Queensland School Sport Management Group (QSSMG) Competition Procedures.
- Queensland School Sport 10-12 years Rugby League Competition Procedures

QSS 10-12 years Rugby League Competition Procedures and QSSMG Competition Procedures must be read in conjunction with one another.

1.2 Registration of New Sports

1.3 Alternative Procedures Enabling Participation at a School Sport Australia Competition

1.4 De-registration of Sports

1.5 Sport Specific Committee Reports

1.6 State Sport Committee Finances

2 Approval of Competitions

3 Competition Programs

3.1 State Championships (Inter-regional competition)

3.1.1 Structure for 11-12 year boys and 11-12 year girls

3.1.1.1 **Boys** – championship shall commence on the last Thursday of the first semester and conclude on the first Tuesday of the mid-year vacation, unless the QSS 10-12 years RL determines that in any year extenuating circumstances warrant variation from this program.

Girls –championships will be conducted over four days at the date and venue as listed in the QSS State Championship roster, and confirmed annually by the QSS 10-12 years RL.

3.1.1.2 Depending on the number of teams entered, either a round robin plus finals will be played, or teams shall be drawn in pools. The management committee of QSS 10-12 years RL shall be responsible for the allocation of teams to pools and shall provide the draw for the round robin competition of games in each pool to the host region.

Boys draw - Appendix A

3.1.1.3 No team shall play more than one match on any one day (boys championships only).

- 3.1.1.4 Participants shall be bona fide students 11 or 12 years of age and under on 31 December in the year of the carnival.
- 3.1.1.5 A bona fide student shall be one who is attending an affiliated school during the year of the championship. Team officials must ensure that certification of such attendance for each player by the principal of the school attended shall be available to the championship convener at any time during the championship if required.
- 3.1.1.6 Team officials must ensure a completed Age Eligibility Form and Project Consent Form of each player shall be available to the championship convener at any time during the championship if required.
- 3.1.1.7 The venue of each championship shall be as listed on the QSS State championship roster and confirmed annually by the QSS 10-12 years RL.
- 3.1.2 Structure for Vic Jensen 10-11 years:
 - 3.1.2.1 The QSS 10-12 years RL committee shall direct and authorise the conduct of the Vic Jensen 10-11 years carnival in Queensland annually.
 - 3.1.2.2 The championship shall commence on the last Monday of the mid – year vacation and conclude on the last Friday of the mid-year vacation, unless the QSS 10-12 years RL committee determines that in any year extenuating circumstances warrant variation from this program.
 - 3.1.2.3 Each team shall be drawn in pools. The QSS 10-12 years RL Committee shall be responsible for the allocation of teams to pools. The host region management committee shall provide the draw for the round robin competition of games in each pool.
 - 3.1.2.4 On the day two, only, each team shall play two matches after this no team shall play more than one match on any one day.
 - 3.1.2.5 Participants shall be students who are enrolled at schools affiliated to Queensland School Sport and who are eleven years of age or under on the 31 December in the year of the carnival.
 - 3.1.2.6 A bona fide student shall be one who is enrolled at an affiliated school during the year of the carnival.
 - 3.1.2.7 Team officials must ensure a completed Age Eligibility Form and Project Consent Form of each player shall be available to the carnival organiser at any time during the Championship if required.
 - 3.1.2.8 Participants shall be bona fide students 10 or 11 years of age and under on 31 December in the year of the carnival.
 - 3.1.2.9 A bona fide student shall be one who is attending an affiliated school during the year of the championship. Team officials must ensure that certification of such attendance for each player by the principal of the school attended shall be available to the championship convener at any time during the championship if required.
 - 3.1.2.10 Team officials must ensure a completed Age Eligibility Form and Project Consent Form of each player shall be available to the championship convener at any time during the championship if required.
 - 3.1.2.11 The venue of each carnival shall be as listed on the QSS state championship roster.

