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1. Introduction

2021 Venue: Redbank Plains Recreation Reserve, Moreton Avenue, Redbank Plains QLD 4301.

The QCSA State Titles is an annual event to showcase the talent within QLD Christian Soccer and allow teams to compete at the highest level of Christian soccer/football in Queensland.

The QCSA State Titles are open to teams from Zones within the QCSA (North Zone, West Zone and South-East Zone); and the Sunshine Coast Christian Soccer Association (SCCSA) (North Zone, Central Zone and South Zone); all affiliates of the QCSA and other Christian football bodies upon application to the QCSA Secretary. The QCSA SCM reserves the right to invite/issue an invitation to other teams as deemed appropriate.

Information will be sent out to QCSA Club Executives and players directly and advertised on the QCSA website and Facebook page as well. This information will also be sent to the Sunshine Coast Christian Soccer Association (SCCSA); all affiliates of the QCSA and other Christian soccer bodies who have applied to be part of the competition.

2. Age Groups for 2021

For the 2021 season QCSA **MAY** offer competitions in the following age groups, subject to suitable nominations:

- Under 10 mixed (playing on a modified field with modified rules);
- Under 11 mixed;
- Under 12 mixed;
- Under 13 mixed;
- Under 13 female;
- Under 14 mixed;
- Under 16 female;
- Under 16 male;
- Under 18 male;
- Senior Women; and
- Senior Men.

The winner of each age group will be decided at the completion of all games for that age group. The method to be used for each age group is at the discretion of QCSA and shall be advised prior to the commencement of competition when the draw is finalised.

The following points are awarded for each match.

Win – 4 Points

Score Draw – 2 Points

Nil All Draw – 1 Point

Loss – 0 Points

In the event of a forfeit, the non-forfeiting team will receive 4 Points and 3 goals for. The forfeiting team will receive no points and may also be required to attend a discipline hearing along with their respective zone or affiliate.

Should a match be abandoned for any reason QCSA shall chair a meeting comprising of member from all zones and participating Associations except the zones involved in the match and a referee delegate, to decide the outcome of the match and any further actions deemed necessary. This decision will be final with no rights of appeal.

3. Team numbers

This applies to all QCSA Zones and participating Associations.

1. Each QCSA Zone and participating Associations may field two teams per age group. Anyone wanting more than two teams per age group (from a QCSA Zone or participating Association) needs permission from QCSA, on a case by case basis.
2. Under 10 play on a modified field and for the 2021 season only are permitted to select a maximum of 15 players per team and are permitted to play a maximum of 15 players per match, with only 9 players (including the goalkeeper) being allowed on the field at any given time.
3. Under 11 to Under 14 mixed, Under 13 female, Under 16 male and Under 16 female teams are permitted to select a maximum of 16 players per team and are permitted to play a maximum of 16 players per match, with only 11 players (including the goalkeeper) being allowed on the field at any given time.
4. Under 18 male, Senior Women and Senior Men are permitted to select a maximum of 20 players per team but are only permitted to play a maximum of 16 players per match, with only 11 players (including the goalkeeper) being allowed on the field at any given time.

4. Player Eligibility

This applies to all QCSA Zones and participating Associations.

1. All players MUST be a registered player of the QCSA, QCSA's affiliates, SCCSA or a Christian football body. Each QCSA Zone/Association is required to verify that each player is a registered player and playing in the correct age group for State Titles.
2. All players are to be registered for the current soccer season with their respective club as an active member in a current team with their respective club.
3. Players must play in their correct age group as at 31st December of the year prior to the State Titles (regardless of what age group they play for in their respective Club fixtures competition).
4. Players are NOT permitted to play DOWN an age group, except:
 - (a) If a zone Under 13 female team has no separate competition at State Titles because a lack of teams then they are to play in the Under 12 age group for zone;
 - (b) A Zone applies for special dispensation to QCSA on a case-by-case scenario.
5. Players can only play up an age group if:

- (a) Your zone does not form a team in the age group;
 - (b) There are surplus players for one team, but insufficient to form a second team in that particular age. There is no restriction on the number of players that can play up an age group;
 - (c) A Zone applies for special dispensation to QCSA on a case-by-case scenario.
6. In the case of a zone or association not forming a team or having insufficient players to form two teams in an age group; or the player cannot move up an age group into a team, the player/s is/are permitted to try out for selection in another zone or association, **with the permission of both Zones involved and the QCSA.**
 7. To encourage participation, the Under 16 female competition may consist of Under 16, Under 15 and Under 14 females. To encourage the level of participation, all female teams in the U13 Competition may consist of Under 13, Under 12, and U11 competition bracket. This will be reviewed as the number of teams in the competition grow for the following year of competition.
 8. Players currently suspended in the Player's Fixture competition, who as of the Friday prior to State Titles commencing, have two (2) or more weeks left of any suspension are not allowed to take part in the State Titles competition.

5. Borrowing

This applies to all QCSA Zones and participating Associations.

1. A player who is being borrowed must come from a lower age group;
2. A player who is being borrowed must be age appropriate for the age group they are being borrowed into and no older than the maximum age allowed for the QCSA State Titles competition;
3.
 - (i) In an age group where there are 6 (six) matches (or less), a player can only be borrowed for a maximum of 2 (two) matches. The maximum number refers to the total number of games played up and not to each team they may play in. However, when they play their 2nd (second) borrowed match, they are automatically transferred into that team by QCSA, which means the player shall be considered to have lost their original registered age group and team status. They cannot then play for any other team for the remainder of the State Titles competition;
 - (ii) In an age group where there are 7 (seven) matches (or more), a player can only be borrowed for a maximum of 3 (three) matches. The maximum number refers to the total number of games played up and not to each team they may play in. However, when they play their 3rd (third) borrowed match, they are automatically transferred into that team by QCSA, which means the player shall be considered to have lost their original registered age group and team status. They cannot then play for any other team for the remainder of the State Titles competition.

For the 2021 State Titles, all teams are playing 6 matches or less.

If a Zone needs to apply for special dispensation of the above restrictions on borrowing, during the tournament, because of injuries that have occurred 'during the tournament',

meaning that a team is significantly disadvantaged (for example, may only have 10 players left on the Monday that can play, etc.), please contact QCSA Registrar and we will convene an urgent meeting to discuss.

6. Uniforms

It is the responsibility of the QCSA Zones or participating Associations to provide the alternate strip if a QCSA Zone/Association has 2 (two) teams in the same age group playing against each other, as the venue where the State Titles matches are to be held will not be providing any alternate uniforms for QCSA Zone/Association teams to wear.

QCSA North Zone	Teale and Dark Blue
QCSA Southeast Zone:	Red and Blue
QCSA West Zone	Bottle Green and Yellow
Sunshine Coast South	Black and Gold
Sunshine Coast Central	Yellow and Gold
Sunshine Coast North	White and Gold

7. Rules for State Titles Only

- The Under 10 Competition will be played with QCSA modified rules, on a modified field including:

Offside becomes an offence when the player in an offside position becomes involved in active play. Offside will not always be penalised in this age group, however deliberately placing a player in a position to gain unfair advantage is contrary to the spirit of the game and is discouraged. The referee can verbally caution the players doing this or penalise such as unsporting behaviour.

- Under 10 for the 2021 season only are permitted to select a maximum of 15 players per team and are permitted to play a maximum of 15 players per match, with only 9 players (including the goalkeeper) being allowed on the field at any given time.
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- Under 18 male, Senior Women and Senior Men are permitted to select a maximum of 20 players per team but are only permitted to play a maximum of 16 players per match, with only 11 players (including the goalkeeper) being allowed on the field at any given time.
- Same interchange rules apply as normal QCSA competition. Relevant documents can be found on the QCSA Website (www.qcsa.org.au) for referencing (QCSA Handbook, By Laws, etc).
- Accumulation of three (3) or more issued yellow cards at State Titles will result in an automatic one (1) match suspension during the State Titles competition.

Accumulation of five (5) or more issued yellow cards at State Titles will result in an automatic two (2) match suspension during the State Titles competition.

