

Queensland School Sport



10-12 years Softball Competition Procedures

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QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT

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This document **must** be read in conjunction with the
QSSMG Competition Procedures.

1 Queensland School Sport Internal Structures

1.1 Sport Specific Committees and Advisory Groups

The Queensland School Sport (QSS) 10-12 years Softball sports specific committee follows:

- Queensland School Sport Management Group (QSSMG) Competition Procedures.
- Queensland School Sport 10-12 years Softball Competition Procedures

QSS 10-12 years Softball Competition Procedures and QSSMG Competition Procedures must be read in conjunction with one another.

1.2 Registration of New Sports

1.3 Alternative Procedures Enabling Participation at a School Sport Australia Competition

1.4 De-registration of Sports

1.5 Sport Specific Committee Reports

1.6 State Sport Committee Finances

2 Approval of Competitions

3 Competition Programs

3.1 State Championships (Inter-regional Competition)

3.2 State Championship Competition Rules

3.2.1 Rules

The championships are to be conducted under Softball Australia rules and Interpretations as endorsed by the QSS 10-12 years softball sports specific committee except wherein stated.

3.2.1.1 Games shall be of one hour fifteen minutes duration or a regulation game of seven innings, whichever is arrived at first. Should the score in a game be tied at the end of the seventh innings, a tiebreaker will be played until a winner is determined or time is called for a "time game".

3.2.1.2 If a game ends on an incomplete innings, the winning team shall be the team scoring the most runs at the end of the last completed innings, unless the team actually batting in the bottom half of the incomplete innings has scored the most runs, then that side shall be the winner or if the number of runs scored by both sides is the same, the game shall be drawn. Exceptions are:

3.2.1.2.1 Semi-finals – one hour fifteen minutes duration or a regulation game of seven innings. If the score is tied after

completion of the seven innings and time remains, the tiebreaker rule shall apply. That is, starting from the top of the eight innings, and each half innings thereafter the offensive team will begin its turn to bat with the player who is scheduled to bat ninth in that respective half innings being placed on second base. If after time has lapsed and even innings played and score is tied game is played until there is a winner with even innings played. Or other option could be is to go to tie breaker rule so as to get a winner.

- 3.2.1.2.2 Grand final – as for semi-finals. Should any grand final either using the above tiebreaker or not, result in a drawn or abandoned game both teams will be declared winners.
- 3.2.1.3 Games will start and finish by the plate umpire's watch. No new innings will be commenced in the last five minutes of a game if teams have had even offensive innings.
- 3.2.1.4 The official diamond shall have a pitching distance of:
 - Boys - 12.19m (40ft)
 - Girls - 11.58m (38ft)
- 3.2.1.5 Points shall be awarded as follows:
 - Win - 3 points
 - Draw - 2 points
 - Loss - 1 point

If two or more teams have gained an equal number of points, placing's shall be decided by.
- 3.2.1.5.1 Percentages (runs scored against/defensive innings played).
- 3.2.1.5.2 The result of the game played between the two teams.
- 3.2.1.6 Protests are to be lodged in writing within 10 minutes of the completion of the game. The convenor will receive all protests and forward them to the protest committee. The decision of this committee is final. Protests will only be received on issues involving a misinterpretation of a rule, the failure of an umpire to apply the correct rule or a failure to impose a correct penalty for the violation of a rule. The umpire must be notified at the time before the next pitch, of the intention to protest.
 - 3.2.1.6.1 Semi-finals and finals - protests will be heard immediately upon notification that a protest has been lodged.
- 3.2.1.7 In order to speed up play, a runner may enter the game to replace the catcher on base when there are two outs. That runner can be anyone in the playing line up that is not in the next four batters. Using a runner for the catcher does not constitute as a substitution.
- 3.2.1.8 A "designated runner", referred to as a "DR", may be used for any base runner once only in any offensive innings, provided it is made known prior to the start of the game and the player's name is indicated on the line-up sheet.
 - 3.2.1.8.1 The "DR" may be used as a substitute for any fielder or batter during the game; and/or.