3.2 State Championship Competition Rules

3.2.1 Rules for 11-12 year boys and 11-12 year girls

- 3.2.1.1 Matters not covered in these rules and conditions shall be governed by the National Rugby League Rugby League Laws of Modified Games and by the NRL Safe Play Code. Special dispensation has been given by the NRL to modify the first receiver and dummy half vest rule, removing the requirement for teams to change vest-wearers at halftime.
- 3.2.1.2 The QRL rule on compression garments will apply.
- 3.2.1.3 The QSS 10-12 years rugby league shall exercise and authorise all necessary control over intrastate carnivals, and no variation from these Rules and Conditions shall be made without the written approval of that League.
- 3.2.1.4 Any other matters not referred to in these competition procedures shall be dealt with in accordance to the Queensland School Sport competition procedures.
- 3.2.1.5 Teams shall be limited to a maximum of 17 players. A list of players and convenors will be forwarded to the championship convenor.
- 3.2.1.6 Players may be interchanged at any time.
- 3.2.1.7 Each team shall supply and use its own jerseys which shall be numbered internationally on the back, with the numbers being at least 25 cm high, in such manner as to be distinctively visible from the sidelines. Numbers on the front of the jersey are optional. The major colour of the jerseys shall be that registered with Queensland School Sport as the regional colour.
- 3.2.1.8 Each player must wear the same number jersey throughout the championship irrespective of their position on the field.
- 3.2.1.9 If a player kicks for goal twice in a game before all other players on the field have had a turn at kicking, any points scored from the kick will not be counted to the team score. If such a breach does occur, it should be dealt with immediately if possible. However, if it is only detected later, the two points will still be deducted.
- 3.2.1.10 All team members and officials shall be present at the match venue at least 30 minutes prior to the time set for the commencement of their match.
- 3.2.1.11 Each match shall consist of two halves each of 20 minute duration with an interval of five minutes between halves.
- 3.2.1.12 Only players and officials are allowed in the playing area at any time.
- 3.2.1.13 Tied results:
 - 3.2.1.13.1 The relative positions of teams shall be determined by competition points which shall be allotted on the basis of two points for a win, one point for a draw, and zero points for a loss.
 - 3.2.1.13.2 In cases where teams finish equal on points (two for a win, one for a draw and zero for a loss), after the pool stage, the following procedure will be used, in order, to break the deadlock:

- i) Head to head (if there are two teams tied and they played each other)*
- ii) Points for and against difference
- iii) Points for
- iv) Tries scored
- v) Toss of a coin

* If there are more than two teams tied, the Head to Head will not be used

3.2.1.13.3 **Boys** — progression from day four today five and from day five today six requires a winner from each game on days four and five. If a game is drawn on day four or day five, the following procedure will be used, in order, to decide the winner:

- i) Most tries scored in the game
- ii) First try scored in the game
- iii) Most penalties received in the game
- iv) First penalty received in the game
- v) Higher-ranked team after the pool stage of the championship (day three)

Girls — if the competition requires a winner for progression from one round to the next (e.g. semi-final to final), the following procedure will be used, in order, to decide the winner:

- i) Most tries scored in the game
- ii) First try scored in the game
- iii) Most penalties received in the game
- iv) First penalty received in the game
- v) Higher-ranked team after the pool stage of the championship.

3.2.1.13.4 In the final if scores are level at full time, the teams shall be declared joint winners of the championship. No extra time shall be played to determine the winner

3.2.2 Rules – Vic Jensen 10-11 years:

3.2.2.1 Matters not covered in these Rules and conditions shall be governed by the national Rugby League Rugby League Laws of Modified Games and by the NRL Safe Play Code. Special dispensation has been given by the NRL to modify the first receiver and dummy half vest rule, removing the requirement for teams to change vest-wearers at halftime.

3.2.2.2 The QRL rule on compression garments will apply.

3.2.2.3 The QSS 10-12 years RL shall exercise and authorise all necessary control over intrastate carnivals, and no variation from these rules and conditions shall be made without the written approval of that League.

- 3.2.2.4 Any other matters not referred to in these competition procedures shall be dealt with in accordance to the Queensland School Sport competition procedures.
- 3.2.2.5 The QSS 10-12 years RL committee shall exercise and authorise all necessary control over the Vic Jensen 11 years carnival, and no variation from these competition procedures shall be made without the written approval of that committee.
- 3.2.2.6 Matters pertaining to the rules of the game not covered in these competition procedures shall be governed by the Australian Rugby Football League's Rugby League Laws of Modified Games and by the Australian Rugby League Safe Play Code.
- 3.2.2.7 Teams shall be limited to a maximum of 15 players. A list of players and officials shall be forwarded to the championship convenor.
- 3.2.2.8 Tied Results:
- 3.2.2.8.1 The relative positions of teams shall be determined by competition points which shall be allotted on the basis of two points for a win, one point for a draw, and zero points for a loss.
- 3.2.2.8.2 In cases where teams finish equal on points (two for a win, one for a draw and zero for a loss), after the pool stage, the following procedure will be used, in order, to break the deadlock:
- i) Head to head (if there are two teams tied and they played each other)*
 - ii) Points for and against difference
 - iii) Points for
 - iv) Tries scored
 - v) Toss of a coin
- * If there are more than two teams tied, the Head to Head will not be used
- 3.2.2.8.3 On day five teams will play matches according to their ranking after day four:
9 v 10; 7 v 8; 5 v 6; 3 v 4; 1 v 2 (final)
- 3.2.2.8.4 In the final if scores are level at full time, the teams shall be declared joint winners of the championship. No extra time shall be played to determine the winner.
- 3.2.2.8.5 By comparison of points scored for and against. The team having the greatest positive difference shall be deemed to have the better performance. In the event of two teams having the same positive difference the team having scored the most number of tries shall be considered to have the higher standing. If this is the same, then the team having scored the most points will be considered to be placed higher and if still the same, the places will be decided by the result of the pool game and if necessary by the first scorer in that game.
- 3.2.2.9 During the "athletics" program (sprints/relays) of the carnival, the following guidelines will apply:

3.2.2.9.1 The team relay race will be run with teams of up to 16 players (the 17th player will run in the individual sprint race). If any team has fewer than 16 players due to injury, all other teams will reduce their number of runners to the highest that all teams can provide. The start will be done using the “beach flags” style to prevent breaking/false starts.

3.2.2.9.2 Each team will have only one representative in the sprint race. This player will not compete in the team relay. The start will be done using the “beach flags” style (i.e. facing away from the ball, lying on stomach, hands on top of each other with chin resting on top of both hands, forearms / elbows on the dead ball line with the legs straight out on the ground and with ankle touching).

3.2.3 Stoppages in play:

3.2.3.1 After one minute of injury time has elapsed, to commence from when the referee whistles injury time, the clock stops.

3.2.3.2 The play and the clock will stop when the SMA Trainer enters the field of play, assesses the injured player and then indicates for further assistance. Extra time shall be allowed for stoppages to play.

3.2.3.3 An official of each team shall, prior to the commencement of the championship, advise the championship convener of the name of one adult person who shall be allowed, in the event of injury to a player of that team, to encroach onto the playing field.

3.2.3.4 In the event of more than one player being injured, those children must be treated immediately.

3.2.4 Blood bin:

3.2.4.1 No player is to be on the field with an exposed, bleeding wound.

3.2.4.2 Blood-stained jerseys must be replaced immediately and cannot be reused until after they have been laundered.

3.2.4.3 It is recommended that all teams have at least two spare jerseys for blood bin use.

3.2.5 Judiciary procedures:

3.2.5.1 A judiciary is to be formed at the pre-championship meeting and will consist of two executive members of the QSS 10-12 years RL committee and an independent team official who is a current teacher.

3.2.5.2 In the absence of two executive, vacancies will be filled from the following in order:

i) Members of the QSS 10-12 years RL committee (i.e. regional delegates)

ii) Championship convenor

iii) Member of the championship organising committee who is a current teacher

iv) Other independent team official who is a current teacher

3.2.5.3 The judiciary will only meet to investigate an incident on receipt of an on-field incident report from the referee.

- 3.2.5.4 The player (along with the team manager) will have the opportunity to address the judiciary. The player has the right to appeal and penalty and if so, an additional independent person will be included to hear the appeal. This person will be invited to join the judiciary by the existing judiciary members.
- 3.2.5.5 The judiciary process will follow Education Queensland guidelines for student behaviour.
- 3.2.6 Wet Weather Procedures:
 - 3.2.6.1 If one or two days are lost, that / those day's play becomes a nil-all draw for all teams and the games continue as per the draw.
 - 3.2.6.2 If more than two days of play are lost, then any executive present and the championship convenor will decide how to proceed.

