



CITY OF
MORETON BAY

FQ ACADEMY STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SOUTH PINE SPORTS COMPLEX | RULES OF COMPETITION

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Scope and Objective

- (a) The Rules of Competition (RoC) are set by Football Queensland (FQ) as the administrator of the FQ Academy State Championships and supplement the broader IFAB Laws of the Game. They are intended to provide clarity as to the playing format for the FQ Academy State Championships fixtures as well as the matchday procedures and disciplinary processes, if required and to be read and delivered supplementary and in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by IFAB.
- (b) These Regulations are to be read in conjunction with the relevant FQ Regulations, Policies and By Laws and FA's Statutes and Regulations (including National Disciplinary Regulations, National Registration Regulations and FQ Disciplinary Regulations). In the event of an omission or inconsistency between these regulations and other FQ policies, Football Queensland will determine and rule on the interpretation.

Competition Administrator

- (c) Football Queensland (FQ) serves as the Competition Administrator for the FQ Academy State Championships. FQ will appoint an operations contact at the venue for the entire duration of the tournament. FQ will also prepare the schedule and fixture list for all matches. Each team's officials are responsible for their own game day operations.
- (d) The Competition Administrator has the authority to suspend, reprimand, caution, or otherwise penalize any players, teams, or officials who are deemed to have breached the rules of the game and/or tournament, or whose actions have brought the game into disrepute.
- (e) Football Queensland reserves the right to interpret the Rules of Competitions (RoC) in the event of any dispute. FQ Academy State Championships Managers and Coaches are advised to seek clarification from FQ if they have any doubts regarding the meaning, interpretation, or application of the RoC. Football Queensland retains the right to amend or alter the Rules of Competition at its absolute discretion as needed.

Eligibility of Teams

- (a) The FQ Academy State Championships will be divided into 2 competitions for each age group and conducted in the following groups:

U13 Boys Metro State Championships

FQ Metro Maroon
FQ Metro White
FQ Metro Blue
FQ Metro Silver

U14 Boys Metro State Championships

FQ Metro Maroon
FQ Metro White
FQ Metro Blue
FQ Metro Silver

U13 Boys Academy Cup

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
FQ Northern	FQ Whitsunday Coast	FQ Wide Bay North	FQ Central Coast Blue
FQ Central Coast White	FQ Wide Bay South	FQ Far North & Gulf	Virginia United
Sunshine Coast Wanderers	Wynnum Wolves FC	Holland Park FC	Ipswich FC
Sunshine Coast United	SWQ Thunder	Moreton City Excelsior 3	Caboolture FC
Robina City	Samford Rangers	Logan Lightning 4	Brisbane City 4

Regional Academy Team
League 2 Club
League 3 Club
League 4 Club

U14 Boys Academy Cup

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
FQ Northern & FNG	FQ Whitsunday Coast	FQ Wide Bay	FQ Central Coast
Sunshine Coast Wanderers	Mitchelton FC	Holland Park FC	Ipswich FC
Southside Eagles	SWQ Thunder	Moreton City Excelsior 3	Sunshine Coast United
Brisbane City 4	Robina City	Samford Rangers	Caboolture FC

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- (b) Teams are limited to a maximum of fifteen (15) players and two (2) coaching staff. (Unless cleared by FQ)
- (c) Teams are required to submit Team Sheets prior to each match.

Eligibility of Players

- (a) Players participating in the FQ Academy State Championships fixtures must be registered using Squadi for the tournament to ensure appropriate insurance coverage.
- (b) All players must be age-appropriate for each age group, for clarity please see the table below;

Age Group	Eligible Years of Birth	Eligible with AD HOC Dispensation Form Submission
U13	2011	2012
U14	2010	2011

- (c) Younger or older players may be permitted to play in these age groups in exceptional circumstances only through application to Football Queensland. Football Queensland reserves the right to approve or deny applications and rescind them at any time throughout the tournament.