- 3.2.1.8.2 The “DR” may be substituted for at any time by a player who then becomes the “DR”. The substitute must be a player who has not been in the game.
- 3.2.1.8.3 If at the time of the “DR” entering the game as a substitute a replacement “DR” is not named, the position of “DR” shall lapse.
- 3.2.1.9 The designated enclosed fence distances will be within the range of 60.96m (200ft). The exceptions to this will be in the advent of a pre-existing fence. In this case the fence will remain and the enclosed fence distance will be as exists. Should a fence not be erected for the championships, and where it is possible for all diamonds to have the same unobstructed playing surface an open diamond will be played. A batted long fly ball going beyond the marked distance will be awarded an automatic home run. A batted ground ball which bounces or rolls through the boundary is played out as per an open diamond. Any blocked ball by an obstruction two bases will be awarded.
- 3.2.1.10 Rule 6 Sect. 8 Intentional Walk as detailed in the Softball Australia Rulebook will not apply in this competition.
- 3.2.1.11 No metal cleats, steel studs or screws are permitted.
- 3.2.1.12 A pitcher in any one game is restricted to a maximum of four innings, with only three innings consecutive.
- 3.2.1.13 Due to an injury and if all reserves have been used, you are allowed to reuse or re-enter a player so as not to forfeit the game and to allow all players to be used in every game.
- 3.2.1.14 The “Declaration Rule” is provided only as a tool to be used when the game is definitely one sided to stop teams from being demoralised and to allow the game to continue in its entirety.
- 3.2.1.15 The first named team in all matches will occupy the first base bench and call the toss.
- 3.2.1.16 A conference is allowed one per offensive and defensive innings.
- 3.2.1.17 Completed scorecards, showing the result of the game for each innings played, and signed by the plate umpire, shall be handed to the championship registrar immediately after the game. These results are to be displayed for all to peruse.
- 3.2.1.18 Any player who in the opinion of the plate umpire throws a bat dangerously, whether or not that bat hits a person shall be declared out. The ball is dead and base runners must return to the base held at the time of the pitch.
- 3.2.1.19 Warm up on diamonds is allowed prior to the commencement of games:
- Twelve minutes before the game the team to bat first has the diamond.
 - Seven minutes before the game the team to field first has the diamond and then stays there for the game to begin.
- 3.2.1.20 A minimum of 15 minutes is allowed between games.
- 3.2.1.21 Individual players will be responsible for providing their own playing and safety equipment. Catchers will be responsible for providing all protective equipment necessary as stated in the current rules of softball.

3.2.2 Structures

3.2.2.1 The championships shall be conducted – girls over four days and boys over four days

3.2.2.2 Team size/uniform numbering:

- Team size – each region may be represented by a maximum team size of 14 players
- Uniform numbering – it is mandatory for each player to have a number on the back of the playing shirt being a minimum of 15cm in height. It is optional to have a number on the sleeve or side of the playing shorts
- It is advisable for safety reasons that no names are visible on clothing

3.2.2.3 Age group – regional teams must be represented by students who are 10-12 years of age. A minimum age of 10 years in the year of competition, and a maximum of 12 years as of 31 December in the year of competition.

3.2.2.4 Parental consent, personal details and medical forms, and principal's approval form:

- Team officials must ensure that these forms are completed and brought to the championships by the manager
- Team officials must provide a completed personal details form and medical form.

3.2.2.5 Match balls – the host region organising committee will be responsible for the supply of all match balls if there is no sponsorship available. All games will be played with an 11" leather softball. Minimum of three dozen balls. After the carnival these balls are to be given to the current state team officials to be used for state training.

3.2.2.6 Team levy – a team levy will be set to help offset the cost of conducting the championships. This levy will be determined each year by the committee in consultation with the host region and follow the levy and budget guidelines from Queensland School Sport.

3.2.2.7 Team officials

3.2.2.7.1 All team official names and their position/s in the team must be listed on the official team list and ratified by the respective regional sports officer prior to the commencement of the championships. All regional team officials will be presented to the pre championship meeting by the convenor for the meeting's endorsement. Only officials listed on this team list are permitted to sit on the bench and to take part in the game.

