



2018
Queensland Premier League
Zone 1

CLUSTER COMPETITION MANUAL



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1. ADMINISTRATION

1.1. General Information

- 1.1.1 The Queensland Premier League (QPL) is conducted under the authority of Netball Queensland Ltd. (Netball Queensland).
- 1.1.2 Netball Queensland vests responsibility for the day to day operation and management of the competition under the Netball Queensland Performance Competitions Coordinator and the respective Zone Committees.
- 1.1.3 The official competition draw will be distributed by the Zone Committee to the nominated Team Official from each team, at least one (1) month prior to the commencement of the competition.
- 1.1.4 All Competition fees must be paid by the due date stipulated in [Appendix 1](#) of this Competition Manual.
- 1.1.5 If, at any time, the Association does not adhere to the requirements set out in this Competition Manual, Netball Queensland reserves the right to remove the Association team/s from the Competition without refund.
- 1.1.6 The respective Zone Committee in conjunction with Netball Queensland has the power to waive compliance to any of the rules or regulations when satisfied that special circumstances exist. Any request to waive compliance with the rules must be submitted in writing, addressed to the NQ Performance Competitions Coordinator and be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of \$500.00 (incl. GST).
- 1.1.7 Netball Queensland may impose a fine or loss of points on any team if they are found to have contravened or disregarded any rules of the Competition.
- 1.1.8 The webpage for the QPL is <http://qld.netball.com.au/queensland-premier-league/>.

1.2. Summary

- 1.2.1. The Queensland Premier League (QPL) exists to provide a multi-division state wide competition to determine the best Association teams in Queensland. It caters for

netballers turning 15 or older in the year of the competition and includes Open, Men's, 16U and 18U (and possibly Mixed) Divisions. The QPL culminates in a QPL State Finals event where the winning teams from each Zone come together from around Queensland to battle it out to be crowned State Champions.

1.3 Vision

1.3.1. The QPL Competition aims to:

- 1.3.1.1. Create a high level of competition for players, coaches, officials and umpires to further develop their skills regardless of their location in Queensland.
- 1.3.1.2. Provide opportunities for players, coaches, officials and umpires to be identified and afforded further opportunities commensurate with their capacity and/or potential.
- 1.3.1.3. Assist in growing the game of Netball across Queensland through promotion in various forms of digital, electronic and print media.
- 1.3.1.4. Provide an excellent participant experience to drive retention in Netball.

1.4. Objectives of the Queensland Premier League (QPL)

1.4.1. The objectives of the QPL are:

- 1.4.1.1. To maximise the number of Associations and teams that participate.
- 1.4.1.2. To ensure the competition format is delivered to best suit the local conditions and requirements.
- 1.4.1.3. To ensure that teams play an appropriate number of games within their Zone to provide the desired benefit to their netball.
- 1.4.1.4. To provide an opportunity for netballers from all over Queensland with an opportunity to compete against peers from other Associations.

1.5. Queensland Premier League (QPL)

1.5.1. Netball Queensland Associations are allocated into one of six Zones around Queensland. If Association wishes to move the majority of their teams to a different

Zone they must complete the Zone Reallocation Form in [Appendix 3](#). Associations may enter teams in different Zones, and do not need to complete the Zone Reallocation Form, as long as this relates to the minority of their teams. Please note there are some restrictions in relation to QPL State Finals eligibility for teams playing in different Zones, which are outlined in this manual.

- 1.5.2. If an Association wishes to enter a single team in a different Zone to their allocated Zone, they should do this via the team nomination process. There is no need to complete the Zone Reallocation Form in this instance.
- 1.5.3. The current Zone Allocation Schedule can be found in [Appendix 8](#).

1.6. Sponsorship

- 1.6.1. The name/logo of the Naming Rights sponsor for the competition may be required to be attached to the positional patches of all teams. If this is a requirement, then Netball Queensland will advise all Associations and provide the attachment.
- 1.6.2. When negotiating sponsorships for teams taking part in this competition, the Zone Committee and Associations must not enter into agreements with any parties that will conflict with existing exclusive sponsors of Netball Queensland. Zone Committees and Associations are advised to contact the Netball Queensland Commercial Department for clarification on category eligibility. Netball Queensland exclusive sponsor categories in 2018 are:
 - 1.6.2.1. Activewear – Lorna Jane
 - 1.6.2.2. Netballs - Gilbert
- 1.6.3. A sponsor's logo or name may appear on the team playing uniform, and prior approval must be sought from Netball Queensland.
- 1.6.4. Should point 1.6.1 not apply, then a team sponsor's logo or name may appear on the positional bibs, above the lettering. Only one sponsor's logo or name may appear on the positional bibs, both back and front.
- 1.6.5. A sponsor's logo or name may appear on the front chest of the team uniform, and must not exceed 138cm², with a maximum length of 23cm, and a maximum height of 6cm.

- 1.6.6. A manufacturer's logo may be placed on a team uniform and must not exceed 15cm², with a maximum length of 5cm, and maximum height of 3cm.
- 1.6.7. A name or logo of a sponsor or uniform manufacturer may only appear once on any once garment. Example, a sponsor logo may appear on both the bibs and playing dress, but not twice on the playing dress.

1.7. **Uniforms**

- 1.7.1. Associations should provide their Zone Committee with details of their proposed uniform for approval prior to production. This is purely to ensure two teams do not finish up with the same uniform in the same competition. A sample of the material or colour photograph must accompany the written application.
- 1.7.2. A team is not permitted to alter its colours or uniform design without first obtaining approval from their respective Zone Committee. Netball Queensland will not be held responsible for the outcome of retrospective approvals where your uniform has been produced prior to seeking approval.
- 1.7.3. No player shall play in any uniform not registered with Netball Queensland, or the Zone Committee. Each Zone Committee is required to send to Netball Queensland's Performance Competitions Coordinator, a copy of the approved uniforms for each team in their respective Zone competition. Any addition of sponsor logos to uniforms must be approved by Netball Queensland.
- 1.7.4. Playing uniforms shall consist of shirt and skirt or bodysuit/dress, socks, briefs/undergarments and positional patches along with appropriate sporting footwear for netball.
- 1.7.5. Men's playing uniform – Singlet or short sleeved shirt with shorts, socks along with appropriate footwear for netball.
- 1.7.6. Positional patches shall be worn on the front and back of uniforms above the waist. Lettering shall be 150mm height, and clearly visible.

1.8. **Venues**

1.8.1. QPL matches for Zone 1 will be played at the following venues:

1.8.1.1. Townsville – 21st & 22nd April – Murray Netball Courts, William Angliss Drive, Annandale

1.8.1.2. Innisfail – 16th & 17th June – Bessie Spiller Courts, Ernest Street, Innisfail

1.9. **Primary Carer Registration Form**

1.9.1. Each team must appoint a Primary Carer who will sit on the team bench for each match of the competition (the Manager may also be the Primary Carer).

1.9.2. Primary Carers must hold a current minimum Senior First Aid Certificate.

1.9.3. Teams are required to register their Primary Carer by submitting the *Primary Carer Registration Form* (refer to [Appendix 5](#)) to Zone Committee for forwarding to Netball Queensland. Should the team Primary Carer change at any point during QPL, an updated form must be submitted to Netball Queensland.

1.9.4. Primary Carers must hold a current Working with Children Positive Notice Blue Card, a copy of which must be submitted with the *Primary Carer Registration Form* ([Appendix 5](#)).