Photography of Players

- (a) By participating and attending the FQ Academy State Championships, participants and spectators give permission for their images to be used by Football Queensland and approved photography personnel on media platforms to report on the event and promote future events.

Match Report Cards

- (a) Match report cards will be used throughout the tournament. Blank report cards will be supplied to referees at the commencement of each day to record full time scores and any red cards issued.
- (b) The match official will retain the match report card for the duration of the match. The match official will return the match report card to the FQ representative at the conclusion of the match once signed by managers of both teams.
- (c) The results will be recorded in Squadi by FQ at the conclusion of each round of matches.

Match Balls

- (a) Football Queensland is responsible for providing three (3) match balls for each field in operation. The match officials will remain in charge of these match balls throughout each day.
- (b) Size 4 match balls will be used for all U13 games and size 5 balls for all U14 games.

Strip Colours

- (a) All teams competing in the FQ Academy State Championships are required to confirm their strip colours to Football Queensland prior to the tournament commencing.
- (b) Teams may not vary from their nominated strip colours. Failure to comply with nominated strip colours may result in the guilty team being penalised and the result being recorded as a 3-0 in favor of the opposing team. The referee and tournament directors are asked to rule on any misinterpretation or strip clash and seek an alternate option (strip change).

Technical Area & Ground Officials

- (a) Football Queensland staff will be available throughout the day if issues arise.
- (b) For all matches played during the tournament, a maximum of six (6) people are permitted to occupy the technical area for each team. This includes the four (4) substitutes and up to two (2) registered team officials.
- (c) Injured players are not to occupy the technical area, only players & team officials are permitted.
- (d) Suspended players or officials cannot occupy the technical area.
- (e) All substitutes must be seated in the technical area. Substitutes are permitted to warm up outside the technical area, provided they are wearing bibs or an alternative coloured uniform to both team strips. Balls are not to be used in warm-ups throughout the duration of the match.
- (f) Under the FIFA Laws of the Game, all occupants of the technical area who are behaving in an irresponsible manner may be expelled from the technical area by the match officials and/or referee coaches. The match will not commence until such time as the match officials deem that the individual is an adequate distance from the field of play.

Tournament & Playing Format

- (a) All matches will be played at **South Pine Sports Complex**, as per the fixture list prepared by Football Queensland.
- (b) FQ will provide all participating teams with the fixture list prior to the FQ Academy State Championships.
- (c) All Fixtures will be played as per the FIFA Laws of the Game, as outlined in the following Academy Playing Format:
- (d) The only exception to these regulations is the offside rule, which will **APPLY** to these fixtures. Teams are, however, strongly encouraged to play within the spirit of the game and ensure players are occupying onside positions.

Competition Format

- (a) The FQ Academy State Championships shall consist of:
 - Group Stage: All teams playing against each other within their designated groups
 - Finals Stage: Consisting of knockout matches outlined in the table below

- (b) The determination as to the teams participating in the relevant Finals Stage matches defined above will be based on the rankings of each team on the competition ladder of each Group.
- (c) Penalty shootout will take place if Playoffs/Final ends in a draw. Three (3) Penalty are allowed for each team.

U13 Boys Metro State Championships

Group Stage (1 group of 4 teams playing 6 fixtures each team)

FQ Metro Maroon
FQ Metro White
FQ Metro Blue
FQ Metro Silver

Grand Final

1st place vs 2nd Place
3rd place vs 4th Place

U14 Boys Metro State Championships

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Grand Final

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U13 Boys Academy Cup

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FQ Northern	FQ Whitsunday Coast	FQ Wide Bay North	FQ Central Coast Blue
FQ Central Coast White	FQ Wide Bay South	FQ Far North & Gulf	Virginia United
Sunshine Coast Wanderers	Wynnum Wolves FC	Holland Park FC	Ipswich FC
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Robina City	Samford Rangers	Logan Lightning 4	Brisbane City 4