3.2.2.7.2 Scorers must be nominated to the plate umpire prior to the game commencement.

3.2.2.8 Championship draw

3.2.2.8.1 All regions are invited to compete in the championships but if an uneven number of teams indicate their participation, another team from the host region may be invited to participate.

3.2.2.8.2 The championship draw will be finalised by the executive committee and forwarded to the championship convenor for dissemination to the participating teams.

- 3.2.2.8.3 The format for the championships will be a full round robin. The girls draw will use a four diamond draw and the boys draw may use three diamonds (see Appendix 1 and Appendix 2).
- 3.2.2.8.4 At the completion of the boy's round robin semi-finals will be played: 1 v 4 and 2 v 3. A grand final will then be played between the winning teams of each semi-final.
- 3.2.2.8.5 At the completion of the girl's round robin a grand final will be played between the two highest ranked teams.
- 3.2.2.8.6 If the round robin is incomplete, the winner will be determined by the results at the completion of the amended competition, with reference to the following:
- A minimum of six completed rounds by all regions must have been completed. In order to achieve this, the following will apply:
 - abandoned rounds will be postponed initially and may be rescheduled if time allows (additional time slots may be considered if possible at the venue)
 - should it be necessary to use the semi-final and grand final time slots to achieve the minimum number of completed rounds, this will receive priority
- 3.2.2.8.7 If, due to the loss of a significant portion of the competition on days one and two to inclement weather, it is evident that sufficient rounds may not be completed to achieve an outcome as stipulated in section 3.2.2.8.6; the championship (as determined from previous year's placings) will be played for the remaining rounds of the championship, to enable a state team to be selected.
- 3.2.2.8.8 Due to any unforeseen circumstances such as wet weather and a round is incomplete. The draw maybe altered under the direction of the host region, UIC and sports specific executive or key person. Where possible, night games could be played. Medallions may be presented to state team members.
- 3.2.2.8.9 Interruption of games:
- 3.2.2.8.9.1 For all interrupted games, the recommencement of play will be from the point of the interruption unless determined otherwise by the Disputes committee.
 - 3.2.2.8.9.2 If a regulation game of three innings or a minimum of one hour has been completed, the game will not be recommenced unless time within the normal allocated timeframe permits.
 - 3.2.2.8.9.3 In the event of a protest, the umpire will note the time taken for the protest to be heard and decided. This time will be added to the finishing time for the game to ensure full time allocation for the game.
 - 3.2.2.8.9.4 In the event of an injury to a player extending beyond five minutes, the umpire will note the time taken for the treatment of the injury. This

time will be added to the finishing time for the game to ensure the full time allocation for the game.

- 3.2.2.8.9.5 If the injury time extends beyond fifteen minutes, the tournament chief umpire may declare the game to be an “interrupted game”.

3.3 School Based Competitions

3.3.1 At present there is no state based knock out competition.

3.3.2 An update of versions of rules and games that may be played at school-based level can be found on the Australian Softball website.

3.4 Sponsorship

4 Access to State Championships

4.1 Eligibility

4.2 Centres of Athletic Development

4.3 Guidelines for Gender Equity in Sport

5 Conduct of State Championships

5.1 Championship Host

5.1.1 The host region or 10-12 years softball committee will:

- 5.1.1.1 Obtain permission, at an early date, to use grounds and facilities and consider wet weather alternatives.
- 5.1.1.2 Check with state secretary if there is a sponsorship deal re: 11 inch softballs.
- 5.1.1.3 If no sponsorship then the cost of the balls (three dozen leather 11 inch) need to be added to the budget of the championship.
- 5.1.1.4 Provide a carnival convenor. A UIC (umpire in charge) will be appointed by Queensland Umpires Association in consultation with 10-12 years softball.
- 5.1.1.5 Prepare a bulletin for distribution to regional sport officers (copies to 10- 12 years softball committee and the school sport unit), to contain:
 - Playing dates including start and finish times
 - Suggested arrival and departure dates and times
 - Venue details
 - Student and officials’ accommodation

