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**JUNIOR  
STATE  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
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# INFQ JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 1. JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Any junior teams may nominate to play at a Junior State Championship. All nominations must be entered through a registered INFQ member centre.

- (a) The Junior State Championships has now been separated into three tournaments.

**JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 24**  
14 Girls & 16 Mixed  
**Ipswich Indoor Sports Centre**

**19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024**  
12 & Under & 16 & Under Girls  
**Ipswich Indoor Sports**

**5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2024**  
8's, 10's & 14 Mixed  
**QIA Strathpine**

- (b) If other grades wished to be introduced, a motion shall be submitted to the Management Committee and voted upon.

## 2. COMPETITION FORMAT

The Grades for the Junior State Invitational Championships will be:-

8 & Under	10 & Under	12 & Under
14 & Under Girls		14 & Under Mixed
16 & Under Girls		16 & Under Mixed.

## 3. NOMINATION FOR JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- (a) Teams wishing to nominate for the Junior State Championships **MUST** do so on the form provided by INFQ. This form can be found on the INFQ website or from an INFQ member centre, and also the team fees, (inc GST) that is nominated by the INFQ Management Committee.
- (b) The team's manager is to then submit the nomination form [Example in appendix] to any INFQ Member Centre by the due date.
- (c) The member centre will then check and go through the nomination form with the team manager, in particular the "Tournament Checklist" which includes all relevant information pertaining to the tournament.
- (d) Then the member centre will compile all teams who are nominating through their centre and enter all teams via the Google on-line forum provided, to the INFQ Operations Manager and email the receipt of payment for all teams nominated.
- (e) Nominations **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT.**
- (f) Nominations must be lodged by the date advertised. INFQ reserves the right to accept or reject nominations after the advertised date at their discretion.
- (g) Proof of Age for all players, (photo id for 12's and over), for all aged grades **MUST** be collected by the manager and taken to the tournament. Should the manager be "challenged" about an ID, then the manager must produce this photo id. Failure to show id may result in the player being removed from the tournament until id is produced, this will also include state selection if no id is given.
- (h) Each Team/Club is to make all players aware before nominating that the Junior State Championships is the process of selecting the State Teams, competing grades are: 12 & Under Girls, 14 & Under Girls, 16 & Under Girls and the 16 & under Mixed Team.
- (i) Honorary Squad Team/s shall be selected in the remaining grades.
- (j) Any player wishing to stand for State Selection must have their parents thoroughly read and understand the selection criteria document – on completion of this they (Legal Guardian/s) are requested to sign said

documentation – agreeing that they have understood all details of “Standing for State Selection”.

#### **4. TEAMS**

- (a) A maximum of ten (10) players may be listed for each 8 & under, 10 & under, 12 & under, 14 & Under Girls, 16 & Under Girls team
- (b) A maximum of eleven (11) players may be listed for the 14 & Under Mixed, 16 & Under Mixed Team.
- (c) All players must be in identical uniforms.
- (d) All players must wear bibs identifying their court positions as per I.N.A. Rule Book 1.4 Players (d).
- (e) A player **MAY ONLY PLAY IN ONE GRADE.**
- (f) All players must abide by the Umpire/s decision.  
Abuse of any kind **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** Penalty as per the Indoor Netball Australia (Inc) Revised Edition
- (g) The captain is the only player permitted to approach the Umpire/s on court.