1.9.5. The Primary Carer for each team is primarily responsible for the initial attention to injured players within their team. Once the injured player has been removed from the court, the Sports Medicine personnel may continue treatment as appropriate.

1.9.6. The Primary Carer must carry their pass with them at all times when on the bench so they are identifiable by the umpires.

1.10. **Video and Photographer Accreditation**

1.10.1. Each team is permitted to have one (1) official Video Operator and one (1) Photographer per match.

1.10.2. Any person who the Association or team designates as a Video Operator and or Photographer must hold a current Working with Children Positive Notice Blue Card, a

copy of which must be submitted with the *Video and Photography Accreditation Application* ([Appendix 4](#)).

1.10.3. Associations are responsible for ensuring that all spectators, family and friends are aware of the Child Protection Policy and the implications for the recording of video or taking of photographs at games. Parents, friends, supporters wishing to record video or photographs of any matches must first seek permission from the opposition team manager prior to the match commencing.

1.10.4. Teams are required to register their Video Operator and Photographer personnel by submitting the *Video and Photographer Accreditation Application* ([Appendix 4](#)) to Zone Committee for forwarding to Netball Queensland by the due date specified in [Appendix 1](#).

1.10.5. At the beginning of the night all Video Operator and Photographer personnel must make themselves known to Venue Coordinator.

1.11. **Sports Medicine Personnel**

1.11.1. The Zone Committee will provide qualified Sports Medicine personnel at all matches, the cost of which should be included in the Competition Fee charged by the Zone Committee.

1.11.2. Sports Medicine personnel will hold a current minimum Senior First Aid Certificate.

1.11.3. The responsibility of the Sports Medicine personnel is to continue treatment of injuries after the Primary Carer has removed the injured player/s from the court.

1.12. **Personal Injury Claim Form**

1.12.1. The Personal Injury Claim Form is to be used by any player (or team official) injured at training or during competition.

1.12.2. This form can be accessed via <http://www.willisnetball.com/>.

1.12.3. Instructions:

Go to <http://www.willisnetball.com/>.



Click – Download a Personal Accident Claim Form

Click – Netball Queensland logo

Ensure all sections are complete.

Forward the completed form to the Claims Service address on the first page. Any queries should be directed to the claims enquiries number.

Your initial claim must be lodged within six (6) months from the date of the injury. You can lodge your initial claim as soon as you wish and then forward receipts as they are issued.

Please note any player who is not registered in the MyNetball System will not be covered through this insurance policy. In 2018, players are able to self-register and all are encouraged to do so, to ensure they are registered and therefore insured.

1.13. **Pre-Season Meeting**

1.13.1. The Zone Committee will host a Pre-Season meeting or teleconference for all Divisions at least two weeks prior to the first round of competition.

1.13.2. Teams who do not have representation at the Manager's meeting will be deducted two (2) competition points.

1.13.3. Team Managers are required to report to the Venue Coordinator at the venue 30 minutes prior to the start of their first game.

1.14. **Protests and Complaints**

1.14.1. Any protest or complaint must be lodged in writing addressed to the Netball Queensland Performance Competitions Coordinator and be accompanied by a deposit of \$500.00 (incl. GST).

1.14.2. A protest or complaint must include Zone, team name, opposition team name, division, time, nature of protest or complaint, and the names of people involved (if applicable). The protest or complaint must be co-signed by an Association Committee Member.

1.14.3. Should a protest or complaint relate to a particular match, such protest must be lodged within 48 hours of the conclusion of the match.

1.14.4. In the event of any protest or complaint being upheld, the deposit of \$500.00 (incl. GST) shall be returned.

1.15. **Competition Timeline**

1.15.1. Refer to [Appendix 1](#) for the Competition Timeline.

2. COMPETITION STRUCTURE

2.1. Age Groups

2.1.1. The QPL competition will consist of the following age groups.

2.1.1.1. 16 Years

2.1.1.2. 18 Years

2.1.1.3. Open Women's

2.1.1.4. Open Men's

2.1.1.5. Mixed (expressions of interest to be sought in 2018)

2.2. Team Eligibility

2.2.1. A Netball Queensland affiliated Association may submit teams for the competition provided that the Association has paid the required Affiliation fee, Capitation fees and/or any other amounts due to Netball Queensland.

2.2.2. Association teams will only be able to participate in the fixtures of this competition once nomination fees have been paid in full.

2.2.3. Where Associations are unable to field a team in the competition due to lack of players, Associations may submit a joint written application to Netball Queensland requesting permission to enter a combined team. This application must be signed by an authorised representative from each Association.

2.3. Team Trials

2.3.1. Associations are responsible for conducting their own team trials.

2.3.2. Each team will be able to nominate a squad of 15 which will be considered the team's **registered squad** for that Division.

- 2.3.3. Players may be listed in multiple **registered squads**, but not in the same Division. For the avoidance of doubt, this means an 18 year old may be listed in the 18U squad and the Open squad, but could not be listed in both 18U squads if the Association entered two 18U teams.
- 2.3.4. Associations will be required to register their squad of up to 15 players on MyNetball by the date listed in [Appendix 1](#).

2.4. **Nomination Procedures**

2.4.1. Female Divisions

- 2.4.2. Associations may nominate up to two (2) teams per Division.

2.4.3. Associations may enter teams in different zones, under the following conditions

- 2.4.3.1. If the Association nominates teams in the same Division in different Zones, the Association must designate which team will be eligible to progress to QPL State Finals.
- 2.4.3.2. If the Association nominates teams in the same Division in the same Zone, both teams are eligible for the QPL State Finals.
- 2.4.3.3. Associations may enter different teams in different Zones. For example, a 16U team in Zone X and 18U team in Zone Y.

2.4.4. Male Division

- 2.4.4.1. There is no maximum number of teams an Association may enter.
- 2.4.4.2. A team in the Men's division playing squad of 10 is only permitted a maximum of twenty-five (25) points, and per Point 2.4.2.3., based on Queensland outdoor netball representation.
- 2.4.4.3. Men's teams must adhere to the following:
 - 2.4.4.3.1. "Male Player" refers to mixed and men's.
 - 2.4.4.3.2. Highest point category to be used for players that are eligible for more than one category.

| POINTS | CRITERIA |
|---------------|---|
| 5 Points | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016 -17 Open Division Male Player |
| 3 Points | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016-17 23's Division Male Player • 2016-17 Reserve Division Male Player • 2014-15 Open Division Male Player |
| 2 Points | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016-17 20's Divisions Male Player • 2014-15 Reserve Division Male Player • 2014-15 23's Division Male Player |
| 0 Points | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2014-15 20's Divisions Male Player • Pre 2014 Male Player (any division) • Open age player with no outdoor rep. experience. |
| -2 Points | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open age player with limited or no netball experience. |
| -5 Points | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016-17 Underage Division Male Player • Pre 2016 Underage Division Male Player (who is still underage) • Underage player with no outdoor rep. experience. |

2.4.5. Mixed Division

2.4.5.1. Expressions of interest are requested for Associations to enter mixed teams in either 21U or Open divisions.

2.4.5.2. There is no maximum on the number of teams an Association may enter in the mixed competition.

2.4.5.3. Should there not be sufficient levels of interest in the Mixed division to run a reasonable competition in the view of the Zone Committee, this Division will not run in 2018

2.4.6. In any Division, should there be a large number of teams entered making a single round of fixtures unmanageable within the time frame, the Zone Committee may choose to create two or more pools of teams to play in round robin format through the year. The Zone Committee would then determine an appropriate finals format to determine the winning team from the Zone.