- Nomination fee /team levy
 - Request for details of team officials, travel arrangements, team list
 - Any other information relevant to the championship
- 5.1.1.6 Arrange catering facilities.
- 5.1.1.7 Ensure that adequate shade is provided.
- 5.1.1.8 Ensure that the playing benches are adequately shaded and water containers and ice are available on all playing benches.
- 5.1.1.9 Arrange accommodation for team and 10-12 years softball committee officials, umpire in charge (UIC) plus two examiners and selectors, and SOM.
- 5.1.1.10 If necessary, organise transport for teams and officials.
- 5.1.1.11 Arrange a carnival dinner for officials and guests.
- 5.1.1.12 Service sponsors according to Queensland 10-12 years School Sport Policy Guidelines.
- 5.1.1.13 Seek local sponsorship.
- 5.1.1.14 Organise venues for all meetings to be convened during the championships.
- 5.1.1.15 Girls' championship needs access to a teleconference for the AGM.
- 5.1.1.16 Make arrangements for first aid/sports medicine facilities with ice provided each day for managers. Provide managers with accident report forms. Inform team officials of nearby medical, dental and other related centres.
- 5.1.1.17 Arrange all equipment required for the conduct of the championships.
- 5.1.1.18 Arrange for the diamonds to be marked accordingly.
- 5.1.1.19 Provide all team and executive officials with a carnival information folder which would include: meeting agendas, previous meeting minutes, draw, program, score cards, official dinner invitation, lunch order forms, accident report forms, bus roster, medical facilities list, and social events etc.
- 5.1.1.20 Risk Management Assessments are completed daily and records are kept.
- 5.1.1.21 Arrange media cover.
- 5.1.1.22 Ensure all safety procedures as set out in the Education Queensland Manual: Health & Safety HS-10: Workplace, Health and Safety – Curriculum (Policy & Guidelines) shall be adhered to throughout the championships.
- 5.1.1.23 Arrange for the printing of the program. Check with Queensland School Sport to ascertain which sponsors' advertisements must be included.
- 5.1.1.24 Organise medallions for winning regional teams. Numbers are to include the coach and manager.
- 5.1.1.25 Remind previous years winning teams to bring back trophy/s.
- 5.1.1.26 Make arrangements for team photographs to be taken.
- 5.1.1.27 Make arrangements for the sale of souvenir shirts, if required.

- 5.1.1.28 Invite all 10-12 years softball life members to all official functions (opening, closing ceremonies, and official dinner etc.) during the state championships.
 - 5.1.1.29 At closing ceremony announce state officials, state team and state student umpire.
 - 5.1.1.30 Include Codes of Behaviour for Players, Parents and Spectators in the championship program (Refer to Queensland School Sport's Competition Procedures).
 - 5.1.1.31 Immediately notify QSS for resolution of any dispute that cannot be settled.
 - 5.1.1.32 Within eight weeks of the conclusion of the state carnival, provide a written report to the secretary of 10-12 years softball, to include all results, recommendations and financial statement. This report should include any media articles and/or photographs that the organising committee was successful in obtaining.
- 5.1.2 The 10-12 years softball committee will
- 5.1.2.1 Forward to the championship convenor a copy of 10-12 years softball committee's competition procedures, together with any rules and conditions necessary for the conduct of the championships.
 - 5.1.2.2 Make available any assistance requested by the host centre organisers, including previous convenors' notes.
 - 5.1.2.3 Be in contact with Queensland Umpire Association to discuss UIC plus examiners for upcoming carnivals.
 - 5.1.2.4 Help develop the state carnival budget, for approval by sports unit.
 - 5.1.2.5 Arrange transfer of duty requirements for any committee officials attending the championships.
 - 5.1.2.6 Manage any organization regarding State representative teams.
 - 5.1.2.7 Conduct all carnival meetings.
 - 5.1.2.8 Provide copies of meeting agendas for AGM, general, pre carnival and post carnival meetings.
 - 5.1.2.9 Provide copies of the previous year's carnival meeting minutes.
 - 5.1.2.10 Ensure the selection of state teams takes place in accordance with the 10-12 Years Softball Selection Policy, as adopted and approved by Queensland School Sport.