3.3 School Based Competitions

- 3.3.1 Development Cup state-wide knock out competition:
 - 3.3.1.1 The NRL Development Cup is a competition for students in P-6. Only players that are turning 11 or 12 years in the year of the competition are eligible to participate. No player turning 10 years nor, a player turning 13 years is eligible to play. A player must be enrolled with the participating school before playing in a Cup match.
 - 3.3.1.2 Match conditions as per Mod Rules (Refer QRL matrix – 11 March 2014).
 - 3.3.1.3 Teams are limited to a squad of seventeen players per game. Replacement of players may occur at any time throughout the game – unlimited interchange is allowed.
 - 3.3.1.4 Footwear must be worn in all games.
 - 3.3.1.5 Competition shall be on a school basis. However, where a school cannot provide a team or where no team exists, schools may combine to form a composite team, provided that their combined year six enrolments do not exceed 90 students. Combined schools must belong to the same sport district or be neighbouring schools. Players must be bona fide registered pupils of the school, or one of the combination of schools, they represent.
 - 3.3.1.6 No coaching shall take place during an actual competition match. The official team “runner” is the only person permitted to enter the field of play at any time unless the match referee directs otherwise.
 - 3.3.1.7 All teams must be accompanied by a teacher from the school or group of schools where applicable, and if this does not occur, that team will automatically lose the match by forfeit.
 - 3.3.1.8 Each competition match must be of two halves, each of 20 minutes. Half time for all matches will be five minutes, unless otherwise agreed to by the two competing schools.
 - 3.3.1.9 There will be no time off for injury in any match. If more than 20 minutes of play is lost due to a major injury to a player, and the scores are level, the Development Cup Rules to determine the winner will be applied.
 - 3.3.1.10 In the event of a colour clash, the convenor in attendance will, by the toss of a coin, determine which school will wear alternate colours.

- 3.3.1.11 Numbers must be clearly visible of jerseys for all teams competing and there should be no duplication of any numbers.
- 3.3.1.12 Every endeavour should be made to have all competition matches controlled by nationally accredited QRL referees and touch judges. Matches from group final stage onwards will not take place in the absence of a suitably qualified referee.
- 3.3.1.13 At all competition matches, an adult with current first aid and/or sports medicine qualifications must be in attendance, and must also remain in an accessible position adjacent to the playing field to provide immediate assistance if required throughout a match. The designated home team must also ensure that a means of communication to emergency services (e.g. mobile telephone) is available at all times on the sideline during a match. No competition match will take place in the absence of a suitably qualified person.
- 3.3.1.14 If a match is tied after the normal period of play, the winner will be determined on the following basis:
 - i) Most tries, then (if equal)
 - ii) First try scored, then (if no tries)
 - iii) Most penalties received, then (if equal)
 - iv) First penalty received
- 3.3.1.15 If the competition final is tied after the normal period of play, the teams will be declared joint winners of the NRL Development Cup and two sets of medallions will be awarded.

3.3.2 Metropolitan finals:

- 3.3.2.1 The Brisbane metropolitan finals will be conducted under the authority of the Brisbane Primary School Rugby League Committee.

3.4 Sponsorship

4 Access to State Championships

4.1 Eligibility

4.2 Centres of Athletic Development

4.3 Guidelines for Gender Equity in Sport

5 Conduct of State Championships

5.1 Championship Host

A Region rostered to host a championship and which subsequently finds itself unable to do so shall notify the executive officer QSS10-12yrsRL immediately.

The executive officer QSS10-12yrsRL shall advise Queensland School Sport immediately of the proposed alternative venue in the case of a Region being unable to host the

championship. The venue for that carnival shall then be determined in consultation between QSS and the QSS10-12yrsRL.

5.1.1 Years 11-12 boys and years 11-12 girls:

5.1.1.1 The host region shall appoint a carnival convenor not later than 30 March. Regional school sports officer shall immediately notify the executive officer QSS of his/her name, address and telephone number.

5.1.1.2 The carnival convenor shall forward a detailed itinerary of the carnival to participating centres not later than 14 days prior to the commencement of the carnival through their regional school sport officer.

5.1.2 Vic Jensen 10-11 years

5.1.2.1 The host region shall appoint a championship convenor not later than 30 March. The RSSO or the regional delegate of the carnival centre shall immediately notify the executive officer QSS 10-12 years RL of this convenor.

5.1.2.2 The championship convenor shall forward a detailed itinerary of the championship to participating centres not later than 28 days prior to the commencement of the carnival.

5.2 Participation

5.2.1 The secretary of QSS 10-12 years RL shall, at the July meeting of QSS 10-12 years RL, extend an invitation to each regional delegate to nominate one team in the carnival for the coming year.

5.2.2 Should any region decline to accept the invitation, the QSS 10-12 years RL shall modify the carnival for that year in such a manner as it deems necessary.

5.2.3 Teams shall be limited to a maximum of 17 players. A list of players and officials shall be forwarded to the championship convenor as soon as possible.

5.2.4 At the commencement of the championship, and as early as possible, each player shall be given a program, and each team official shall be given, in addition to a program, a social itinerary.

5.3 Finance

The expenses incurred by each participating team shall be the sole responsibility of that team, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the carnival centre or QSS 10-12 years RL prior to the commencement of the carnival.

