**COMPETITION OVERVIEW**

**Seniors**

A fee of **$100 /player** is payable for each competition.

* **To be eligible to play finals** a player must pay the full $100 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 3 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, this applies from **ROUND 1.**
* Any team found to have fielded an unregistered player **Will** automatically forfeit that match & may have their competition points deducted for the season, 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 may 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 **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 tries 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 ($30) Tights are also available for $35.
* **All Oztag shorts must be ITF approved.**
* **Home made, League Tag, 3P Tag & Tag20 shorts cannot be worn, you WILL be asked to leave the field until you have the correct shorts. Shorts cannot be altered & MUST contain the original unaltered Velcro. All shorts MUST have a drawstring, 2 pairs of tights with Velcro Cannot 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
* **From round 3**, teams that **do not comply** with uniform requirements will give **1 try for each player (up to 5)** to the opposing side **before** the commencement of the game
* Different colour official Oztag shorts are accepted
* Shirts with different logos are NOT considered matching
* 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 in each competition

# 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 4pm on game day receive no points and 5 tries ‘against’
* Forfeiting teams that notify the competition Manager by 4pm on game day receive 1 point and 5 points ‘against’
* Teams are entitled to 1 forfeit ONLY where they receive the 1 point. Further forfeits in the same season will receive 0 competition points & **may affect that teams entry into future competitions**

# WET WEATHER

* A decision will be made no later than 3.00pm on game night to see whether grounds are

 playable.

* For further information, please check the following after 3.00pm on game night:
	+ Tweed Coast Oztag Facebook and Instagram stories
* When required. Wet weather rounds will be caught up on a weekend. Dates TBA

# SIN BINS AND SEND OFFS

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* 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

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