5.2 Participation

5.3 Finance

5.4 Accommodation Framework

5.5 Event Officials

5.6 Complaints Management

5.6.1 Protest Committee —at the pre-championship meeting a protest committee of three people, will be selected. The committee will consist of the tournament chief umpire, convenor/key official and the executive committee or one team official, appointed from the floor of the meeting.

5.7 Meetings

5.7.1 Prior to the start of the carnival, a pre-championship meeting, chaired by the chair of the 10-12 years softball committee, shall be convened for the purpose of discussing the conduct of the championship over the ensuing days.

5.7.2 AGM - the annual general meeting for QSS 10-12 years softball committee is to be conducted at the QSS 10-12 years girls state championship immediately following the pre-championship meeting. A teleconference facility will be made available for any person who cannot attend and wishes to participate. Following the AGM a general meeting will be held. All regional officials must attend these meetings.

5.7.3 An official dinner will be held in conjunction with the state championships each year. invited guests will include - life members 10-12 years softball, education Queensland representative, host centres local softball representative, regional softball officials, sponsors and guest speaker.

5.8 Health and Safety

5.9 Excursions and Functions

5.10 State Team Selections

5.10.1 Chairperson of selectors for the Queensland team - at the pre-championship meeting a chairperson of selectors will be appointed from the three selectors.

5.11 Host Report

5.12 Travel Subsidy

5.13 Requests for Access to Students

5.14 Loss or Damage of Equipment at State Championships

5.15 Photography

5.16 Trophies and Presentations

5.16.1 Major trophy

5.16.1.1 The winning team (girls' championship) will be presented with the "10-12yrs Girls State Championship Trophy".

5.16.1.2 The winning team (boys' championship) will be presented with the "Barry Sanford Trophy".

5.16.2 Winning teams – awards

5.16.2.1 Medallions are to be presented individually to the members of the champion team and also members of the runner-up team

5.16.2.2 Medallions are to be engraved:

QSS 10-12 Years Softball State Championships

“Year”

“Champion/runners up”

5.16.2.3 There will be a maximum of 17 medallions presented to each grand final team.

5.16.3 Life members of 10-12 years softball will be invited to attend all ceremonies (opening and closing) and official functions during the state championships.

5.17 Areas of Responsibility

5.18 Minimum Venue Standards

5.19 Regional Delegates Role

6 Queensland Teams

6.1 State Team Selection Policies

One Queensland 10-12 years girls' team and one Queensland boys' team will be chosen at the championships. These teams will participate in the School Sport Australia 12 and under softball championships.

To be eligible for the Queensland team, players must be of a minimum age of 10 years and a maximum age of 12 years in the year of competition as stipulated by School Sport Australia.

6.1.1 Criteria for the selection of Queensland teams

6.1.1.1 The major criterion for selection will be the performance of the player at the State championships. Areas of performance considered should include:

- The skills level exhibited by the player
- The performance of the player as a member of the team
- The attitude and behaviour of the player on and off the diamond (see Appendix 3)

6.1.1.2 A player who is ill or injured at the time of the state championships may be considered for compassionate reasons, for selection, provided that a medical certificate is supplied (Q.S.S. Competition Procedures) before the state championships commence to the QSS committee. Such a player would be required to submit testament/s to a satisfactory fitness level before the injury or illness, statistical details of proven performance at a level comparative to, or higher than that of the Queensland Schools Softball Championships and independent source reports in relation to performances as a team member, good attitude and behaviour.

6.1.1.3 A player who is representing QSS in other sports at a higher level competition at the time of the QSS championships may be considered for selection (QSSMG Competition Procedures).

- 6.1.1.4 A player who has been granted exemption from participating in the State Championships, in writing to the QSS Softball Secretary, prior to the commencement of the Championships, may be considered for selection.