2.4.7. In the case of 2.4.5 above the allocation to pools will be based on finishing the previous QPL season on an alternating basis, i.e. Pool A (Teams, 1,3,5,7...) and Pool B

(Teams 2,4,6,8....). Teams entering for the first time will be added to the bottom of the team list. i.e. the lowest seeds.

- 2.4.8. A nomination will only be considered with the completion of the *Team Nomination Process Form* and payment of the required nomination fee by the due date specified in [Appendix 1](#).
- 2.4.9. Team Nomination Process
- 2.4.9.1. As an Association, for your nominations to be accepted, the following needs to be completed.
- 2.4.9.1.1. The team nomination is lodged through MyNetball – you must login as your Association and follow the instructions provided on a separate document.
- 2.4.9.1.2. Team Registration Fee is paid.
- 2.4.9.2. The MyNetball Team Nomination Process '*How to Guides (Team, Player, Official)*' documents will be provided separately to each Zone Committee prior to nominations opening.
- 2.4.10. All players and team officials must be registered on MyNetball by the due date specified in [Appendix 1](#).
- 2.4.11. For each player and team official that is not registered in MyNetball by the date specified in [Appendix 1](#), an additional \$50.00 (incl. GST) fine will be incurred. Fines are required to be paid prior to the season commencement for a team to be deducted two match points each round until all players are registered on MyNetball.
- 2.4.12. Late nominations will be accepted at the discretion of the NQ Performance Competitions Coordinator, and a fee of \$500.00 per team (incl. GST) will apply.
- 2.4.13. A nomination is considered late if any of the components in Point 2.4.9.1 are not completed by the Team Nomination Process due date as specified in [Appendix 1](#).
- 2.4.14. In the event that a team withdraws from the competition after nominations close, all fees that have been paid shall be retained by Netball Queensland.
- 2.4.15. If the nomination procedures are not completed by the due dates, then Netball Queensland reserves the right to reject the Association's nomination and a refund will not be given.

2.5. Fee Structure

2.5.1. The following are per team fees for the Competition:

| Division | Nomination Fee to be paid as part of registration fee to NQ | QPL Zone 1 Competition Fee to be paid to Zone Committee |
|----------|---|---|
| Opens | \$300.00 | \$TBC |
| Men's | \$300.00 | \$TBC |
| 18 Years | \$300.00 | \$TBC |
| 16 Years | \$300.00 | \$TBC |

2.5.2. Teams who fail to pay their nomination and competition fees by the due date may result in your teams being deducted two match points per team per round until nomination fees are paid.

2.6. Team Composition/Bench

2.6.1. Each team is required to have the following members:

- 2.6.1.1. Maximum fifteen (15) registered players.
- 2.6.1.2. One (1) Coach
- 2.6.1.3. One (1) Assistant Coach (optional)
- 2.6.1.4. One (1) Manager
- 2.6.1.5. One (1) Primary Carer (Manager may act as Primary Carer, as per Point 1.8)
- 2.6.1.6. Two (2) Scorers – known as a bench official. Each match requires four scorers, The Zone Committee will develop a roster indicating which games each team is required to provide a scorer.
- 2.6.1.7. One (1) Umpire

2.6.2. During play, a team bench is not to exceed eight (8) people.

2.7. **Competition Draw**

- 2.7.1. The Zone Committee is responsible for developing the competition draws.
- 2.7.2. The draws will be posted to the Netball Queensland website and a local Zone Committee approved website prior to the commencement of the season.
- 2.7.3. The Zone Committee will determine the day and times of matches and this will be communicated via the draw to all participating teams.
- 2.7.4. All Zone 1 QPL matches are to be 4 by 12-minute with $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ breaks of three (3) minutes and $\frac{1}{2}$ time break of five (5) minutes. Please note the QPL State Finals will be played as 4 by 12 minute quarters due to the number of games being played across the three days. The breaks will remain the same for all games for consistency.

2.8. **Results and Ladders**

- 2.8.1. The Zone Committee will be responsible for ensuring the competition results and ladders on the Netball Queensland website.
- 2.8.2. All competition results will be posted on the Netball Queensland website within 48 hours of the conclusion previous round of games, on the basis that winning team managers input the scores.

3. TEAM OFFICIALS

3.1. Eligibility

3.1.1. Head Coaches must:

- 3.1.1.1. Hold a minimum “Development” Coaching Accreditation.
- 3.1.1.2. Attend education programs as requested by Netball Queensland.
- 3.1.1.3. Have involvement in the sponsor’s promotion of the sport as required by the Zone Committee.
- 3.1.1.4. Hold a current Working with Children Positive Notice Blue Card, recorded when registering through MyNetball.
- 3.1.1.5. Be a current registered financial member of Netball Queensland prior to the date specified in [Appendix 1](#).

3.1.2. Managers must:

- 3.1.2.1. Hold a current Working with Children Positive Notice Blue Card.
- 3.1.2.2. Be a current registered financial member of Netball Queensland prior to the date specified in [Appendix 1](#).
- 3.1.2.3. If acting as a Primary Carer for the team hold a current Senior First Aid Certificate.

3.2. Manager Match Day Duties

3.2.1. Team Managers are responsible for:

- 3.2.1.1. Handing signed team sheet to the score bench no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to commencement of the match.
- 3.2.1.2. Listing on the back of the Team List any player who is playing above their designated team.

- 3.2.1.3. Completing substitution cards with any changes during quarter breaks and handing to score bench prior to the thirty (30) second whistle to resume play. Both players replaced and replacement player/s names are to be recorded on substitution cards.
- 3.2.1.4. Completing substitution cards in case of injury, Substitution cards are to be handed to the score bench immediately after a substitution is made.
- 3.2.1.5. Confirmation of all registered players and must be able to provide evidence that players are registered members of the relevant Association.
- 3.2.1.6. Record in MyNetball the quarters played by team members following each match for the purpose of determining Finals eligibility. For the avoidance of doubt a quarter in QPL is considered a full match quarter.

4. PLAYERS

4.1. Eligibility

4.1.1. Age restrictions

4.1.1.1. The minimum age for players in all divisions is 15 years (born 2003 or before).

4.1.1.2. Players in the 16U Division must have been born, on or after January 1, 2002

4.1.1.3. Players in the 18U Division must have been born, on or after January 1, 2000

4.1.2. No player shall be registered with or represent more than one (1) Association in this competition in any one year. For the avoidance of doubt, a team entered on behalf of two or more Associations does not count as a second Association for this purpose.

4.1.3. Players must be a registered financial member with Netball Queensland, and be registered in MyNetball, prior to the date specified in [Appendix 1](#).

4.1.4. Queensland State Netball League Players are entitled to compete in the QPL, where the QSNL and QPL competitions run concurrently in a weekly format under the following conditions. This does not apply to QPL Zones playing Cluster weekends.

4.1.4.1. Any QSNL player who has played more than 25% of quarters in the previous four rounds of the QSNL up to including the current week, is not allowed to play QPL in that same week. For the purposes of this rule, the QSNL definition of a quarter will be applied (8 consecutive minutes within a single quarter of the game) and byes in QSNL are to be ignored completely.

4.1.4.2. For the avoidance of doubt, this does permit a QPL player to be elevated into a QSNL team and play a full game and still be eligible for her QPL team that week or the next, however this cannot be done more than once in a four-week period, without going over the 25% threshold.