5.4 Accommodation Framework

5.5 Event Officials

5.6 Complaints Management

5.7 Meetings

5.7.1 Meetings – year 11-12 boys and year 11-12 girls:

5.7.1.1 An initial pre-championship meeting shall be held at each championship.

- 5.7.1.2 Each participating team shall be entitled to two votes on any motion at the pre-championship meeting. No other persons shall be entitled to vote.
 - 5.7.1.3 Other persons may attend the pre-championship meeting as observers only by invitation or approval of the chair, and such attendance shall, if disputed by a representative of any participating team, be conditional upon the approval of a majority of participating teams.
 - 5.7.1.4 The chair of the pre-championship meeting shall be the chair of the QSS 10-12 years RL or, in their absence, the person designated by the management procedures of the QSS 10-12 years RL to be chair of a meeting of that league in the absence of the chairman.
 - 5.7.1.5 The person designated to be chair by the aforesaid shall be empowered to invite, at their discretion, a person from the championship organising committee to be chair in their stead.
 - 5.7.1.6 The mode of voting at the pre-championship meeting shall be as provided in the Management Procedures of the QSS 10-12 years RL for a meeting of that league.
 - 5.7.1.7 A championship meeting may be convened during a championship to deal with any matter, but any decision of this meeting shall be binding for that championship only unless later ratified by the QSS 10-12 years RL. A recommendations meeting will be held during the championship and the same conditions will apply.
 - 5.7.1.8 At the pre-championship meeting the lines of communication to be used by team officials for all issues associated with the conduct of the championships will be clearly explained. In particular, the line of communication for refereeing issues will be from the regional official via the chair of QSS 10-12 years RL to the referees coordinator and then back via the same channel.
 - 5.7.1.9 A recommendations meeting will be held after the second-last day of competition to consider recommendations from the championship that are specific to the championship. These recommendations are not binding on future championships unless approved at a QSS 10-12 years RL committee meeting.
 - 5.7.1.10 The championship committee shall prepare a detailed program, in booklet form. A copy of this program is to be in the hands of all team officials at the pre championship meeting
- 5.7.2 Meetings — Vic Jensen 10-11 years:
- 5.7.2.1 An initial pre-championship meeting shall be held at each carnival.
 - 5.7.2.2 Each participating team shall be entitled to one vote on any motion at the pre-championship meeting. No other persons shall be entitled to vote.
 - 5.7.2.3 Other persons may attend the pre-championship meeting as observers by invitation or approval of the chair. Such attendance shall, if disputed by a representative of any participating team, be conditional upon the approval of a majority of participating teams.
 - 5.7.2.4 The chair of the pre-championship meeting shall be the championship convenor or, in their absence, a person elected from the floor to chair that meeting. Wherever possible at least one member of the QSS 10-12 years RL executive will attend the meeting.

- 5.7.2.5 The mode of voting at the pre-championship meeting shall be by a show of hands.
- 5.7.2.6 A recommendations meeting will also be held following the completion of competition on the second last day of the championship. Any issues or decisions arising from the recommendations meeting shall be recorded and sent to the executive officer QSS 10-12 years RL to be included on the agenda of the July QSS 10-12 years RL meeting for ratification. Where possible a member of the QSS 10-12 years RL executive will chair this meeting.
- 5.7.2.7 A special meeting may be convened during a championship to deal with any matter, but the decision of this special meeting shall be binding for that championship only unless later ratified by the qss 10-12 years rl.
- 5.7.2.8 at the pre-championship meeting the lines of communication to be used by team officials for all issues associated with the conduct of the championships will be clearly explained by the chair of that meeting. In particular, the line of communication for refereeing issues will be from the regional official via the championship convenor/chair of QSS 10-12 years RL to the referees coordinator and then back via the same channel.
- 5.7.2.9 A recommendations meeting will be held after the second-last day of competition to consider recommendations from the carnival that are specific to the carnival. These recommendations are not binding on future carnivals unless approved at a QSS 10-12 years RL Committee Meeting.

5.8 Health and Safety

5.9 Excursions and Functions

No official night functions shall be arranged for players.

5.10 State Team Selections

5.11 Host Report

5.12 Travel Subsidy

5.13 Requests for Access to Students

5.13.1 Player/school agents:

All player and/or school agents are required to register with championship convenor.

5.14 Loss or Damage of Equipment at State Championships

5.15 Photography

5.16 Trophies and Presentations

5.16.1 The QSS 10-12 years RL shall be empowered to make such trophies as may be donated or purchased available for competition in Intrastate championships.

