



South West Queensland

2018 Player Eligibility & Selection Policy

1 *Player eligibility*

Players who wish to be considered for selection in SWQ teams must:

- 1.1 have played a minimum of 7 games in either a junior or senior affiliated competition in the season preceding selection in a TFA affiliated competition
- 1.2 be registered online with an affiliate competition within the SWQ region
- 1.3 be fully financial with all affiliated bodies
- 1.4 register for selection and attend selection trials or events as specified in Section 4
- 1.5 meet all training requirements as set by SWQ staff
- 1.6 players selected to represent SWQ must meet all financial commitments

2 *Exemption*

Exemption may be granted in the following circumstances:

- 2.1 **Representative selection** – SWQ eligible players trialling for Elite 8, State or National teams will be considered for SWQ teams on application. They must meet the requirements of Regional coaches to be selected
- 2.2 **Injury** - the injured player must provide SWQ Touch with a medical certificate which states the nature of the injury and the period of incapacity. Players seeking exemption on medical grounds are advised to attend trials. Exemption **will not** be granted if it is established that the player has been participating in other sports during the period covered by this medical certificate
- 2.3 **Home Grown** - this status may be applied to players who have moved away from our region and who no longer have reasonable access to participation in a SWQ affiliated competition. In this instance, recognition of home grown status may be granted to players (irrespective of their age) who were developed at an SWQ affiliate prior to their departure from our region. However, the player must still be playing in a TFA affiliated competition and have played 7 games in the season immediately prior to the event
- 2.4 **No affiliate team** – players can still be considered for selection if their affiliate does not nominate a team in their division but they must notify SWQ Touch Association (in writing) of their interest 4 weeks prior to the event

3 *Player pool*

Players nominate for the player pool and teams can make application for players if required. Please refer to the TFA/ QTF rules regarding the player pool. Additional SWQ policy is as follows:



- 3.1 Players from our region can nominate for this pool if we have been unable to field a team in their preferred division. However, SWQ Touch will only consider endorsing that nomination if the player has previously registered to be considered for SWQ selection for the tournament
- 3.2 SWQ Touch may access the player pool if any of our teams need players but this will only happen after all eligible players from our region have been given the opportunity to participate. If players are required, the team's coaching staff must contact the SWQ Regional Administrator to discuss their specific requirements. If it is agreed that pool players are needed, the Regional Administrator will be responsible for making application to the relevant body

4 **Additional requirements:**

4.1 *Junior State Championships*

- 4.1.1 Eligibility will be subject to QTF Conditions of Entry
- 4.1.2 Selection will be based on performance at events or trials specified by SWQ Touch
- 4.1.3 Players will only be considered for the division of their current age, ie players who are 14 years old will only be considered for the 14s division, not the 16s division
- 4.1.4 A selection panel consisting of the coach, assistant coach, and selector(s) will be appointed by SWQ Touch to the 12s, 14s and 16s divisions
- 4.1.5 Players must be available for all games during the tournament

4.2 *National Youth Championships*

- 4.2.1 Eligibility will be subject to TFA Conditions of Entry
- 4.2.2 Selection will be based on performance at events or trials specified by SWQ Touch
- 4.2.3 A selection panel consisting of the coach, assistant coach, and a selector(s) will be appointed by SWQ Touch
- 4.2.4 Players must be available for all games during the tournament

4.3 *National Touch League*

- 4.3.1 Eligibility will be subject to TFA Conditions of Entry
- 4.3.2 Selection will be based on performance at events or trials specified by SWQ Touch
- 4.3.3 A selection panel consisting of the coach, assistant coach, manager and a selector will be appointed by SWQ Touch
- 4.3.4 Players must be available for all games during the tournament

Please note:

- These rules are subject to change in consultation with SWQ Technical panel, RA and QTF GDO.
- All decisions regarding eligibility will be referred to the SWQTA Board

5 **Selection process**

- 5.1 Players register online and attend trial(s)
- 5.2 A selection panel consisting of the coach, assistant coach, selector(s) will be appointed by SWQ Touch
- 5.3 Player eligibility will be confirmed by the Regional Administrator
- 5.4 Teams endorsed by SWQ Board
- 5.5 Players emailed regarding selection / non-selection
- 5.6 Team lists published on the SWQ website