4.1.4.3. Where Zones are running cluster weekends, QSNL players are able to play all QPL matches.

- 4.1.5. Queensland State Netball League Players may only compete for an Association within the QSNL Licensee's catchment area they represented during the Queensland State Netball League Competition provided they meet requirements outlined in 4.1
- 4.1.6. Queensland State Netball League Players (both permanent and import players) may play in both the Queensland State Netball League and the QPL competition within the same calendar week as long as they meet the conditions outline in 4.1.4 above.

4.2. **Import Players**

- 4.2.1. Associations unable to fill a team from their own association members may apply to Netball Queensland for permission to import player/s.
- 4.2.2. There is no limit on the number of import players permitted.
- 4.2.3. Import Players are players who are not members of the association they represent in this competition.
- 4.2.4. Players who have dual membership and have already represented another association are also considered Import Players.
- 4.2.5. Players must make themselves available for their own association teams (if applicable) before they opt to become an Import Player.
- 4.2.6. Import Players must comply with all Player Eligibility rules.
- 4.2.7. Import Players may only register as an import player with one (1) Association in any given calendar year, although this may be across more than one competition.
- 4.2.8. Import Players are permitted to play for one Association in the QPL and their primary Association in another event in the same year, such as State Age or Queensland Cup. QPL.
- 4.2.9. Teams receiving Import Players must obtain a letter of release from the association the player belongs to. This letter must be submitted to the Zone Committee with a written application for an import player prior to the close of team nominations.

4.3. Dual Memberships

- 4.3.1. Players with dual membership (i.e. signed on at two (2) or more associations in the given year) must represent only one (1) association in the given year at any of the Netball Queensland competitions, with the exception of Import Players (see section 5.4). Netball Queensland competitions include State Age Championships, Queensland Cup and QPL.

4.4. Player Registration

- 4.4.1. Players who are originally nominated through the MyNetball *Team Nomination Process*, as per Point 2.4.9, shall be deemed the registered players for this competition.
- 4.4.2. A Replacement Player may only be added to the **registered squad** team if another player is removed from the team permanently and approval is sought from the Zone Committee. Applications are to be made using the replacement player form and must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation, such as a medical certificate or verification of unforeseen unavailability.

4.5. Player Movement

- 4.5.1. Where, for any reason, one (1) or more registered players are not available for a match and replacement players are required, such players may only be drawn from the **registered squad** of 15 players:
- 4.5.1.1. If the team needs to source a player from outside their **registered squad** of 15, then clause 5.7.3 applies regarding Replacement Players. The replacement player must be drawn from the registered members of the same Association or the Import Player rule, clause 5.4 may be used.
- 4.5.2. In relation to player movement within the QPL competitions, the following shall apply
- 4.5.2.1. For the purpose of clause 5.7.2 the hierarchy of the QPL competition shall be
- 4.5.2.1.1. Any QSNL Division (Highest)

- 4.5.2.1.2. 1st Women's (Highest)
- 4.5.2.1.3. 2nd Mixed
- 4.5.2.1.4. 3rd 18U
- 4.5.2.1.5. 4th 16U (Lowest)

- 4.5.2.2. Any QPL player, in a weekly competition, who plays in a higher division is not allowed to play in a lower Division, until they have played less than 25% of QPL quarters in the most recent consecutive four (4) games the team has played. Byes do not count in the four-week period. The QPL definition of a "quarter" for this clause **and** for finals eligibility is the completion of a full match quarter.

- 4.5.2.3. For the avoidance of doubt, this does permit a QPL player to be elevated into a higher team and play a full game and still be eligible for her regular team that week, however this cannot be done more than once in a four-week period.

- 4.5.2.4. QPL players may move between teams in the same division, unless they have played more than 25% of quarters in the previous four (4) rounds for a single team, up to including the current week.

- 4.5.3. **Replacement players**

- 4.5.4. Replacement Players must meet the requirements in Player Eligibility

- 4.5.5. For a player to be released a Permanent Replacement Player form must be completed and submitted with appropriate documentation to the Zone Committee for approval.

- 4.5.6. There are two (2) types of Replacement Players – *Temporary Replacement Players* and *Long Term Replacement Players*.

- 4.5.7. Temporary Replacement Players
 - 4.5.7.1. Where a player needs to be replaced temporarily, the Association may elevate a registered player from a lower Division team without approval from NQ. Teams should be aware in this case the regulations outlined in 5.7 will apply.

- 4.5.7.2. Where a registered player needs to be replaced, and the Association wishes to select a player from outside their registered squad, approval from Zone Committee is required and the Association will be required to provide a medical certificate or similarly valid documentation to Zone Committee. The temporary replacement player may play in place of the injured player for the period that the injured or unavailable player is stated to be unavailable for on their medical certificate or similarly valid documentation or until they meet the conditions of clause 5.7.8.5
- 4.5.7.3. In relation to Clause 5.4.7 special dispensation may be sought by the QPL Association and the Licensee from NQ to allow the Temporary Replacement Player to return to their QPL team, despite potentially having played more than 25% of quarters in the preceding four rounds. This player will be granted 25% of quarters for games missed in QPL, in relation their eligibility for QPL Finals, while acting as Temporary Replacement Player in the QSNL
- 4.5.7.4. *A Replacement Player Form* (refer [Appendix 6](#)) **must** be submitted to the Zone Committee where possible no later than 48 hrs before a match is scheduled to ensure that the team may receive any necessary approval prior to the match(es) in question.

4.5.8. Long Term Replacement Players

- 4.5.8.1. In an instance where a player will continue as a Replacement Player for the remainder of the season, they must become a Long Term Replacement Player.
- 4.5.8.2. Long Term Replacement Players may be drawn from anywhere but must be registered with Netball Queensland and be approved by NQ before they can take the court. The player must meet all relevant eligibility rules as outlined in Clause 4, to participate in the QPL competition.
- 4.5.8.3. When Long Term Replacement Players are selected, the Manager must submit all relevant documentation to Zone Committee at least 48 hours prior to the player taking the court.
- 4.5.8.4. Long Term Replacement Players replacing a player with a medical certificate or similarly valid documentation may adopt the quarters played to date by the replaced player. Alternately, the club may choose to share the quarters of the replaced player between the replacement and another player within



the team. The purpose of this clause is to ensure that teams are able to enter the final series with a full squad of players. Any player being added to the contract list, will require approval from Netball Queensland to ensure the integrity of the competition.

- 4.5.8.5. *A Temporary Replacement Player* may only play 25% of the season's quarters before they are required to become a *Long Term Replacement Player*, for which another player in the Squad must be released.