- 5.16.2 No other trophies shall be made available for competition at intrastate championships except with the written permission of the QSS 10-12 years RL.
- 5.16.3 The championship trophy shall be awarded to the captain of the winning team. the method of presentation shall be determined by the championship convenor.
- 5.16.4 The trophies shall be retained by the areas represented by the winning teams for the ensuing 12 months. If a trophy is held jointly, each area shall retain the trophy for six months. The order in which the areas shall retain the trophy shall be determined by mutual agreement or, failing this, by decision of the QSS 10-12 years RL.
- 5.16.5 The area retaining a trophy for 12 months shall be responsible for the engraving thereon of the year in which the trophy was won and the names of the winning teams in alphabetical order; and shall be entitled to claim, at its discretion, half the cost thereof from the other joint holder.
- 5.16.6 The area holding a trophy from the previous year's championship shall ensure that it is received by the championship organiser of the forthcoming championship prior to the commencement of that championship.
- 5.16.7 In the event of the championship lapsing for any period of time, the trophies shall be returned to the secretary of the QSS 10-12 years RL not later than 1 May in the year following that in which they were won. The QSS 10-12 years RL shall be responsible for the safekeeping of the trophies.
- 5.16.8 Should it be decided at any time to abandon the intrastate championship, the trophies shall become the property of the QSSRL10-12 years and that league shall have plenary powers concerning their future.
- 5.16.9 It shall be the responsibility of any person forwarding a trophy to the general secretary or championship convenor to ensure that such trophy is adequately secured against possible damage during transit.
- 5.16.10 The costs of any repairs occasioned by damage caused during transit shall only be incurred by or with the approval of the QSSRL 10-12 years, and shall be recoverable from the area from which the trophy was forwarded.
- 5.16.11 Winners, Runners-up and third-place medallions will be purchased by the Host Centre organising committee and will be included as a levy item in the state championship budget.
- 5.16.12 Player of the match medallions will be provided to the host centre committee by the QSS 10-12 years RL. The cost of these will be included as a levy item in the state championship budget. The cost will be determined by the QSS 10-12 years RL annually. There will be one medallion presented to each team in all pool and finals matches. The presentation will be made on the field directly after each game. If possible the player's name will be announced over the P.A. system.

(Note: Years 11-12 Boys it must be announced that the winner is not chosen by the state selectors).
- 5.16.13 Vic Jensen 10-11 years — medallions for first, second and third place in the team relay and the Individual sprint will be presented. The cost of these will be included in the championship budget.

5.17 Areas of Responsibility

The championship convenor shall ensure that the following are provided for each match during the championship:

- 5.17.1 Correctly prepared and marked playing fields and changing rooms.
- 5.17.2 Three footballs which shall be of synthetic “mod” size, and all of the same type.
- 5.17.3 An official, qualified referee.
- 5.17.4 Neutral touch judges who shall preferably be qualified referees and who shall not be primary aged children or officials of the participating teams.
- 5.17.5 Kicking tees for the use of kickers and at least one person to carry same to kickers. Kicking tees must be a standard height as approved by the QRL.
- 5.17.6 At least two persons, who may be children, to replace balls out of play and retrieve same.
- 5.17.7 An ambulance bearer, a qualified sports medicine person or the equivalent. This person must remain in an accessible position adjacent to the playing field to provide immediate assistance if required throughout a match. There must also be a means of communication to emergency services available (e.g. mobile telephone) at all times on the sideline during a match. No competition match will take place in the absence of a suitably qualified person.
- 5.17.8 All on field trainers must wear a standard fluoro trainer shirt supplied by their own region.
- 5.17.9 The QSS 10-12 years RL will purchase sets of DH and FR vests which will be distributed to teams prior to their game.

5.18 Minimum Venue Standards

5.19 Regional Delegates Role

6 Queensland Teams

6.1 State Team Selection Policies (boys 11-12 years’ championship only)

- 6.1.1 Appointment of Queensland team selectors:
 - 6.1.1.1 Applications for the positions of Queensland Team Selectors will close approximately four weeks prior to the AGM.
 - 6.1.1.2 The executive officer of the QSS 10-12 years RL will forward copies of applications and a ballot paper to regional delegates and members of the executive.
 - 6.1.1.3 The positions will be voted on at the mid-year General Meeting. Voting will be in accordance with the procedures for voting for Queensland team officials set down by QSS.
- 6.1.2 Criteria for election as a Queensland Team Selector:
 - 6.1.2.1 To be eligible for election to the position of Queensland team selector, applicants must have at least five years’ experience as a regional official at a QSS 10-12 years RL state championship. The appointment is for one year only. There is no limit on how many times a person can hold the position of Queensland team selector.