6.1.2 Queensland Team

- The team will consist of a maximum of 12 players
- Shadow players will be selected but will not be announced

6.1.2.1 Selection Procedures

6.1.2.1.1 The selectors must meet on a regular basis on each day of the competition.

6.1.2.1.2 The selectors may meet with the coaches of competing teams to give the coaches the opportunity to put forward the names of and comment on the players considered worthy of selection. Coaches should make themselves aware of the standards necessary for selection of a player in a Queensland team.

6.1.2.1.3 Team coaches may submit a written report to the selectors.

6.1.2.1.4 At least one member of the selection panel should be present at each game.

6.1.2.1.5 The selectors should maintain a written report of each game viewed for selection purposes.

6.1.2.1.6 Players nominating for the Queensland team must complete a player's nomination form prior to the commencement of the championships.

6.1.2.1.7 The chair of the selection panel may provide feedback to students upon written request at the completion of the championships.

6.1.2.1.8 In the event of the championship's cancellation due to wet weather or another cause beyond the control of the organizers, the selectors will be responsible for naming a Queensland team. Criteria involved in this situation will be performances in any games played at the championships or any relevant recent performances.

6.1.2.2 Announcement of the Queensland team

6.1.2.2.1 The selectors must submit the final team, and shadow players, to the executive members in attendance for ratification before the announcement.

6.1.2.2.2 A member of the executive will announce the Queensland team to the Queensland team officials prior to the general announcement on the understanding that the selections are not to be made public.

6.1.2.2.3 The Queensland team will be announced at the closing ceremony of the state championships. This will include officials and any student officials.

6.1.2.2.4 Notification via state manager

- The state team manager of each state team shall ensure that a list of the names of children (and their schools) selected in the team is advised to each represented school principal and regional sport co-ordinator within one week of selection
- The team manager shall provide all available information concerning the state team to the students immediately upon selection. Further information shall be provided as soon as possible thereafter

6.2 Selection Policy Guidelines

6.3 Participation at National Events

6.4 Appointment of Team Officials

6.4.1 Appointment of Queensland team selectors girls and boys championships

6.4.1.1 The number of selectors will be three, one of whom will be the state coach.

6.4.1.2 Applications for the position of selector must be submitted on the official form and must be received by the secretary by the advertised date prior to the state championships. Nominations will be sent out at least eight weeks prior to the championships. Late applications will not be accepted. Nominees are advised of the receipt of their nomination immediately they are received.

6.4.1.3 The election of selectors will be by preferential ballot either at the state championship preliminary meeting or by postal ballot if the number of nominations exceeds three.

6.4.1.4 Team coaches will be offered the opportunity to highlight, to selectors, specific players/performances each afternoon in order to assist in the selection process.

6.4.1.5 The state coach will automatically become the chair of selectors, so must be present at each day of the state championships.

6.4.2 Appointment of Queensland team officials

6.4.2.1 In accordance with Queensland School Sport policy, all officials for the Queensland team (except Queensland team selectors) will be appointed at the end of the previous year. This selection process will be administered by Queensland School Sport. Coaches and managers must be teachers registered with the Board of Teacher Registration, Queensland.

6.4.2.2 All dates for receiving applications and arranging ballots are determined by Queensland School Sport.

6.4.2.3 Queensland team officials

- One coach
- One manager
- One assistant coach

6.4.2.4 Specific criteria

All official nominees for the positions of coach, assistant coach and manager will be eligible if they have had at least two (2) years experience as a regional team official in the previous four (4) years, and not held the nominated position for the previous two consecutive years, unless no other applicants apply.

6.4.2.4.1 The girls Queensland team must be accompanied by at least one female team official.

6.4.2.4.2 The state team coach must hold a current Level 1 Softball Coaching Accreditation and have had coaching experience with regional teams for at least two years at state championships.

6.4.2.4.3 Managers must have at least a current senior first-aid certificate or equivalent and have suitable managing experience. Being the current coach or manager of a Regional team would be an advantage. The state manager will be required to be present at the last day of competition to hand out any relevant information to the state team and help outfit each member.