#### **5. ELIGIBILITY OF AGE EVENTS**

**8 & Under** - Players may not turn 9 years in the year of the tournament.

<b>YEAR OF CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>LATEST YEAR OF BIRTH FOR ELIGIBILITY</b>
2024	2016
2025	2017

**10 & Under** - Players may not turn 11 years in the year of the tournament.

<b>YEAR OF CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>LATEST YEAR OF BIRTH FOR ELIGIBILITY</b>
2024	2014
2025	2015

**12 & Under** - Players may not turn 13 years in the year of the tournament.

<b>YEAR OF CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>LATEST YEAR OF BIRTH FOR ELIGIBILITY</b>
2024	2012
2025	2013

**14 & Under** - Players may not turn 15 years in the year of the tournament.

<b>YEAR OF CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>LATEST YEAR OF BIRTH FOR ELIGIBILITY</b>
2024	2010
2025	2011

**16 & Under** - Players may not turn 17 years in the year of the tournament.

<b>YEAR OF CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>LATEST YEAR OF BIRTH FOR ELIGIBILITY</b>
2024	2008
2025	2009

## 6. UNIFORMS

All uniforms worn must match in **COLOUR** and **DESIGN** (which includes trimmings and attachments.) e.g. where bodysuits/dress and/or shirts, skirts and shorts bear any markings or logos they must match in all respects within a team.

The only exception to the above is:-

- (i) Skirts may be single or double pleated.
- (ii) Skirts and shorts may be different in fabric, but must be matching in colour and design.

Female players playing in the mixed competition may wear bodysuits/dresses and/or shorts or skirts, but they must be the same (i.e. If one female wears shorts all female players must wear shorts) as long as all criteria's mentioned above are followed.

***(If bodysuits/dresses are worn the Male shirt is to be matching in colour and design (sleeves may be added) with the top of the female bodysuit/dress and the Male shorts are to be the base colour of the uniform or Black.***

## 7. RULES OF PLAY

- (a) The rules adopted by all members shall be those of the Indoor Netball Federation of Australia Inc. Revised Edition and those rules stipulated in the Association By-Laws and Junior State Tournament Rules.
- (b) The managers **MUST** attend a meeting which will be held prior to the commencement of the event, the times for each meeting will be clearly displayed on the draw.
- (c) Alterations to the final team members shall be noted on the official form and lodged with the Tournament Director **directly after the managers meeting** and this form shall not be changed in any way thereafter.
- (d) All managers are asked to alert their players that they enter the court through the front net and may not leave the court during the 1st and 2nd quarter and 3rd and 4th quarter breaks, and when their game has concluded they are to leave as quickly as possible through the back net (if possible).

### Relating to Play:-

- (a) The playing time during the Championships shall be as follows:-
  - 4 x 8 minute quarters (time permitting, may be changed)
  - 1 minute at quarter times.
  - Half time breaks - 2 minutes.No extra time shall be taken except during grand finals. On instruction from the Umpire the Timekeeper will stop the clock for injury time of two (2) minutes (per injury) in which time the team officials will determine whether the player is fit to continue, and to deal with the injury, keeping in mind that **COACHING IS PERMITTED** during this time.
- (b) Points shall be allotted as follows:-
  - (i) four (4) points for a win.
  - (ii) two (2) points in the event of a draw.
  - (iii) zero (0) points for a loss.
- (c) Finals will be determined by one of the following methods:-
  - (i) if a pool system is being used, at the completion of the Round Robin, the team that finished 1<sup>st</sup> in Pool A will play the team who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in Pool B and the team that finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Pool A will play the team who finished 1<sup>st</sup> in Pool B in an Elimination Final which will determine the teams to play off in the Grand Final.
  - (ii) Where no pool system is being used the top two (2) teams on points in each grade after the completion of the Round Robin will advance to the Grand Finals.
  - (ii) 3 Pools as per flyer

- (d) In the event that two or more teams finish on equal points after the Round Robin has been played, the ladder will be determined by:-
  - (i) Difference (goals for minus, by goals against)
- (e) In the event of a draw during the semi and major semi-finals from a "Seeded Pool" then the highest "Seed" shall proceed to next final
- (f) During the **grand final** if a draw results then extra time shall be played. The teams will take a one minute break, change ends and the Centre Pass shall continue to alternate. Two (2) x five (4) minute halves shall be played, teams to change ends after first 4 mins no break, game to continue. If the result at the end of this extra time the game is still a draw, play continues (no interruption) until one team has a two goal clear advantage. No teams shall be permitted to make changes, before and during the extra time periods.
- (g) Coaching will be permitted only in the designated area allocated. Derogatory comments or directions to officials, players or spectators will not be permitted. The umpire has the authority to warn and further award a penalty against that team, if these actions continue.

