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**Date:** 30 August 2019  
**To:** Regional Administrators, Affiliate Coordinators, Coaches, Referees and Players.  
**From:** Ben Mannion, QTF CEO  
**Subject:** 2019 QLD State Cup – Update

The following will provide an update on the planning for the 2019 QLD State Cup.

The QLD State Cup has been created to provide development and pathway opportunities for senior touch football players in Queensland. Following the success of the QTF Junior State Cup the need for a senior competition was determined to continue the development of our players.

The 2019 QLD State Cup will be the first of its kind in Queensland and we are very excited to host the event at the North Gold Coast Touch Association at the Coomera Sports Park.

The following principles will guide the planning and delivery of the 2019 QLD Touch Football QLD State Cup.

**QLD State Cup (QSC)** has been created to provide the following outcomes and deliverables. These will be the guiding principles for decisions made by Queensland Touch Football and the events team in delivery of the event.

- Provide a safe and enjoyable participation event for all involved including match officials, players, coaches, team officials and spectators,
- Provide an occasion for all senior Affiliates to come together to celebrate the sport of touch, and
- Provide an opportunity to identify talent for further representative opportunities; including regional, state and permit opportunities.

**The following are the key information and timelines associated with the event:**

## Location

Coomera Sports Park, 35 Beattie Rd, Coomera QLD

## Event Date and Times:

Friday 29 Nov 12pm-8pm

Saturday 30 Nov 8am-8pm

Sunday 1 Dec 8am-3pm

**NOTE: TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND SHOULD BE USED ONLY AS A GUIDE. TIMINGS WILL DEPEND ON ENTRIES.**

## Entry Fees

\$100.00 (incl GST) per individual\* to be paid during the online registration process.

**\*ALL TEAMS AND AFFILIATES THAT DO NOT REGISTER A MINIMUM OF 14 PLAYERS FOR EACH TEAM WILL BE INVOICED FOR THE SHORTFALL OF PLAYERS AT \$100.00 (GST INCLUSIVE) PER PLAYER TO MAKE UP TO AND INCLUDING THE 14 PLAYERS.**





## Divisions

Divisions	Age Restrictions	
<b>Opens Premier (On nomination)</b>	Men's, Women's	Born in or before 2003 (Minimum age of 16)
<b>Open Div A (Social)</b>	Men's, Women's, Mixed	Born in or before 2003 (Minimum age of 16)
<b>U20s</b>	Men's, Women's, Mixed	Born Between 1999 - 2004 (Minimum age of 15)
<b>Seniors</b>	Men's 30's, Women's 30's, Mixed 30's	Born in or before 1989
<b>Masters</b>	Men's 40's, Women's 40's, Mixed 40's Men's 45's, Women's 45's	Born in or before 1979 Born in or before 1974
<b>Veterans</b>	Men's 50's, Men's 55's Men's 60's	Born in or before 1969 Born in or before 1964 Born in or before 1959
<b>TFS All Ability</b>	Mixed (eligibility requirements to be advised)	Born in or before 2004 (Minimum age of 15)

## Eligibility

QLD State Cup is our flagship state senior affiliate competition and we encourage participation at all levels. Team and player eligibility requirements are outlined in clauses 3.1 and 3.2 of [2019 QSC - Conditions of Entry](#).

QLD State Cup will feature an Open Men's and Women's Premier division (on nomination and approval by QTF), as well as, Open Div A (Social), U20s, Seniors, Masters and Veterans divisions for eligible Affiliate-based teams. Club teams that participate in Affiliate competitions may also nominate teams, subject to the approval of the Affiliate.

### **BMTA Metro Cup Exemption Rule for 2019 event only.**

Club teams who play in the BMTA Metro Cup may compete as their Club team at the 2019 QLD State Cup, on the following conditions:

- The club team attaches themselves to BMTA or their most closely related affiliate, as approved by QTF.
- Only players registered with a Club team in BMTA Metro Cup Season 2, 2019 and having satisfied the QLD State Cup player eligibility requirements are eligible to play for that Club team.
- The points earned by the Club team would accrue for that affiliate.

An example of the related affiliate for Metro Cup is outlined below.

Club/Affiliate Team	QLD State Cup Affiliate
<b>Storm</b>	BMTA - Storm
<b>Uni Rebels</b>	BMTA – Uni Rebels
<b>Country Club</b>	Caboolture – Country club
<b>Brothers Club</b>	Brothers
<b>Gold Coast</b>	Gold Coast
<b>Crushers</b>	Redlands - Crushers





## Player Pool

The player pool will be managed entirely by Queensland Touch Football, as outlined in clause 3.2.8 - Player Pool in the [2019 QSC - Conditions of Entry](#).