5. QPL Finals Series

5.1. Eligibility for QPL State and Zone Final Series

- 5.1.1. All Players must be financial with their Association and Netball Queensland.
- 5.1.2. For the purposes of QPL Zone and State Finals eligibility, teams MUST participate in both cluster weekends.
- 5.1.3. For the purposes of QPL Zone and State Finals eligibility, one (1) quarter is considered to be the completion of a full match quarter in their respective Zone Competition. Where a player is substituted on or off during a quarter of play, this quarter will not be included in any finals eligibility or qualification calculations.
- 5.1.4. The team manager is responsible for recording the quarters played for their team on the MyNetball system within 48 hours of the match being completed.
- 5.1.5. In order to be eligible for Zone finals and QPL State Finals a player must have played a minimum of 25% of the quarters of the regular season. For example, in a 10 game season, a player must have played at least 10 quarters to be eligible for Zone and QPL State Finals.
- 5.1.6. In the instance that registered players cannot comply with 5.8.5 due to injury or prolonged illness, or other unforeseen circumstances a request for an adjustment may be submitted to Netball Queensland in writing and must be accompanied by a dated medical certificate or appropriate documentation, prior to the final round of the competition.
- 5.1.7. If, as per clause 5.8.6 an adjustment is approved, the player will be granted 25% of the total number of quarters the Player was deemed medically unfit or unavailable for, where unavailability was for an unforeseen circumstance. For the avoidance of doubt, players will not be granted adjustments for taking holidays, exams, normal employment routines, school commitments (events) or short term illnesses or injuries (less than 2 weeks). In these cases, teams will need to ensure the player is provided with enough quarters to qualify through the balance of the regular season.
- 5.1.8. Should a team not have 12 available players for Zone or State QPL finals from within their registered list of players, the team may submit an application for a replacement player to be added to their squad. Any player who has qualified (player 25% or more

quarters of QSNL in the current season) is NOT eligible to be considered as a replacement player. The replacement player must come from the team's Association

- 5.1.9. All teams are required to submit a *QPL State Finals Series Squad List* ([Appendix 7](#)) List to Netball Queensland as per the due date specified in [Appendix 1](#).

5.2. QPL State Finals Competition Structure

- 5.2.1. The QPL State Finals Series will be played at Caloundra Indoor Centre on September 29, 30 and October 1, 2018. Please note Monday October 1 is a public holiday in 2018.

- 5.2.2. The winning team from each Division in each Zone, will gain automatic entry into the QPL State Finals.

- 5.2.3. A maximum of eight (8) teams per Division will be invited to the QPL State Finals, which will comprise the winning team from each of six (6) Zones, plus the second placed team from each of the two largest Divisions across the State. These Divisions will be determined once team nominations are received.

- 5.2.4. Teams will play off in two (2) pools of four (4). Each team will play three (3) games of 4 by 12 minute quarters followed by semi-finals and finals to determine their final ranking. The three (3) day, four (4) court draw is included in [Appendix 9](#).

- 5.2.5. Local Zone and QPL State Final positions on the ladder after the Regular Season and Round game be determined as follows:

- 5.2.5.1. Teams shall be placed in order of merit based on the number of competition points scored in the fixture rounds.
- 5.2.5.2. In the event of a tie in points at the end of the preliminary rounds, the respective positions shall be determined by ranking the teams according to the goal percentages achieved by each team during the preliminary rounds.
- 5.2.5.3. When goal percentages are used for determining final positions of teams under the above clauses, these shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

- 5.2.5.3.1. 'Goals For' divided by 'Goals Against' multiplied by 100.

5.2.5.3.2. If after ranking teams according to goal percentages to two (2) decimal points, teams remain tied, the result of the match between the two teams concerned during the preliminary rounds will decide the winner.

5.2.5.3.3. If the two (2) teams drew their match, or if more than two (2) teams have the same number of points and percentage at the end of the preliminary rounds, then goal difference will be applied (i.e. the difference between goals for and goals against).

5.2.5.3.4. In the event of a further tie, teams will be ranked based on the total number of goals they have scored in the Regular Season rounds.

5.3. QPL State Finals Logistics

5.3.1. Netball Queensland will fund travel and accommodation for teams who qualify for the QPL State Finals. In 2018 the finals will be held at Caloundra on the Sunshine Coast. NQ will provide the following support to each Zone winner.

5.3.2. Teams must confirm their list of names for finals within 24 hours of qualification to allow time for flight and accommodation bookings to be confirmed. Failure to do this, will result in the travel and accommodation bookings becoming the responsibility of the Association

| Zone | Travel | Accommodation | Local Ground Transport |
|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| Zone 1 North Qld | Economy airfares from CRN/TSV-BNE return for 15pp | Accommodation for 3 nights for 15pp | 2 by 8 seat vans for collection and return to Brisbane Airport |
| Zone 2 Central Qld | Economy airfares from RCK/MKY to Brisbane return 15pp | Accommodation for 3 nights for 15pp | 2 by 8 seat vans for collection and return to Brisbane Airport |

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|----------------|
| Zone 3 North Coast | Provision of suitable bus or an agreed travel format if over 200km | Accommodation for 3 nights for 15pp if home is more than 100km from venue | Nil additional |
| Zone 4 South West | Provision of suitable bus or an agreed travel format if over 200km | Accommodation for 3 nights for 15pp | Nil additional |
| Zone 5 South Coast | Provision of suitable bus transport or an agreed travel allowance for travel over 200km if over 200km | Accommodation for 3 nights for 15pp | Nil Additional |
| Zone 6 SEQ | Nil | Accommodation for 3 nights for 15pp if home is more than 100km from venue | Nil |

5.4. Awards

5.4.1. Netball Queensland will provide the following awards.

5.4.1.1. Winning team perpetual trophy and plaque at QPL State Finals

5.4.1.2. Medals for winning team members at QPL State Finals

5.4.1.3. Medals for runner's up at QPL State Finals

5.4.1.4. Perpetual Trophy for each Zone Finals winning team, which will be sent to the Zone Committee prior to the Zone Finals

5.4.2. The Zone Committee will be responsible for medals for winning teams and runner's up in their respective Zone Finals. The cost of these should be included in the Zone Committee Competition Fee.

5.4.3. Zone Committee may also choose to determine a player of the Final for their respective Zone finals

6. MATCH OFFICIALS

6.1. Match Supervisor

- 6.1.1. The Zone Committee will appoint a Venue Coordinator who is responsible for the delivery of each round of fixtures. This applies to both weekly and cluster weekends.
- 6.1.2. NQ will provide a list of roles and responsibilities for the Venue Coordinator who will be paid a fee for completion of these responsibilities.

6.2. Scorers and Timekeepers

- 6.2.1. Associations must nominate AT LEAST two (2) official Scorers. In the event that these two (2) personnel are not listed on the nomination form, the team nomination will not be accepted.
- 6.2.2. The scoring and timing panel for each scheduled match will consist of two (2) Scorers, one (1) Timers and one (1) Bench Referee/Match Supervisor (per round). Timer and Bench Referee/Match Supervisor will be the responsibility of the hosting association.
- 6.2.3. The Zone Committee as part of the season draw will allocate each team to provide one of either, a Scorer or a Timer for each match. For the avoidance of doubt this means that the scorer will be from one team and the timer from the other team for any given match.
- 6.2.4. All Scorers and Timers should arrive no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to commencement of matches, and remain until the completion of the last fixture round to which they have been rostered.
- 6.2.5. Scorers and Timers shall report to the Venue Manager on arrival at the venue.
- 6.2.6. Scoresheets, substitution cards and team lists for use during the competition will be supplied by Netball Queensland via the Zone Committee

- 6.2.7. The scoring and timing will operate in accordance with the operational procedures outlined in the Netball Australia National Score Bench Handbook.
- 6.2.8. Bench Officials, i.e. Scorers and Timers, must not approach the Umpire at any time during the match.
- 6.2.9. Netball Queensland will make available, on the QPL webpage, a copy of the scoresheet and how to score. It is the Association's responsibility to ensure its Scorers and Timers are competent in their duties, and it is highly recommended you share this document among your personnel.
- 6.2.10. Associations who fail to fulfil their requirements, as per Clause 6.2, will receive a \$50 (GST incl.) fine per person per match, payable within two (2) weeks of the match date. Failure to pay the fine by the due date, will result in the offending team, being unable to collect points competition points, until such time as the fine is paid.