### **Alcohol / Drugs**

All relevant Officials should ensure that no player who is obviously under the influence of alcohol or a drug should be allowed to participate in any fixture, they may be removed.

INFQ reserves the right to refuse permission for such a player to participate in any fixture.

## **8. UMPIRES**

- (a) Umpires wishing to umpire at any junior state championships shall complete the INFQ nomination form and send it to the Operations Manager by the due date. The Umpires Director shall contact all nominated umpires by the Monday prior to the tournament to confirm their times for the tournament. All umpires shall meet prior to the tournament for a compulsory meeting where all interpretations shall be defined.
- (b) During grand final only, a second umpire (if required) will assist the scorer from ground level - to alleviate problems for the umpires on court.
- (c) If there are any queries or questions regarding interpretations of rules, an approach may be made to the Umpires Convenor.
- (d) Payment for umpires is \$10 per game for junior umpires and senior umpires will be \$15 per game, paid at the end of the tournament

## **9. ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS.**

- (a) A Manager/ess, Coach and Umpire will be appointed for the State Team/s, Nomination forms for Team Officials which will include a Sports Trainer shall be forwarded to all Member Centres and Life Members. The Association Management Committee shall nominate a closing date for the return of such Nomination Forms.  
The Management Committee shall make a final decision at their next meeting after the closing date.
- (b) official delegates and/or officials shall at all times be under the direction of the Association Management Committee via the Operations Manager, and shall abide by its instructions.

## **10. STATE TEAMS**

- (a) The Association shall compete in events as determined by the Association Management Committee.
- (b) Selection procedure for the State Team shall be as follows:-
  - (i) All players wishing to stand for state selection must nominate by filling out the “standing for state” form.
- (c) At the conclusion of the Junior State Championships the State teams will be announced.
  - (i) A maximum of ten (10) players may be announced for the 12's, 14's and 16 & under Ladies,
  - (ii) A maximum of eleven (11) may be announced for the 16 & Under Mixed. The ratio of players in the Mixed shall consist of:-
    - Minimum - 5 males and 6 females
  - (iii) State Honorary Squad Team/s will also be announced for any non-touring grades: INFQ will advise of the Junior Development Day
- (d) **State Team Uniform-**
  - (i) The state uniform to be worn by the 16 & under, 16 & Under Mixed, 14 & Under Girls and 12 & Under Girls State Team selected shall be approved by the Association Management Committee.
  - (ii) The colours of the Association shall be Maroon and White Trim.
  - (iii) This uniform shall be registered with Indoor Netball Australia and shall not be worn by any other financial member of the Association.
  - (iv) All other rules followed shall be as per the Indoor Netball Federation of Australia Inc. By-Laws.
- (e) **The selected player shall:-**
  - (i) Meet with the Manager/ess, Coach Umpire and Sports Trainer/s at the conclusion of the Junior State Championships, complete all relevant paper work that is required by the Association and the expectations of all representative players as set out by the Manager/ess
  - (ii) On a date determined by the Operations Manager, **the player, along with parent/guardian** shall meet with the Manager/ess, Coach, Umpires Director and Sports Trainer/s at the nominated venue to complete all relevant paper work (**which includes the INFQ “Code of Conduct”**) that is required by the Association and the expectations of all representative players as set out by the Manager/ess and to try on sample uniforms (when applicable).
  - (iii) As per the “Player Standing for Selection” Form – a non-refundable deposit is to paid by the required date, if not received, then the player will be removed from the said state team.
  - (iv) After being selected in a State Team and a player withdraws, penalties may be applied – please see “Player Standing for State Selection Form”.
  - (v) Any player selected in the these teams from a Member Centre outside South East Queensland is required to be in Brisbane for such training as may be called for by the Coach. **This situation will be discussed by the Coach and the Legal Guardians to arrange.**
  - (vi) If three trainings are missed said player and Legal Guardian/s will be asked by said Coach and Manager as to why said player should not be removed from said team.
  - (vii) The Association may assist such player/s where possible, the amount of assistance shall be decided upon by the Association Management Committee.
  - (viii) at the direction of the Association Management Committee the Selection Sub-Committee may replace, at any time, any selected 16 & Under Ladies, 16 & Under Mixed, 14 & Under or 12 & Under Girls State Teams player/s who fail to fulfil their obligations, or who sustained an injury and/or cannot continue.

