



Memo

Date: 17 November 2021
To: QTF Affiliates, Regions and STAFF
From: QTF CEO
Subject: Ball Size Recommendation for QLD Touch Football

Dear Affiliates, Regions, School Delegates and QTF Staff,

Queensland Touch Football recently undertook a review of ball sizing nationally. The following table summarises ball sizes from across the country. Currently Queensland remain the only State that introduces the Size 5 Senior ball at 12 years divisions.

At the 2020 National Youth Championship, TFA introduced the smaller, Size 4, Junior ball to the Queensland 12s teams. In addition to the reduction in left-hand roll ball errors, one of the most noticeable skill improvements was in the passing length of the 12's Division.

Touch Football - Ball Size Analysis										
Researched 12-07-2021										
Age Division	National	NSW	SA	NT	WA	VIC	TAS	ACT	QLD (Current)	QLD (Revised)
10s	-	Size 4	Size 4	Size 4	Size 4	Size 4	Size 4	Size 4	Size 4	Size 4
12s	Size 4	Size 4	Size 4	Size 4	Size 4	Size 4	Size 4	Size 4	Size 5	Size 4
13s and above	Size 5	Size 5	Size 5	Size 5	Size 5	Size 5	Size 5	Size 5	Size 5	Size 5

Recommendation:

It has been resolved that the Size 4 Junior ball will now be recommended for 12 years divisions and below (Boys and Girls) for events and competitions across Queensland.

Queensland Touch Football will implement changes effective from **1 January 2022** for QTF Events and Competitions. Affiliates and Regions are approved for immediately implementation at their discretion.





It is anticipated the introduction of the smaller, Size 4 ball, will reduce the handling and ball control errors in the game. In particular catch & pass and the ever-developing skill of rucking and playing the ball, without significantly impacting player development.

ENDS.