6.5 Uniforms

6.6 Travel Policy

6.7 Queensland Team Preparation

6.8 Risk Management

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11.1 Life membership

11.1.1 Demonstrated respected leadership of colleagues within the service of Queensland School Sport 10-12 Years Softball (must be validated in nomination).

11.1.2 Service:

(a) Minimum of 10 years' service to the organisation of School Sport Softball at state or national level (e.g. Sport Specific Committee Executive, State Team Official, National Team Official, SSA National Advisor, Convenor of State and National events).

(b) Minimum of 20 years' service at Regional and District level softball.

11.2 Service Awards (5, 10, 15, 20 and 30 Years)

11.2.1 Minimum of 5, 10, 15, 20 or 30 years involvement with Queensland School Sport 10-12 Years Softball as:

(a) An Executive Member of a QSS Committee; and/or

(b) A member of QSSMG; and/or

(c) A State Team Official/National Convenor; and/or

(d) A Regional Team Official/Delegate/State Convenor.

11.3 Volunteer Service Awards (5, 10, 15, 20 and 30 Years)

11.3.1 Minimum of 5, 10, 15, 20 or 30 years involvement of non-education department employees with Queensland School Sport 10-12 Years Softball as:

(a) An Executive Member of a QSS Committee; and/or

(b) A member of QSSMG; and/or

(c) A State Team Official/National Convenor; and/or

(d) A Regional Team Official/Delegate/State Convenor.

Appendix 1 : Draw for Girls' State Championships

* Regions will allocate teams to numbers as they were placed in the previous year.

**May need to change depending on the number of teams attending the girls championships.

Softball Championship Draw 1 (4 Diamonds) Full Round Robin

Day One				
Time	Diamond 1	Diamond 2	Diamond 3	Diamond 4
8.10 – 8.30	Opening ceremony			
9.15 – 10.30	1 v 2	3 v 4	5 v 6	7 v 8
10.45 – 12.00	1 v 3	11 v 12	5 v 2	9 v 10
12.15 – 1.30	4 v 6	11 v 8	7 v 9	12 v 10
1.45 – 3.00	4 v 1	2 v 6	3 v 5	
3.15 – 4.30	10 v 7	8 v 12	9 v 11	
Day Two				
TIME	Diamond 1	Diamond 2	Diamond 3	Diamond 4
8.30 – 9.45	1 v 5	2 v 4	3 v 9	7 v 11
10.00 – 11.15	1 v 6	2 v 3	12 v 9	8 v 10
11.30 – 12.45	4 v 5		12 v 7	11 v 10
1.00 – 2.15	3 v 6	8 v 9	1 v 7	
2.30 – 3.45	12 v 6	8 v 2	4 v 10	5 v 11
Day Three				
Time	Diamond 1	Diamond 2	Diamond 3	Diamond 4
8.30 – 9.45	4 v 11	6 v 7	5 v 12	3 v 10
10.00 – 11.15	2 v 9	1 v 8	4 v 12	3 v 11
11.30 – 12.45	1 v 9	2 v 10	5 v 7	
1.00 – 2.15	6 v 8	3 v 12	4 v 7	
2.30 – 3.45	5 v 8	2 v 11	6 v 9	1 v 10
Day Four				
Time	Diamond 1	Diamond 2	Diamond 3	Diamond 4
8:30 – 9:45	2 v 12	6 v 10	4 v 8	3 v 7
10.00 – 11.15	6 v 11	1 v 12	5 v 10	9 v 4
11.30 – 12.45	9 v 5	2 v 7	1 v 11	8 v 3
1:30 – 2:45	Finals			
3:00	Presentations			
3:30	Championship concludes – Team departs			

Breakdown of double headers

Teams – Amount of double headers

1.	4
2.	3
3.	3
4.	3
5.	2
6.	4
7.	2
8.	3
9.	4
10.	3
11.	3
12.	3

Appendix 2 : Draw for Boys' State Championship

* Regions will allocate teams to numbers as they were placed in the previous year.