- (f) **Injury to Player-**  
 If a player sustains an injury, minor or major, it is then the parents/guardians responsibility to contact the state team manager, who will then ask for the following, **IN WRITING FROM THE TREATING PHYSICIAN:-**
- i. A medical certificate, stating the exact injury
  - ii. When can the player return to training at 100% capacity
  - iii. Is there any additional "rehab-extra work" required
  - iv. Is the player able to play at the 10 day National Tournament – stating the dates **YES/NO**
- The manager will then contact the Operations Manager who will then advise of the procedures to follow.
- (g) **Replacement of State Representative Player-**  
 When a replacement player is required for a state team due to injury, illness or any reason, the following will occur:
- i. The parent/guardian of the injured player will formally, in writing/email, notify the INFQ Operations Manager
  - ii. The operations manager will advise the coaching director to communicate with the original selection panel to seek a replacement player
  - iii. The original selection panel shall agree on said replacement and then, in writing/email, inform the operations manager and coaching director of their decision. This information is to include players name, team and positions played
  - iv. It is then the operations managers' responsibility to contact the selected player's parents/guardians, asking them to join the team and explain all required information.
  - v. Upon confirmation of acceptance to state team from the selected players parent/guardian the operations manager will then send an email to them and cc in the players manager & coach, to which will include all required paperwork for completion and any other relevant information.
- (h) The Association Management Committee/Operations Manager shall have the right to direct the Manager/ess to return any player because of misconduct whilst on tour.  
 When a Manager/ess and Coach have been appointed for the 16 & Under, 16 & Under Mixed, 14 & Under & 12 & Under State Teams by the Association Management Committee, shall be under the sole jurisdiction of the Manager/ess and the Coach whilst on the court and for the duration of the tour in conjunction with the Operations Manager. No player or official shall book any expenses to the Association whilst on tour, unless previous written permission has been given by the Association Management Committee.

## **11. PRESENTATIONS**

- (a) At each Junior State Championship, trophies will be presented in each grade participating. They are as follows:
- \* A State Championship trophy in each grade.
  - \* Ten Premier trophies and ten Runner Up trophies for 10 & under, 12 & under, 14 & Under Girls, 16 & Under Girls.
  - \* Eleven Premier and Runner Up trophies will be awarded to the 14 & under, 16 & Under Mixed grade.
  - \* All State Honorary Team members selected will receive a memento shirt.



## **12. MISCONDUCT - MATCH COMMITTEE**

Refers to all INFQ Tournaments (Zones & State Titles)

Any player sent from the court during a game or any behaviour from officials or spectators to be deemed “un-sportsman like” may receive a suspension or other penalty at the discretion of the match committee.

A dispute may be lodged by a team official with the Tournament Director and any such dispute shall be directed to the Match Committee for consideration and decision.