- 6.1.2.2 To be eligible for election to the position of Queensland team selector, applicants must be currently employed by a Queensland Education sector.
- 6.1.2.3 There will be four selectors elected each year. The Queensland coach will also be a selector. The chair of QSS 10-12 years RL will be the chair of the selection panel.
- 6.1.3 Queensland team:
 - 6.1.3.1 A team of 17 players will be selected.
 - 6.1.3.2 Shadow players will be identified. They will not be named.
- 6.1.4 Selection Panel:
 - 6.1.4.1 The number of selectors will be five, one of whom will be the state coach.
 - 6.1.4.2 The chair of Queensland Primary School Rugby League will be the chair of the selection panel.
 - 6.1.4.3 The election of selectors will be done at the November management committee meeting of the QSS 10-12 years RL.
 - 6.1.4.4 TRS will be available for selectors to attend the State championship upon request.
- 6.1.5 Selection procedure:
 - 6.1.5.1 The selectors will meet on a regular basis on each day of the competition.
 - 6.1.5.2 The selectors will meet with the regional coaches/managers at least twice during the championships to give them the opportunity to put forward the names of and comment on players they consider worthy of selection.
 - 6.1.5.3 Coaches should make themselves aware of the standards necessary for selection of a player in the Queensland team.
 - 6.1.5.4 At the pre-carnival meeting, the state coach may describe to the regional officials the attributes he/she is looking for in players.
 - 6.1.5.5 The selectors may approach regional coaches to play players in an alternative position.
- 6.1.6 Announcement of the Queensland team:
 - 6.1.6.1 The Queensland team will be announced at the closing ceremony of the state championship.
 - 6.1.6.2 The team will be announced in alphabetical order.
 - 6.1.6.3 Regional officials should ensure that all team members are present when the Queensland team is announced.

6.2 Selection Policy Guidelines

The major criteria for selection will be the performance of the player at the state championships. Areas of performance to be considered will include:

- i) The skill level exhibited by the player
- ii) The fitness level exhibited by the player

- iii) The level of physical prowess exhibited by the player
- iv) The performance of the player as a member of a team
- v) The attitude and behaviour of the player both on and off the field

6.3 Participation at National Events

6.4 Appointment of Team Officials

6.4.1 Appointment of Queensland team officials:

- 6.4.1.1 Applications for the positions of Queensland coach, manager and assistant manager will close approximately four weeks prior to the mid-year General Meeting.
- 6.4.1.2 The executive officer of QSS 10-12 years RL will forward copies of Applications and ballot papers to regional delegates and members of the executive.
- 6.4.1.3 The positions will be voted on at the mid-year General Meeting. Voting will be in accordance with the procedures set down by QSS.

6.4.2 Criteria for election as a Queensland Team Official:

- 6.4.2.1 To be eligible for election to the position of Queensland coach, applicants must have at least five years' experience as a regional official at a QSS 10-12 years RL State Championship and must hold a current minimum Level 1 coaching qualification.
- 6.4.2.2 To be eligible for election to the position of Queensland manager, applicants must have at least two years' experience as a regional official at a QSS 10-12 years RL State Championship and must hold a current senior first aid certificate or equivalent.
- 6.4.2.3 To be eligible for election to the position of Queensland team trainer manager, applicants must have at least two years' experience as a regional official at a QSS 10-12 years RL State championship and must hold a minimum current Level 1 Sports Trainer certificate or equivalent. Holding this position does not preclude the person from later being elected to the position of Queensland coach or manager.
- 6.4.2.4 Queensland team coach, manager and trainer are elected to the position for a period of two years subject to completing the first year of their tenure satisfactorily. A person who has held the position of Queensland coach or manager is ineligible to hold either of these positions again unless there are no other nominations.

6.4.3 Criteria for election as a Queensland White team official

- 6.4.3.1 To be eligible for election to the position of Queensland White coach, applicants must have at least two years' experience as a regional official at a QSS 10-12 years RL State championship and must hold a current minimum Level 1 coaching qualifications.
- 6.4.3.2 To be eligible for election to the position of Queensland White manager, applicants must have at least two years' experience as a regional official as at QSS 10-12 years RL State championship and must hold a current senior first aid certificate or equivalent.