6.3. **Umpires**

- 6.3.1. All teams must nominate an Umpire who holds a minimum National C Badge and is a registered member of Netball Queensland. Details of the Umpire must be submitted to Netball Queensland via the Team Nomination Process on MyNetball by the due date specified in [Appendix 1](#).
- 6.3.2. Associations must also nominate at least one (1) Emergency Umpire at the time of nomination.
- 6.3.3. Each Umpire will be included in a pool and may be allocated to matches on a weekly basis or requested to umpire in the cluster weekend format by the Zone Committee.
- 6.3.4. Associations must ensure that their nominated umpire is available for at least 80% of the season fixtures. In the case of injury, illness or unforeseen absence a medical certificate or similarly valid documentation may be requested by Netball Queensland.
- 6.3.5. Umpires for the QPL State Finals Series will be chosen from the pool of Umpires, and allocated by Netball Queensland.
- 6.3.6. Umpires not allocated to an Association team may nominate independently to be included in the pool of Umpires.

- 6.3.7. It is the responsibility of the Umpire to be fully aware of the Rules and Regulations of the competition.
- 6.3.8. Umpires must be ready to umpire at the commencement of each match.
- 6.3.9. Failure of any team to ensure an umpire has given Netball Queensland a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours' notice of their inability to perform their umpiring duties due to injury or illness (without organising a replacement umpire), may result in the following:
 - 6.3.9.1. First offence - \$200.00 (GST incl.) fine to be paid by the Association, who may choose to pass on the fine or part thereof, to the offending umpire.
 - 6.3.9.2. Second and subsequent offences - \$300.00 (GST incl.) fine to be paid by the Association, who may choose to pass on the fine or part thereof, to the offending umpire.
- 6.3.10. Teams with outstanding fines will not be able to earn competition points until the fine is paid in full.
- 6.3.11. Umpires must be available for allocated reserve duties and shall remain at the Score Bench throughout the game unless required to officiate the game.

7. MATCH RULES

7.1. Official Rules

7.1.1. The 'Official Rules of Netball' (2018) will apply to all matches played in the, unless otherwise stated in this document.

7.2. Policies

7.2.1. All Players will be bound by Netball Australia's Pregnancy Policy. This is available from the Netball Australia website www.netball.com.au.

7.2.2. All Players, Officials and Administrators will be bound by all of Netball Queensland's relevant Codes and Policies which can be found at www.netballq.org.au.

7.3. Duration of Games

7.3.1. Playing times for matches will be:

7.3.1.1. Cluster games will be 4 x 12 minutes quarters quarter

7.3.1.2. QPL State Finals will be 4 x 12 minute quarters

7.3.1.3. $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ intervals – 3 minutes

7.3.1.4. $\frac{1}{2}$ time interval – 5 minutes

7.4. Equipment

7.4.1. Courts, including goal post padding, will be allocated for matches in accordance with Netball Australia's safety standards.

7.4.2. Official match balls will be supplied by Netball Queensland for use in all matches.

7.5. Match Points

7.5.1. Points will be awarded as follows:

7.5.1.1. 2 Points for a win

7.5.1.2. 1 Point for a draw

7.5.1.3. 0 Points for a loss

7.6. Forfeits

7.6.1. Rule 8.1.1: Failure to Take the Court, in the 'Official Rules of Netball' (2018) applies to this competition.

7.6.2. The Zone Committee must be advised as early as possible of a team's intention to forfeit a match.

7.6.3. A fine of \$500.00 per match (GST incl.) will be imposed on teams that forfeit. A team that has an outstanding fine cannot earn match points until this payment is made.

7.6.4. When Netball Queensland has been notified of a forfeit, the opposing team will automatically be awarded the two (2) points for this match.

7.6.5. If a team forfeits three (3) matches within a season, Netball Queensland reserves the right to remove them from the competition without refund.

7.7. Forced Postponement and Rescheduling of Matches

7.7.1. In the case that a team may arrive after the scheduled starting time for a match (due to unavoidable circumstances such as heavy traffic due to an accident or flooding etc.), the Team Manager MUST contact their Zone Committee prior to arrival.

7.7.2. Up to fifteen (15) minutes delay of start time may be granted at the discretion of the Netball Queensland appointed Venue Manager on duty.

7.8. Cancellations

- 7.8.1. Should circumstances occur which make it unsuitable for scheduled matches to be played, and all matches are cancelled for the round, teams will not be awarded competition points and the competition shall continue as per the official draw.
- 7.8.2. Should circumstances occur which affect play in some matches in any one (1) round, Netball Queensland shall assess the situation and decide on re-scheduling or cancelling matches affected.

7.9. Incomplete Matches

- 7.9.1. In the event that a match is stopped by the Match Officials due to unforeseen exceptional circumstances, the following regulations shall apply:
 - 7.9.1.1. A drawn result will be declared if the game was stopped prior to half time and each team awarded one (1) match point and no for and against will be awarded.
 - 7.9.1.2. If the game has passed the halfway mark and entered the third quarter a win will be awarded to the team with the highest score at the time in which the match was stopped.
 - 7.9.1.3. In the event that the score is tied and the match has passed the halfway mark and entered the third quarter, a drawn result will be declared and each team awarded one (1) match point (for and against will be awarded).

7.10. Breaching Competition Rules

- 7.10.1 Any Team that is found to be in breach of any of the competition rules during the course of the competition, at the discretion of NQ Performance Competitions Coordinator, may be penalised financially AND/OR be deducted competition points.

7.11. Utilising Ineligible Players

- 7.11.1 If a breach is made by the winning team, a loss will be recorded against that team and the opposing team will be deemed the winner and receive two (2) competition points. No match score will be recorded for this game.
- 7.11.2 If a breach is made by the losing team, the winning team will receive points as per standard competition rules and the final match score will be recorded. The losing team will also have two points deducted from the current points tally, which may see them left with a negative points total.
- 7.11.3 If the match is drawn, the offending team will be deemed to have lost the match and the opposing team will be awarded a win and receive two (2) competition points and the losing team deducted two points. No match score will be recorded for this game.
- 7.11.4 If a team breaches this rule multiple times in the same season, the points penalty will be equivalent to the breach number multiplied by two (2). For example: 1st infringement = 2-point penalty, 2nd infringement = 4-point penalty, 3rd infringement = 6-point penalty
- 7.11.5 Matches that have been won / drawn by a team in breach of the rules will not be included in the Goal Percentage equation when determining final placings.

8. MATCH DAY PROCEDURES

8.1. Competition Forms

8.1.1. Team Sheets

8.1.1.1. Team sheets must be handed to the Venue Manager at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the commencement of the match, with a maximum of twelve (12) players and up to five (5) team officials to be listed on the team sheet. Names cannot be added/alterd to the team sheet after this time.

8.1.1.2. The list must show the starting seven (7) and their positions, up to five (5) reserves and the name of the “on court” captain.

8.1.1.3. The Team Manager shall specify on the team sheet any replacement players and what competition/division the Replacement Player has been drawn from (e.g. 16U, 18U).

8.1.1.4. For Zone Finals and QPL State Finals teams may list up to 12 players on the team sheet and use all 12 players in the final.

8.1.2. Substitution Cards

8.1.2.1. The Team Managers will be responsible for identifying and recording team positional changes that occur during match interval breaks or injury time-outs. Changes (substitution cards) shall be forwarded to the Match Supervisor/Bench Referee as applicable.