- Any yellow cards that are accrued during the QCSA State Titles do not carry over into the Player's normal competition.
- Any red cards given out during the QCSA State Titles, will be dealt with during this competition, in the fact that players will be suspended from matches for how many games the offence committed is deemed worthy by Discipline. Serious offences will be dealt with by an appropriate Discipline Panel convened specifically for that purpose. If this suspension cannot be completed during the State Titles it carries over into the player's normal competition, the player will miss the relevant number of matches in their fixture competition. If you are not QCSA, please check your own Associations Suspension guidelines for their ruling.

8. QCSA Zones Accountability

1. All QCSA Zone Committee members and executive must be a current active member of a current QCSA club and all QCSA Zones are to advise the QCSA Secretary this information, including current club position held.
2. QCSA Zones must send through minutes of any meeting/s that occur to the QCSA Secretary (including financial figures; justification for accounts held; and monies spent over and above the competition fees and costs).
3. QCSA Zones must email any minutes of meetings that occur within their zone to **ALL clubs from their zones in a timely fashion** (within a week of the meeting being held) – QCSA Secretary must also be copied into this email correspondence.
4. Meetings with the QCSA, SCCSA and representatives from the Zones will occur throughout the year.
5. At all times, Zone officials, coaches, managers, players, parents and spectators, must abide by the QCSA Code of Conduct, By-Laws, Competition Rules (other than those specific to State Titles competition as stated in the State Titles Booklet). All the aforementioned positions are accountable to QCSA and can be brought in before QCSA SCM or QCSA Discipline if deemed necessary. These documents can be found on the QCSA Website (www.qcsa.org.au) for referencing.

9. Selection of QCSA Coaches and Managers for State Titles Zone Teams

1. Each QCSA Zone committee is to formally call, (in writing such as email, webpage, facebook, letter) widely for expressions of interest for coaches for all zone team. Applicants are to reply with suitable detail such as team/s, current club, experience, qualifications.
2. It is highly suggested that QCSA Zones email the clubs from each applicant and get the club to endorse the respective applicant, whether they are an existing coach,

manager, parent or player with their club. This will alleviate applicants being selected for QCSA Zone responsibilities that may have had discipline issues within their club, etc., or have trouble following the QCSA rules.

3. It is preferable that all QCSA Zone Representative Coaches hold a Skill Acquisition Community Certificate (or higher) or be willing to complete the first available QCSA approved course.
4. It is preferable that coaches be a current coach or manager of a QCSA club team in that zone for the upcoming year.
5. A parent who has a child in a representative team is permitted to be appointed as a coach for that team.
6. Blue Card details are required to be given to QCSA Secretary from each QCSA Zone for all coaches. Blue Card Registers will also be kept by QCSA zones and in MCM.
7. All Zone Representative Coaches will attend a meeting to discuss their responsibilities and the player selection process. This will be on a date to be advised through the Zone Committee.

10. QCSA Selection of Players for State Titles Zone Teams and QCSA Player Eligibility

1. All QCSA zones are encouraged to have their muster days/nights for interested players at the same time in the preceding year (if at all or within the same week). **These are NOT for pre-selecting players**, they are purely to keep the kids interested and running any interested players as a whole squad. Whilst squad selections may be made in the preceding year, the final selection can be made at the start of the year in which the State Titles is being held to enable final selection due to players leaving the squad or injuries.
2. The representative trials can be held over multiple weekends/weeknights or a suitable timeframe for your Zone. This allows the selectors to observe the players wishing to try out. It is suggested that at the trials you may have a one-hour session and may include running drills and / or play a game amongst the players or another team.
3. Suitable QCSA SCM members can be available to guide any new zone coaches and managers on selection of players for their teams. National team coaches maybe available to guide Zone coaches on selection of players; Zone coaches are not permitted to do selections (where possible).
4. Squad selections should be by a 3 (three) person panel to be appointed, in advance of the trials by the QCSA Zone, with the QCSA SCM, if required, overseeing the panel selection process. Where appropriate, selectors should be from different clubs and independent from the age group concerned. This is so that representative selection can be viewed as unbiased and fair to all players trying out and takes the onus off the coach should there be complaints.
5. The selectors may seek advice or clarification on any questions that may arise about a player trialing from the QCSA Zone Representative Coach
6. At the trials no player is permitted to wear any representative gear.