** May need to change depending on number of teams attending the Boys Championship.

Softball Championship Draw 1 (3 Diamonds) Full Round Robin

Day One		
Time	Diamond 1	Diamond 2
8.10 – 8.30	Opening ceremony	
9.15	7 v 5	6 v 2
11.00	1 v 3	6 v 4
12.45	1 v 7	3v 2
2.30	5 v 4	
Day Two		
TIME	Diamond 1	Diamond 2
9.00	2 v 1	3 v 7
10.45	4 v 7	2 v 3
12.30	6 v 1	2 v 4
2.15	5 v 6	
Day Three		
Time	Diamond 1	Diamond 2
9.00	3 v 6	1 v 5
10.45	2 v 5	4 v 1
12.30	4 v 3	7 v 2
2.15	7 v 6	
Day Four		
Time	Diamond 2	
8:30	Semi Final 2 ND v 3 RD Diamond 1	
10.30	4 TH v 5 TH Diamond 1	6 TH v 7 TH Diamond 2
12.00	Grand Final Diamond 1 Pool Champion v Winner Semi Final	
	CLOSING CEREMONY	
	Championship concludes – Team departs	

Appendix 3 : Specific Skill Requirements for Queensland Selection

Players considered for the Queensland team should have shown evidence of a high standard of development in the following skill areas. Skills are common to all positions. Specific skills have also been listed:

Offensive skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developed hitting technique• Hits through ball with power• Discipline in batter's box – selects good pitches to hit• Performs a sacrifice bunt consistently• Able and prepared to slide• Hits to all areas of field off all pitchers
Defensive skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Over arm throw – elbow above shoulder (no sidearm)• Easily throws 30 metres with strength and speed• Receives thrown ball correctly- fingers up or down• Assumes good set fielding position• Fields ground balls with both body and glove down• Good lateral movement to both ground and fly balls
Game sense	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anticipation – known play before pitch• Can act independently• Understands covering bases and backing up on all plays e.g. bunt defence• Aggressive, vocal and enjoys playing the game• Looks for every opportunity to make an out or advance a base
Attitude	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plays for team not self• Shows respect for team mates and opposition• Team involvement if on field or not• General response to game is positive at all times
Specific Positions	<p>Pitcher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rhythm and sound technique• 70% strike rate• Speed <p>Catcher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sets well to receive pitch• Soft hands when receiving pitch• Turns glove over in low zone• Good mobility• Attempts to block low pitches on ground <p>First base</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receives all throws with ease and confidence• A fielder• Communicates well <p>Third base</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quick reactions• Strong arm• Reads bunt situation and reacts quickly

Pivots

- Good, quick range of movement
- Continuous rhythm with receiving ball and releasing
- Knows game where and when to cover bases

Outfield

- Sees themselves as an outfielder
 - Covers large area quickly
 - Correct glove work on catching fly balls – fingers up, looking at back of glove
 - Catches fly ball to both sides and while moving forward
 - Knows when to back up or cover a base
 - Throws balls to pivots not pitcher
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Not all players will have all skills. It is not necessarily true that the state team third base will be playing third at the state championships. The selectors will judge which player/s have the skills necessary for each position regardless of where they play at the state championships. It will then be up to the coach to work with the players to create the best team. We don't wish to select players that the coach would be unable to play at the nationals. That situation is unfair to both the player and the coach. So please give realistic assessments of players' potential for state selection.

Appendix 4: Official Scorecard

QUEENSLAND 10-12 Years SCORECARD
(To be completed in Biro)

Team _____

Time _____ Date _____ Opposing Team _____

Defensive Cont. _____ Offensive Cont. _____

BATTING ORDER (Surname & Given Name - Block Letters)	Uni #	Pos			
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10 FLEX					
11 BENCH					
12					
13					
14					
15					

RESULT- WON DRAWN DEFEATED	Runs for									
	Runs against									
Name of Teams	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First team at bat										
Second team at bat										
Umpire's Signature	Coach's Signature									
Plate	Base									
Base										