**No affiliate, region or club has authority to allocate players from the player pool.**

Player pool nominations open **Friday 11 October 2019** and close **Friday 25 October 2019**.

Player(s) will be first made available to nominated Affiliate teams within their region, before being made available to the wider group. Player(s) cannot be re-selected by their Affiliate once placed in the player pool.

## 2020 State of Origin Selection Queensland - Player Eligibility and Talent Identification

The 2020 State of Origin (SOO) will be held in NSW on 18-20 June and below are the minimum standards set by Queensland Touch Football (QTF) to compete at this event.

All players will be given an opportunity to be selected across all age divisions to ensure the best players are selected to play for Queensland regardless of the division they are playing in at the QLD State Cup.

SOO player Expression of Interest registrations will be open between 1-30 September 2019. It is here that players will be able to nominate the preferred age division together with secondary age division preferences. Queensland will nominate one team only per division for SOO.

Players who wish to be considered for selection for the 2020 SOO, including incumbent SOO and NRL Touch Premiership players, shall be required to compete at the 2019 QLD State Cup event, as this event is ***mandatory*** for eligibility.

Only under extenuating circumstances will a dispensation for selection be accepted by QTF for non-attendance at the 2019 QLD State Cup. In this instance, 2020 National Touch League must be attended as a ***secondary*** eligibility events for selection for SOO.

Dispensations can be emailed to [tristan@qldtouch.com.au](mailto:tristan@qldtouch.com.au) before November 10, 2020 for consideration.

Player's wishing to be considered in the Queensland 20s or Opens SOO team should be competing in the Premier Men's and Women's Divisions at the 2019 QLD State Cup, where possible.

Where your affiliate is unable to field a team in the Premier division, players may request special dispensation from QTF to compete in another division. This will allow the appropriate selection process to be undertaken by the Coaches and High-Performance Selection Panel as per your completed Expression of Interest registration.

Please note the 2019 QLD State Cup will also be a selection event for the NRL Touch Premiership. Information regarding the 2020 NRL Touch Premiership will be available as it comes to hand.

For more information on 2020 State of Origin, eligibility and divisions visit [www.qldtouch.com.au/state-of-origin-2020-series/](http://www.qldtouch.com.au/state-of-origin-2020-series/).





## Travel and Accommodation

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All Sports Travel are able to provide QTF regions, affiliates and members with accommodation options including hotels, motels and apartments, catering for all budgets, as well as ground transport options. If you are interested in reaching out to the team on how they can assist your affiliates needs for QLD State Cup, head to All Sports Travel website at [www.allsportstravel.com.au](http://www.allsportstravel.com.au).

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## Important Date Reminders

DATE	ITEM	POTENTIAL SANCTION/OUTCOME
<b>Wednesday 4 September, 2019</b>	-Online Team Nomination Registration Open	
<b>Friday 11 October 2019 11:59 pm</b>	-Team & Match Officials Nominations Closed (if not exhausted prior) - Player Pool/ Player Transfers Open -Tent Request Submitted	Team nominations submitted through Sports TG. Tent request submitted via survey monkey link.
<b>Friday 18 October, 2019</b>	-Individual Player Registration Open (may change if team entries exhausted prior to closing date) -Individual Match Official (Ref) Registration Open - Accredited Volunteers Online Registrations Open	
<b>Friday 25 October 2019 11:59 pm</b>	- Player Pool/ Player Transfers Closed - Teams advised of Available Players	
<b>Monday 4 November 2019 11:59 pm</b>	- Individual Player Registration Closed - Individual Match Official (Referee) Registrations Close -Team Withdrawals Deadline	Team Nominations Not Valid Until Required Referee Registrations Complete.
<b>Monday 11 November, 2019</b>	- Accredited Volunteers Online Registrations Close -Individual Refunds Deadline -Referee Withdrawals Deadline as referee appointments to be created	After This Date, Late Fees (\$20.00) Will Apply to Any Individual Players Registering. Non-Registered Players Cannot Compete.
<b>Wednesday 13 November, 2019</b>	-Team Information Pack Released -Match Officials Information Pack Released -Draft Draw Released -Team Sheets Released to Team Managers	
<b>Wednesday 20 November, 2019</b>	-Late Registrations Cut-Off -Updated Team Sheets to be updated in Sports TG by Affiliate Managers	Incorrect shirt numbers on score sheets may result in a FINE. Non-Registered Players Cannot Compete.
<b>Friday 29 November 2019 9:30 AM – 11:00 am</b>	-Tournament Check-In	Teams not checked In by 11:00am will be excluded from the QLD State Cup.
<b>Friday 29 November – Sunday 01 December, 2019</b>	-2019 QLD State Cup	

