**COMPETITION INFORMATION**

**Seniors**

**COMPETITITON FEES**

A fee of **$95 /player** is payable for each competition.

* **To be eligible to play finals** a player must pay the full $95 regardless of when they enter during the season.

**Important!** Each team requires a **minimum** of **11 players** OR must pay the equivalent of 11 players.

* If fees are not paid by round 3, at our discretion we may prevent a team from playing. If you find you are having difficulty with your payment we are happy to discuss a payment plan.
* Teams with **incomplete Team Registrations** by round 3 will receive **NO COMPETITION POINTS** from week 4 onwards (these points will not be returned).

***Making Payment of Fees***

The method for payments of fees:

* Individual players pay for the fees online through the MySportsEdge system. See the venues website for details

**Unregistered Players Specific Infringements**

* **Only registered players can take the field**
* **Any team found to have fielded an unregistered player will have their competition points deducted for the season and they will not be returned, the Team Delegate (acting Captain) will also be subject to a Black Card Suspension**
* **If at any time a player is found to have lied to a game official, they can be subject to a ‘Black Card’ suspension**

**SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS**

There are three types of substitute players, these only apply to teams which have a minimum of 11 players registered.

* Casual – These are players that are not currently playing within the existing competition. This may include registered Oztag players that have played in a previous competition or someone that is a non-registered Oztag player and has never played previously.
* Current / Fill in – These are players currently playing within the existing competition for another team.
* FIFO workers – These are players that register for a teams but cannot commit to a full season due to work commitments.

***Casual Players***

* Can only play casually for the one team.
* There cannot be more that 2 casual players playing for a team at any one game.
* Must visit the admin disk prior to taking the field to pay a $10 fee via the My sports Edge system (this is online only).
* If they are not a registered Oztag player, they will also be required to pay the appropriate membership fee.
* Casual players are not eligible for finals.

***Fill-In Players***

* Opposing team must agree to the fill-in player/s.
* Maximum of 2 fill-in players per team.
* Fill-in players cannot create subs.
* Each fill-in player will result in 2 points being awarded to the opposing team.
* Fill-in players can only fill in for 1 division below what they are currently registered for i.e. Player is registered in an A Grade Men’s team, can only fill in for A and B Grade Men’s teams (same applies for mixed).
* Any team that is found not to have followed the above will have their game forfeited.
* If a team breaches the above for a second time their competition points will be removed and not returned.

***FIFO Players***

* To be determined a FIFO a player must consult with their local Venue Manager.
* FIFO players agree to pay $10 per game that that play i.e. do not have to pay full fees.
* There can be an unlimited amount of FIFO players on anyone team as long as the full $1100 team fees is being covered.
* FIFO players will not be considered Fill-In or Casual players i.e. there will be no restrictions or penalties applied when they do play.
	+ This will only occur for teams FIFO players are registered to. If not, they will be considered a casual player.

**SHORTS**

* **Official Oztag Shorts** must be worn during competition.These can be purchased at the admin desk on sign-on nights and during the competition ($25)
* **All Oztag shorts must be purchased via the Venue Manager/venue. Shorts purchased direct by an external supplier (with particular note to sublimated shorts) will not be able to be worn**

**UNIFORM**

All teams will have until **Round 3** to have their uniforms in order.  Uniform requirements are that:

* All players within the team have matching numbered shirts
* **After round 3**, teams that **do not comply** with uniform requirements will give **1 try for each player** to the opposing side before the commencement of the game
* Different colour official Oztag shorts are accepted
* Venue Manager can exercise discretion with similar shirts

**COMPETITION DURATION**

* **10 regular** fixture rounds
* **2 rounds of the final series – Semi finals =** 1 v 4, 2 v 3
* **Presentation night** at completion of each competition, to be held on the grand final night
* **Prizes** - Prizes are given to Winners and Runners Up, and MVP and Top Try Scorers in each division

 **TIME KEEPING**

* All games to start at the same time. If teams are not ready it is their time lost. Games will commence as per draw time, no exceptions
* Game times are broken down into:
	+ 2 minute warning for teams to take the field
	+ 20 minute halves
	+ 2 minute half time
	+ 3 minutes between games

**POINTS SCORING SYSTEM**

* Win or bye - 3 points
* Draw - 2 points
* Loss or forfeit with sufficient notice - 1 point
* Forfeit without sufficient notice - 0 points

**FORFEITS**

* Teams must field 5 players inside of 5 minutes into the game or they forfeit
* Mixed teams can only field a team of 4 men maximum however a team can field up to 8 women, therefore the minimum field requirements are 4 men and 1 woman
* Teams that win due to opposition team forfeit receive 3 competition points and 5 Tries ‘for’
* Teams that forfeit and do not notify the competition Manager by 4.30pm on game day receive no points and 5 tries ‘against’
* Forfeiting teams that notify the competition Manager by 4.30pm on game day receive 1 point and 5 points ‘against’

**WET WEATHER**

* A decision will be made no later than 3.00pm on game night to see whether grounds are playable.
* For information please check the following after 3.00pm on game night:
	+ Facebook page

**SIN BINS AND SEND OFFS**

* Automatic penalties apply to any player being sent off or sin binned
* The automatic penalties can be increased should the Venue Manager decide it is warranted
* For more information on the Player Discipline process please refer to the Qld Oztag Policy Manual

***Send Offs***

* Any player **sent off** will **automatically** be given a **2-week suspension**
* Individual incidents will be revised and may attract larger suspensions as per the Qld Oztag Policy manual
* If the player wishes to **appeal**, this must be done **in writing** within 1 week of the related incident as per the Qld Oztag Policy manual
* **In addition** to the 2 weeks suspension the player will be asked to be **a Touch Judge** for **4 games**. Until these 4 games are completed the player will not be able to return to play at any Oztag Venue within Qld

***Sin Bins***

* A player who is sin binned will be asked to stand at the oppositions try line for a period to be determined by the referee
* In addition, if a player is **sin binned** they will be asked **to be a Touch Judge** for **2 games**. Until these two games are completed the player will be unable to return to play at any Oztag Venue within Qld

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you would like to contact us please review the ‘Contact Us’ tab on our Oztag website & Facebook page

***Get Your Tag On!***