- 6.4.3.3 To be eligible for election to the position of Queensland White team trainer, applicants must have at least two years' experience as a regional official at a QSS 10-12 years RL State championship and must hold a minimum current Level 1 sports trainer certificate or equivalent.
- 6.4.3.4 Queensland White team coach, manager and trainer are elected to the position for a period of one year.
- 6.4.3.5 A person who has held the position of Queensland coach, manager or trainer or Queensland White coach, manager or trainer is not precluded from holding any position in the Queensland White team in future years.

6.5 Uniforms

6.5.1 State team levy items – manager's guidelines:

A list of Queensland team uniform items will be developed and ratified at the QSS 10-12 years RL March meeting each year for use by the Queensland team manager the following year. Additional guidelines as required will also be created to assist the Queensland team manager to calculate the state team levy.

6.6 Travel Policy

6.7 Queensland Team Preparation

6.8 Risk Management

6.8.1 Risk assessment:

A risk assessment must be completed prior to the start of the Queensland team training Camp.

6.8.2 First aid kit:

The QSS 10-12yrs RL committee will purchase a first aid kit to the value of \$500.00 for use by the Queensland team. The kit will be restocked prior to the state team training camp each year.

6.9 Guidelines for Interstate Exchanges / Non School Sport Australia Events

6.10 International Tours

6.11 Costs

7 Accommodation framework

8 Codes of Conduct

8.1 Team Members, Parents and Spectators

8.2 Team Officials

9 Team Officials – Duty of Supervision

10 Procedures for the Investigation and Recording of Misconduct

Appendix A : 11-12 Years Boys State Championships Draw Progression from Day 4

Progression for Day 4

Teams in three pools of four as done currently. Play other teams in Pool on Days 1 – 3.

Day 4

Top Six – top two from each pool

Game 4.1	1 st Pool A	v	2 nd Pool B
Game 4.2	1 st Pool B	v	2 nd Pool C
Game 4.3	1 st Pool C	v	2 nd Pool A

Three winners progress to semi-finals on Day 5, plus the 'lucky loser'. Lucky loser will be determined by:

1. Lowest losing margin
2. If two or more losers lost by the same margin, highest losing score
3. If two or more teams have the same losing score
4. Head to head (if teams have played each other)
5. Points scored
6. Tries scored
7. Highest-ranked team

Remaining two losers to Trophy Final on Day 5

Bottom 6 – bottom two from each pool re-ranked 7-12 according to points, points differential.

Game 4.4	4 th Pool A	v	4 th Pool B
Game 4.5	3 rd Pool C	v	3 rd Pool A
Game 4.6	4 th Pool C	v	3 rd Pool B

As game 4.4 may be between SW and NW, it should be given a prominent game time and be the first leg (of a possible two) for the Western Cup.

Winners of games 4.5 and 4.6 join the two unlucky losers from top six in fruit bowl on day 5, playing teams from different pools if possible.

Losers of games 4.5 and 4.6 join 4th Pool A and 4th Pool B in the Plate Finals.

Day 5

Championship Finals

Game 5.1 Semi-Final	Winner Game 4.1 (A)	v	Winner Game 4.3 (D)	Teams C and D will swap if doing so will avoid a re-match
Game 5.2 Semi-Final	Winner Game 4.2 (B)	v	Top Six Lucky Loser (C)	

Trophy Finals

Game 5.3	Top six unlucky loser – allocated in order 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 (E)	v	Winner Game 4.5 (H)	Teams G and H will swap if doing so will avoid a re-match
Game 5.4	Top six unlucky loser – allocated in order 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 (F)	v	Winner Game 4.6 (G)	

Plate Finals

Game 5.5	Loser Game 4.5 (I)	v	Winner Game 4.4 (L)	Teams K and L will swap if doing so will avoid a re-match
Game 5.6	Loser Game 4.6 (I)	v	Loser Game 4.4 (K)	

Day 6

Game 6.1	11-12	Loser Game 5.5	v	Loser Game 5.6	Possibly 2 nd leg of Western Cup
Game 6.2	9-10	Winner Game 5.5	v	Winner Game 5.6	
Game 6.3	7-8	Loser Game 5.3	v	Loser Game 5.4	
Game 6.4	5-6	Winner Game 5.3	v	Winner Game 5.4	
Game 6.5	3-4	Loser Game 5.1	v	Loser Game 5.2	
Game 6.6	1-2	Winner Game 5.1	v	Winner Game 5.2	