



QUEENSLAND JUNIOR EMERGING TALENT SQUAD (JETS)

2024-2025 Program



BENEFITS OF PROGRAM

To JETS Member:

1. Guidance and mentoring from a select leadership group to mentor and coach the JETS referees
2. Personal contact with the QTF JETS Coordinator
3. Access to the JETS Mentor Group, QLD Referee Coaching Panel and National Coaching Panel members
4. More experienced youth referee base to service all levels of the sport
5. Structured goals pathway for JETS referees
6. Enhanced education in technical skills, rules, strength and conditioning, nutrition, sportsmanship and life skills
7. A better adjusted/prepared referee entering the elite pathway

JETS Mentors must possess the following minimum requirements:

- TFA Foundation Referee Coach OR TFA Level 4 Referee
- Blue Card – Current
- Available to the JETS Member for Regular 1:1 Mentoring

However, we acknowledge the importance of experience and knowledge brought by referees from all levels who are willing to support our young upcoming talented referees from affiliates.

The Mentor Role:

- Take general development direction for JETS Member from the Program Coordinator
- Provide Coaching on a 1:1 basis
- Be aware of goals, commitments and assessment dates for the JETS Member
- Complete Monthly Development Reports on the Status of the JETS Member
- JETS Mentors are involved in mentoring in the areas of education, technical skills, rules, strength & conditioning, nutrition, sportsmanship and life skills
- Mentors have a responsibility to ensure that their JETS Member complies with the program requirements
- Mentors need to attend compulsory events with their JETS Member
- Mentors have access to support from the JETS Management Team while delivering the JETS program by contacting Lee Rossow.





JETS SELECTION GUIDELINES

1. Be a youth referee aged 12-18
2. Currently hold a TFA level 2 or 3 referee badge
3. Have a positive attitude to learning and developing as a referee, as well as in mentoring/leadership. This will see a candidate work towards achieving their full potential in touch football refereeing.
4. Agree to abide by the game rules, Code of Ethics, and spirit of the sport of touch football
5. Have a commitment to self-development, regular refereeing at affiliate-level, and to the expectations of the JETS program
6. Agree to attend the required events/activities (e.g. Q Youth Academy, QLD Junior State Cup, QLD Representative School Sport Championships)
7. Have the ability to maintain open communication with JETS Coordinator and Mentors
8. Wear any official logo on competition and training uniforms as advised by the QLD Referee Management Team (RMT)
9. Be available for promotional sponsors for QTF; and, acknowledge QTF and its sponsors as opportunities arise

Referees considering selection into the JETS program are to formally discuss their nomination with their respective Regional Referee Director before endorsement. At the discretion of the JETS Coordinator (in consultation with the QTF Director of Referees) may endorse a referee for consideration for selection into the JETS program.

The Director of Referees from each region will nominate in priority order referees to be considered for selection in the JETS squad. Talent Identification may take place across a number of sanctioned events however Referees considering selection are to attend the QTF Junior State Cup where selections occur (dispensation may be considered on request in the selection process). JETS members will be announced in the months following the QTF Junior State Cup.

The selected referees must meet the selection criteria before completing and signing the JETS agreement. Referees may remain in the squad until they are of an age that deems them too old to remain in the JETS program or until they achieve their Level 4 upgrade.





COMMITMENT

- Acknowledge being known as a member of the QTF JETS
- Information of a biographical nature only (including name, age, home region events and performance results) may be released to the public
- Involvement in the JETS program may be terminated immediately if the referee:
 - retires from affiliate, regional, state or national tournaments
 - fails to maintain a level of involvement in and commitment to Queensland Touch Football
 - breaches the JETS agreement as outlined in the Form of Acceptance.
- Referee regularly at affiliate level (weekly)
- Non-player at Regional level or above events
- Display positive commitment and attitude towards refereeing at all times
- Be able to attend selected state and national events
- Participate as a squad/team at tournaments
- Maintain regular contact with mentor (minimum monthly).

The JETS Form of Acceptance must also be signed by the member and their parent/guardian before being accepted into the program.

Each year all youth referees will have to be endorsed by their regional Director of Referees to gain selection into the JETS program. The selection of the referees will occur at the QTF Junior State Cup each year unless an agreement has been arranged between the JETS Coordinator and the QTF Director of Referees.

If a referee obtains a TFA Level 4 badge or reaches an age deemed too old, then the referee will be given an exit program from the JETS Program Coordinator to transition into the Open Referee category.





APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Identified, and interested, youth referees are invited to complete and submit the [Expression of Interest \(EOI\) Form](#) by 5pm 17 June 2024.
2. Referee participation (attendance) at Junior State Cup, or grounds for inability to attend, is compulsory.
3. Selected members will be contacted by 5 August 2024.
4. An announcement will be made of the following years' JETS members by 12 August 2024.
5. Successful applicants will be expected to pay their contribution fee prior to 1 November to secure their place in JETS.

ACCEPTANCE OF POSITION

Successful applicants will be required to register and pay levy to accept their position by Friday 1 November 2024.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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