Regional Academy Team
League 2 Club
League 3 Club
League 4 Club

PLAYOFF STAGE				
	GOLD CUP	PLATINUM CUP	SILVER CUP	COBALT CUP
PLAYOFF 1	1st Group A	2nd Group A	3rd Group A	4th Group A
	1st Group B	2nd Group B	3rd Group B	4th Group B
PLAYOFF 2	1st Group C	2nd Group C	3rd Group C	4th Group C
	1st Group D	2nd Group D	3rd Group D	4th Group D

GRAND FINAL				
	GOLD CUP	PLATINUM CUP	SILVER CUP	COBALT CUP
GRAND FINAL	WINNER PLAYOFF 1	WINNER PLAYOFF 1	WINNER PLAYOFF 1	WINNER PLAYOFF 1
	WINNER PLAYOFF 2	WINNER PLAYOFF 2	WINNER PLAYOFF 2	WINNER PLAYOFF 2

The highest positioned Regional Academy will be awarded as the Regional State Champions

U14 Boys Academy Cup

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
FQ Northern & FNG	FQ Whitsunday Coast	FQ Wide Bay	FQ Central Coast
Sunshine Coast Wanderers	Mitchelton FC	Holland Park FC	Ipswich FC
Southside Eagles	SWQ Thunder	Moreton City Excelsior 3	Sunshine Coast United
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PLAYOFF STAGE				
	GOLD CUP	PLATINUM CUP	SILVER CUP	BRONZE CUP
PLAYOFF 1	1st Group A	2nd Group A	3rd Group A	4th Group A
	1st Group B	2nd Group B	3rd Group B	4th Group B
PLAYOFF 2	1st Group C	2nd Group C	3rd Group C	4th Group C
	1st Group D	2nd Group D	3rd Group D	4th Group D

GRAND FINAL				
	GOLD CUP	PLATINUM CUP	SILVER CUP	BRONZE CUP
GRAND FINAL	WINNER PLAYOFF 1	WINNER PLAYOFF 1	WINNER PLAYOFF 1	WINNER PLAYOFF 1
	WINNER PLAYOFF 2	WINNER PLAYOFF 2	WINNER PLAYOFF 2	WINNER PLAYOFF 2

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Competition Points

- (a) The following points will be awarded for all FQ Academy State Championships fixtures during the Group Stage of the competitions:

Result	Points Accumulated
Win	3 Points
Draw	1 Point
Loss	0 Points
Forfeit Given	0 Points and a 0-3 Losing Result
Forfeit Received	3 Points and a 3-0 Winning Result
Bye	0 Points

Competitions Placings

- (a) Football Queensland will use the following criteria when determining the ranking of Teams within each Competition:
- Highest number of points accumulated during the Group Stage.
 - If two (2) or more Teams are equal on points accumulated, the following criteria will be applied, in order, until one (1) of the Clubs can be determined as the higher ranked:
 - Highest Goal Difference
 - Highest Goals For
 - Highest number of points accumulated in the Group Stage Matches between the Teams concerned (head-to-head)

- d. Highest number of goals scored in the Group Stage Matches between the Teams concerned (head-to-head)
- e. Lowest number of red cards accumulated; and
- f. Toss of a coin in the event of a tie of two (2) teams or drawing of lots in the event of a tie of three (3) or more teams.

Duration of Matches

- (a) The duration of matches for each age group is outlined in the table below.

Competition	Match Duration	Half Time Interval
U13 Metro State Championships	2 x 25 Minute Halves	5 Minutes
U14 Metro State Championships	2 x 25 Minute Halves	5 Minutes
U13 Academy Cup	2 x 25 Minute Halves	5 Minutes
U14 Academy Cup	2 x 30 Minute Halves	5 Minutes

- (b) There will be no injury/additional time added to any matches during the tournament.
- (c) There will be no extra time or penalties in matches during the Group Stage of the competitions in the event of a draw at the conclusion of normal time.
- (d) In the event of a draw at the conclusion of normal time for Playoff and Finals Stage matches, alternate kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedures described in the Laws of the Game. For clarification, no extra time will be played in the event of a draw at the end of normal time.