The following procedure will apply –

1. Notification of any protest with respect to a game shall be made verbally or in writing to the Tournament Director within 15 minute of completion of the said game;
2. Within 45 minutes that a protest must be reduced to writing and also be given to the Tournament Director;
3. The Match committee shall convene a meeting to consider the protest as soon as reasonably practical;
4. The Match Committee can inform themselves in any way they feel appropriate with respect to consideration of the protest at hand;
5. The Match Committee in their discretion may call the relevant team officials players and umpires to given evidence to the Match Committee about the relevant protest and inform themselves in any matter that they deem fit from such persons;
6. Upon consideration of information of which the Match Committee have informed themselves, the Match Committee shall decide the protest by way of majority vote

If a player is found to be striking they will automatically be expelled from the event.

The decision of the Match Committee is final and there will not be any appeal provision with respect to that decision.

Any offence that occurred at any INFQ Tournament may be reported to the INFQ Management Committee by the Tournament Director for further action.

## **13. ASSOCIATION TRIBUNAL COMMITTEE & PROCEDURES.**

Refers to all INFQ Events (Superleague, Zones & State Titles)

- (a) A player/official may appeal any penalty imposed by a Match Committee to the INFQ Management Committee.
  - (i) Such an appeal ***MUST*** be submitted in writing within 72 hours of the Match Committee Hearing, setting out clearly any ***FRESH*** evidence which it considers would have sufficient relevance as to effect the decision previously reached by the Match Committee and be accompanied by a fee of **\$200.00** to the Association Office.
  - (ii) This fee will only be refunded if the decision by the Association Tribunal Committee to reconsider the decision in the light of ***NEW*** evidence and as a result of that reconsideration the player/official is cleared or the original penalty is reduced in any way.
  - (iii) The Association Tribunal Committee will consist of a ***minimum*** of 2 independent persons and preferably at least one of the original Match Committee Members who have heard the case from which the appeal resulted.

Should such a submission be made, the Tribunal shall be the final arbitrator of its relevance and the following procedures will take place.

- (b) Prior to the establishment of a Tribunal a copy of the ***NEW*** evidence is provided to the Association Tribunal Committee.
- (c) Providing the evidence submitted is ***NEW*** to the appeal – ensure that the player/official receives a copy of the date and place of the tribunal.

- (d) This notice should allow reasonable time for the defendant to prepare for the hearing as a general rule a minimum of one clear day would be sufficient.
- (e) The defendant should also be advised that they may bring relevant witnesses and have the right to be represented by an advocate who may not be a practising solicitor or barrister to verify their **NEW** evidence
- (f) The defendant should also be advised of the charges and other relevant information.
- (g) The defendants Member Centre should also be advised of the charges and other relevant information.
- (h) The Tribunal should elect a chairperson and follow the steps outlined below:-
  - introduce tribunal members
  - identify defendant/s and advocate/s (if present)
  - identify umpire (if required and if present)
  - advise defendant of charges.
  - advise Tribunal Members of **NEW** evidence
  - advise defendant/s of possible penalty/ies
  - advise defendant/s advocate of right to cross examine witnesses. (if required in new evidence).
  - examine all witnessed and evidence.
  - ask if they have anything to add in relation to the penalty.
  - advise the defendant of the decision and the penalty.
  - ensure the severity of the penalty imposed is clear and in keeping with the offence (which may include an increase or decrease on any penalty already set down by the Match Committee).

During an appeal all penalties will be suspended until the appeal has concluded.

#### **14. APPEALS**

- (a) A person whose membership has been terminated or otherwise effected by the Zone Committee may within one (1) month of receiving written notification thereof lodge with the Centre Netball Coordinator written notice of their intention to appeal against the decision of the Zone Committee;
- (b) Upon receipt of a notification of intention to appeal against any determination by the Zone Committee the board shall convene within there (3) months of the date of receipt of the said notice a meeting to determine the appeal;
- (c) At any such meeting the Applicant shall be given the opportunity to fully present their case and the Zone Committee or members thereof shall likewise have the opportunity of presenting it or their reasons;
- (d) The appeal shall be determined by the vote of the board at such meeting;
- (e) The decision of the board at that time will be final