9. APPENDICES

9.1. Appendices as attached.

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2018 QPL ZONE 1 COMPETITION TIMELINE

| DESCRIPTION | DUE DATE |
|---|---|
| Team Nomination and Registration Fee (via MyNetball) | COB 16 March 2018 |
| Umpire Nomination (via MyNetball) | COB 10 March 2018 |
| Zone Competition Fee Issued (via invoice) | COB 22 March 2018 |
| Competition Fee Due to Zone Committee | COB 29 March 2018 |
| Player Self Registration Closes | 30 March, 2018 |
| Players and Officials Registrations (via MyNetball) due | COB 30 March 2018 |
| Video and Photography Accreditation Application Form | 2 weeks prior to round 1 |
| Primary Carer Registration Form | 2 weeks prior to round 1 |
| Round 1 | Saturday 21 st April 2018 |
| Zone Finals to be completed by | Sunday 13 September 2018 |
| QPL State Finals Team List due | COB 14 September 2018 |
| Queensland Premier League Grand Final | Saturday Sept 29, Sunday Sept 30, Monday Oct 1, 2018 |
| Replacement Player Form | At least 30 minutes prior to match commencement |
| Replacement Team Sheet | When permanent changes are made to the team |

Zone Committee Roles and Responsibilities

- Allocate Zone Committee members to specific roles (examples below)
- Marketing and Promotion
- Draws and scheduling
- Match officials
- Eligibility including checking registration lists
- Review the QPL Manual and liaise with NQ PCC for approval of any local variations to the manual.
- Once finalised, submit a copy of the Zone QPL Manual to NQ PCC to have added to the NQ QPL web page
- Determine the local competition fee and process payments from teams. This may be coordinated through NQ and the MyNetball site
- Receipt of Team Information Form and forwarding to NQ
- Confirm Team staff are appropriate qualified and refer back to team as required
- Based on team nominations determine if multiple pools are required in any Division and subsequently prepare the season draw to ensure the Zone finals are completed three weeks prior to the QPL State Finals.
- Ensure all participating teams within the Zone are aware of the QPL State Finals.
- Liaise with local Associations to avoid date clashes with local competitions.
- Secure venues and coordinate match officials for all games including payment for both.
- Approve uniforms for all Associations within the Zone and forward copy of approved designs to NQ PCC.
- Approve replacement players and eligibility questions for Zone competition and Zone finals, in conjunction with NQ PCC as required.
- Approval of Primary Care Registration and Video/Photographer applications
- Appoint of Match Convenor for each round
- Coordinate Sports Medicine coverage for each round of QPL fixtures in their zone
- Arrange medals for winning teams in Zone finals (if applicable)
- Prepare roster for Scorers and Time Keepers from each team

APPENDIX 3

2018 Request for Zone Reallocation Form

ASSOCIATION DETAILS:

Association Name:

Association Representative Name:

Position held within Association:

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

TEAM DETAILS:

Division: _____

Current Zone: _____ Requested Zone: _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Associations may appeal the zone in which they have been placed for the Queensland Premier League
- The Appeals Application Form should be addressed and submitted to the Performance Competitions Coordinator on or before 28th February 2018.
- Appeals must come directly from a Committee member of the Association
- Associations will receive an official response via email / phone by COB 16th March, 2018

REASON FOR APPEAL

VIDEO AND PHOTOGRAPHY ACCREDITATION APPLICATION

Terms and Conditions:

1. Each team is permitted to have **one** official video operator per match.
2. This person must position themselves behind the corflute court perimeter signage and/or beyond 3.05 metres of the court lines so the umpires may move freely.
3. If the accreditation application is approved by Netball Queensland the person will be e-mailed an accreditation pass which must be carried by the person at all times whilst using photography and/or videotaping equipment. This pass will be valid for the duration of the season.
4. This accreditation only permits the accredited person to photograph and/or video tape matches in which the team listed below, is participating.
5. The person must have a Working with Children authorisation (Blue Card) when photographing and/or videotaping any teams with players under the age of 18 years old. Police officers and registered teachers can apply for a Blue Card Exemption Card. Parents wishing for accreditation to take photographs and/or video tape their children do not need to follow this process but must still fill out and return this form to Netball Queensland. In all other circumstances accreditation will not be given until a card is obtained.

NOTE: Netball Queensland reserves the right to have additional checks and procedures in place for photography/video operators at any matches

TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSON SEEKING ACCREDITATION

I..... **from**
(Person seeking accreditation) (Association/Age Group)

requires accreditation for the QPLQPL season to photograph and/or video tape matches. I will adhere to the above listed terms and conditions.

Full Name:..... **Signature:**

Email Address (compulsory):

Address:

Blue Card Registration Number: **Expiry Date:**

Relationship to team:

Coach's Name: **Coaches Signature:**

Please return to: Performance Competitions Coordinator
Email: charlie.griffiths@netballq.org.au

APPENDIX 5

PRIMARY CARER REGISTRATION FORM

The definition of Primary Care Medical Personnel is:

Doctors – someone who has successfully completed tertiary training in the field of medicine (i.e. Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery - MBBS) and is currently generally registered with the Australian Health Practitioners Registration Authority (AHPRA).

Physiotherapists – someone who has successfully complete tertiary training in the field of physiotherapy and is currently registered with an appropriate physiotherapy board e.g. Physio Registered Board of Victoria.

Masseurs – someone who has successfully completed tertiary training in the field of remedial therapy (massage).

Sports Trainers – someone who has successfully completed the Level 2 Sports Trainer course through Sports Medicine Australia.

First Aid Certificate Holder – someone who holds a current minimum Senior First Aid Certificate.

**Please note that Team Managers may be the Primary Carer if they fulfil any of the above requirements*

Team Name:.....

Competition:

Primary Carer Name:

Address:

.....

Phone: **Fax:**

Mobile: **Email:**

Qualification:

Name of Institution:

Year of Qualification:.....

Signature:..... **Date:**

Please return to: Performance Competitions Coordinator

Email: charlie.griffiths@netballq.org.au

APPENDIX 6

REPLACEMENT PLAYER FORM

ASSOCIATION DETAILS

Association Name: _____

Position held within Association: _____

Team: (Please Circle) 16 Yrs 18 Yrs Open's Men's Mixed

Division: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use this form when registering a temporary or permanent replacement player.
- Form must be received at least one day prior to the match where the player will participate.
- Refer to PLAYERS section of the 2018 QPL Rules.
- Forms may be emailed through to the Netball Queensland office.
- Permanent Replacement Player Forms must accompany a Replacement Team Sheet.

PLAYER REGISTRATION DETAILS

Name of Player being replaced: _____

Type of Replacement: (please circle) Temporary / Permanent

Replacement Players Name: _____

Replacement Players Association: _____

Date of Birth: _____

NQ Member Registration Number: _____

No. of Competition Round: _____



AGREEMENT

Replacement Player's Signature

Date

Association Official Signature

Date

Please return to: Performance Competitions Coordinator
Email: charlie.griffiths@netballq.org.au

APPENDIX 7

QPL STATE FINALS SERIES TEAM LIST

INSTRUCTIONS

- Please confirm all players listed have played the required number of quarters as outlined in the Competition Manual.
- If players have been unable to play due to injury / illness, a request for exemption. as well as a copy of a medical certificate must be submitted to Netball Queensland for approval.
- Please return Final Team List to Netball Queensland prior to final round.