Return Substitutions (Interchange)

- (a) In all FQ Academy State Championships fixtures, unlimited Return Substitutions (Interchange) are permitted. A player who has been substituted may return to the field for another player.
- (b) Referees are to be notified before changes are made. Substitutions happen at dead-ball moments, breaks, or unless of injury and fatigue.
- (c) Substitutions will be able to be made throughout the first 15 minutes of each half and at half-time, but not within the last 5 minutes of either half unless required due to injuries.

Red Cards/Expulsions

- (a) If a red card or send off is issued throughout the FQ Academy State Championships, the sent off player may not play any further part in that fixture but may be replaced by another player.
- (b) Any Player sent from the field during a match, may only be permitted to play the next match in accordance with the sanctions outlined in the following table:

Offence	Eligible to Participate in the Following Match
R1 – Serious Foul Play	Yes
R2 – Violent Conduct	No
R3 – Spits at an opponent or any other person	No
R4 – DOGSO - Handball	Yes
R5 – DOGSO - Foul	Yes
R6 – Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures	No
R7 – Second Caution	Yes

- (c) A disciplinary committee will be formed by Football Queensland to oversee and administer all disciplinary matters relating (including red card suspensions) to the FQ Academy State Championships.
- (d) The Football Queensland Disciplinary Committee will attend the FQ Academy State Championships and will address all matters in an urgent manner due to the structure of the tournament.

- (e) All disciplinary sanctions will be by the Football Queensland Disciplinary Committee.
- (f) Any match suspension/s are to be served in the team's next FQ Academy State Championships match/es. The suspended player/team official is ineligible to participate until the suspension has been served in full.
- (g) The Sin Bin rule will not apply to fixtures in the FQ Academy State Championships

Appeals

- (a) A player or team official cannot appeal against a mandatory match suspension, except in the case of alleged mistaken identity.
- (b) All appeals will be lodged with and handled by the Football Queensland Disciplinary Committee, who will attend the tournament.
- (c) There will be no appeal fee payable by the teams.

Misconduct

- (a) All instances of players, spectators, officials, or teams conducting themselves in a manner contravening the rules of the competition or behaving in an unseemly manner likely to bring the game into disrepute, shall be immediately investigated by Football Queensland for consideration and subsequent action.

Match Officials

- (a) Football Queensland will be responsible for the allocation of a match official to each match throughout the tournament.
- (b) No payments are to be made to the match officials throughout the course of the tournament. Football Queensland will coordinate any referee payments if required.
- (c) In the event of referee injury or misadventure, FQ will determine whether the fixture is abandoned, delayed, or postponed. Whichever is most applicable.

Trophies, Medals and Awards

- (a) All medals and trophies will be presented after the Grand Final in each competition.
- (b) Medal Ceremony will be presented at the Indoor Sports Complex as per schedule below:
 - U13 Boys Metro & Regional Championships and Academy Cup – 12:40 pm to 1:10 pm
 - U14 Boys Metro & Regional Championships and Academy Cup - 1:20 pm to 2:00 pm
- (c) Football Queensland will present the following awards in each Competition:
 - Regional State Champions Award
 - Grand Finals Match Officials (Bronze Medal)
 - Grand Final Runners Up (Silver Medal)
 - Grand Final Winners (Gold Medal)

Wet/Adverse Weather Procedure

- (a) In the event of wet or adverse weather, FQ representatives along with the appointed match official will determine in their sole and absolute discretion whether the match is to take place.

Abandoned Matches

- (a) In the event of a match being abandoned before full-time due to adverse weather or any other cause which neither team nor the match officials have control, the match result at the time of the abandonment will be declared the final result.
- (b) Any team who is found to be responsible, either directly or indirectly, for the abandonment or forfeit of a fixture may be subject to sanctions. The match will be recorded as a 3-0 win in favor of the opposing team, unless the score at the time of abandonment was of a greater margin in favor of the opposing team, and the points will be awarded to the opposing team.



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