



Gold Coast & District Rugby Union Limited

OPEN LETTER TO GCDRU JUNIOR CLUBS, PARENTS AND PLAYERS

NOMINATION FORM FOR SELECTION TRIALS AND QUEENSLAND JUNIOR RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The U12, U13, U14 and U16 Selection Trials for participation in the 2021 Queensland State Championships will be held on Sunday 16th May 2021 at Coomera Crushers Rugby Union Club, 53 Beattie Road Coomera QLD 4209.

This is the official day for selection of players into a 30 player training squad.

Rugby Officials from the Gold Coast Rugby Union will select one (1) representative team from each age grade within the Gold Coast club competition. As a registered player in the Gold Coast competition, you are eligible for selection in the training squad and ultimately, the Gold Coast Cyclones Representative team.

Selection will allow players to participate in the Queensland Junior Rugby Union State Championship to be held at Downlands College, Toowoomba on Friday **2nd July to Sunday 4th July** (inclusive). Players will be transported from Gold Coast to Toowoomba to ensure their readiness for the first game of the Championships on the 1st July 2021. Players must be available for ALL consecutive days.

Key dates:

Selection Trials **16th May 2021**

Queensland Junior Rugby State Championships **2nd – 4th July**

The program:

Players who wish to participate in the championship must be available for training once a week, on Sunday 23rd May, Sunday 30th May, Sunday 6th June, Sunday 13th June, Sunday 20th June and on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th June (2 day final camp). Prior to the State Championships, there may be further training sessions, the time and date of which will be determined by each team's management. Further information will be provided upon selection of players and teams.

The following conditions apply.



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PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

For a player to eligible for selection in Gold Coast Cyclones teams, they must be:

U12's – Players born in 2009 and 2010 – turning/turned 11 or 12 in 2021

U13's – Players born in 2009 and 2008 – turning/turned 12 or 13 in 2021

U14's – Players born in 2008 and 2007 – turning/turned 13 or 14 in 2021

U16's – Players born in 2006 and 2005 – turning/turned 15 or 16 in 2021

SELECTION CRITERIA

The GCDRU would like to remind all clubs, parents, players, and team management and selectors that in addition to our normal player selection policies, the GCDRU has directed coaches and selectors to ensure that:

Players are selected upon their ability and skills;

Players are selected upon their “fit” to the team management game plan;

Players are selected upon their “coachability” (their ability to be instructed and led by someone other than their regular club coach);

Players are selected upon their ability to perform as a part of a team;

Players are selected based on their discipline on and off the field;

Players are selected upon ability to take instructions from coaches, manager and GCDRU support staff.

All requests for player dispensations to different age grades other than their own, is on a case by case basis. There are a set of guidelines that have been drawn up and the decision is at the sole discretion of the Cyclones Committee and GCDRU Board for approval and that the decision is final.

TRAINING

Venue: Bond University (TBC) or at a venue nominated within the region by GCDRU.

Times: As set by the GCDRU but should be morning depending upon scheduling.

Dates: Sunday 23rd May, Sunday 30th May, Sunday 6th June, Sunday 13th June, Sunday 20th June and on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th June (2 day final camp) and possibly other days and times as set by team management.



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INABILITY TO TRAIN or ATTEND TRAINING

If a player is unable to attend training for any reason, that player must contact the team manager or coach as soon as possible. If it is a minor injury that a player is recovering from, they are still expected to attend training to observe. This is to ensure they do not miss out on vital team plays and information. If it is an illness that prevents them from attending training and could affect the team, please keep your child at home but inform the team managements as soon as possible.

PLAYER LEVY

1. **The player levy of \$590 per player** (Including GST. and online processing fees) are set on a 'User Pays' scheme as recommended by the Queensland Rugby Union. Payments are to be made online through the State Championships Player Registration link.

Player Kit - Jersey, socks, shorts, training shirt, polo, hoodie, and backpack.
Transport, accommodation, meals and dry cleaning of kit will be provided in the player fee paid.

2. The above levy is to be paid by **Friday 18th June, 2021**. If levies are not paid by this time the player will be immediately replaced in the team.

To nominate for this event (QRU State Rugby Championships) players MUST nominate to trial using the GCDRU Jot Form <https://form.jotform.com/211208737324855>

Please ensure you complete the nomination which is an expression of your availability. Only players registered to participate in GCDRU Boys Rugby are eligible for selection.

Yours sincerely
GCDRU Chairman
DR Rod Thomson

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GCDRU Rugby Manager
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