PLAYER DETAILS

Association Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Team: (Please Circle) 16 Yrs 18 Yrs Open's Men's Mixed

Division:

| Players Names | Import Player (Yes/No) | NQ Member Registration Number | No. Quarters Played |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. | | | |
| 2. | | | |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |
| 6. | | | |
| 7. | | | |
| 8. | | | |
| 9. | | | |
| 10. | | | |
| 11. | | | |
| 12. | | | |
| Head Coach | | | |
| Assistant Coach | | | |



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| Manager | | | |
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Association Official Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return to: Performance Competitions Coordinator
Email: charlie.griffiths@netballq.org.au

Zone Allocation Schedule

2018 QPL Zone Allocation Plan

| Zone 1 | Zone 2 | Zone 3 | Zone 4 | Zone 5 | Zone 6 |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Cairns | Mackay | Bundaberg | Dalby | Southport Carrara | Sunshine Coast |
| Douglas | Middlemount | Gayndah & District | Chinchilla | Tweed | Caboolture |
| Evelyn | Moranbah | Hervey Bay | Fassifern | Hinterland | SEMMNA |
| Mareeba | Sarina and District | Maleny | Goondiwindi | Murwillumbah | Western Districts |
| Innisfail | Whitsunday | Maryborough | Highfields & Districts | Northern Gold Coast | Ipswich |
| Tablelands | Barcaldine | Monto | Laidley & Districts | South Coast | Goodna |
| Tully | Blackwater | Mundubbera | Lockyer Valley | Beaudesert & Districts | Redcliffe |
| Burdekin | Biloela | Nambour & District | Miles & Districts | Underwood Park | Pine Rivers |
| Charters Towers | Emerald | Nanango & District | Maranoa | Jimboomba | Brisbane |
| Herbert River | Capricorn Coast | Noosa | Toowoomba | Beenleigh | Downey Park |
| Hughenden | Gladstone | Gympie & Districts | Warwick & Districts | Logan | QLD Catholic |
| Mt Isa | Longreach | Caloundra | Stanthorpe | | Metro |
| Townsville | Rockhampton | Coolum | Kingaroy | | Redlands |
| Bowen | | Sunshine Coast | | | MacGregor |
| | | Caboolture | | | Shailer Park |
| | | | | | |

QPL State Finals Format

The 2018 QPL State Finals will be held at Caloundra Indoor Sports Centre from Sept 29 to Oct 1, 2018.

| Day 1 QPL State Finals, Saturday September 29, 2018 (4 by 15 min quarters) | | | | | | |
|---|--------|-------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Teams will be seeded based on number of registered members per Zone - largest Zone = 1, smallest Zone = 8 | | | | | | |
| RD 1 | | | Court 1 | Court 2 | Court 3 | Court 4 |
| | | | Pool A (Teams 1,3,5,7) | Pool A (Teams 1,3,5,7) | Pool B (Teams 2,4,6,8) | Pool B (Teams 2,4,6,8) |
| 16's | 29-Sep | 9:00 | Team 1 v Team 7 | Team 3 v Team 5 | Team 2 v Team 8 | Team 6 v Team 4 |
| 18's | 29-Sep | 10:30 | Team 1 v Team 7 | Team 3 v Team 5 | Team 2 v Team 8 | Team 6 v Team 4 |
| Open | 29-Sep | 12:00 | Team 1 v Team 7 | Team 3 v Team 5 | Team 2 v Team 8 | Team 6 v Team 4 |
| Men's | 29-Sep | 1:30 | Team 1 v Team 7 | Team 3 v Team 5 | Team 2 v Team 8 | Team 6 v Team 4 |
| RD 2 | | | Court 1 | Court 2 | Court 3 | Court 4 |
| | | | Pool A (Teams 1,3,5,7) | Pool A (Teams 1,3,5,7) | Pool B (Teams 2,4,6,8) | Pool B (Teams 2,4,6,8) |
| 16's | 29-Sep | 15:00 | Team 1 v Team 5 | Team 7 v Team 3 | Team 2 v Team 6 | Team 4 v Team 8 |
| 18's | 29-Sep | 16:30 | Team 1 v Team 5 | Team 7 v Team 3 | Team 2 v Team 6 | Team 4 v Team 8 |
| Open | 29-Sep | 18:00 | Team 1 v Team 5 | Team 7 v Team 3 | Team 2 v Team 6 | Team 4 v Team 8 |
| Men's | 29-Sep | 19:30 | Team 1 v Team 5 | Team 7 v Team 3 | Team 2 v Team 6 | Team 4 v Team 8 |
| QPL Day 2 State Finals - Sunday September 30, 2018 (4 by 15 min quarters) | | | | | | |
| RD 3 | | | Court 1 | Court 2 | Court 3 | Court 4 |
| | | | Pool A (Teams 1,3,5,7) | Pool A (Teams 1,3,5,7) | Pool B (Teams 2,4,6,8) | Pool B (Teams 2,4,6,8) |
| 16's | 29-Sep | 9:00 | Team 1 v Team 3 | Team 5 v Team 7 | Team 2 v Team 4 | Team 6 v Team 8 |
| 18's | 29-Sep | 10:30 | Team 1 v Team 3 | Team 5 v Team 7 | Team 2 v Team 4 | Team 6 v Team 8 |
| Open | 29-Sep | 12:00 | Team 1 v Team 3 | Team 5 v Team 7 | Team 2 v Team 4 | Team 6 v Team 8 |
| Men's | 29-Sep | 1:30 | Team 1 v Team 3 | Team 5 v Team 7 | Team 2 v Team 4 | Team 6 v Team 8 |
| SF | | | Court 1 | Court 2 | Court 3 | Court 4 |
| 16's | 30-Sep | 15:00 | SF 1: A1 v B2 | SF 2: B1 v A2 | CF 1: A3 v B4 | CF2: A4 v B3 |
| 18's | 30-Sep | 16:30 | SF 1: A1 v B2 | SF 2: B1 v A2 | CF 1: A3 v B4 | CF2: A4 v B3 |
| Open | 30-Sep | 18:00 | SF 1: A1 v B2 | SF 2: B1 v A2 | CF 1: A3 v B4 | CF2: A4 v B3 |
| Men's | 30-Sep | 19:30 | SF 1: A1 v B2 | SF 2: B1 v A2 | CF 1: A3 v B4 | CF2: A4 v B3 |
| QPL Day 3 State Finals - Monday October 1, 2018 (4 by 15 min quarters) | | | | | | |
| GF | | | Court 1 | Court 2 | Court 3 | Court 4 |
| 16's | 30-Sep | 9:00 | GF: WSF1 v WSF2 | 3rd/4th: LSF1 v LSF2 | 5th/6th: WCF1 v WCF2 | 7th/8th: LCF1 v LCF2 |
| 18's | 30-Sep | 10:30 | GF: WSF1 v WSF2 | 3rd/4th: LSF1 v LSF2 | 5th/6th: WCF1 v WCF2 | 7th/8th: LCF1 v LCF2 |
| Open | 30-Sep | 12:00 | GF: WSF1 v WSF2 | 3rd/4th: LSF1 v LSF2 | 5th/6th: WCF1 v WCF2 | 7th/8th: LCF1 v LCF2 |
| Men's | 30-Sep | 1:30 | GF: WSF1 v WSF2 | 3rd/4th: LSF1 v LSF2 | 5th/6th: WCF1 v WCF2 | 7th/8th: LCF1 v LCF2 |