

## **SEED INFORMATION**

## Background

The Gold Coast Titans All Schools Championships is a seeded round robin-based competition where teams are placed in Pools of 7 or 8 teams depending on the size of the division, which then provides each team with a minimum number of games at the tournament. To avoid having a number of stronger teams randomly placed in the one pool, a

seed process operates. This prevents the better schools knocking each other out in the round robin and hopefully ensures a fair and overall better competition. Any school who believes they have a strong team capable of winning the competition should apply for a seed.

## Seed Request

The seed process requires schools to first apply for a seed when completing the Participation Advice. This affords a school the opportunity to argue their case in relation to being placed in a Pool (as a seed) and avoid other similarly strong schools in the round robin. There are usually only 8 seeds per division, and they are keenly contested. Therefore, a school must have appropriate credentials to obtain a seed.

## Seed Information

The onus for accurate allocation of a seed rests entirely on the schools themselves. A lack of quality information usually sees an application rejected. A panel will review all applications and in order to make an accurate assessment, schools need to provide ample accurate information which should also be current to enable these allocations to be determined effectively. School contacts should provide information in the following areas as a minimum:

1. Performance in previous years at QAS. You are required to document the performance/results in the relevant division and the relative strength of this year's team.

2. Representative players. You will need to list the names of all regional (minimum) representative players including any state or national representative if relevant.

3. Any other information which is of relevance e.g. School touch excellence/academy programs, or recent playing performances by the team being nominated etc.

Please note the following -

- seed allocations may be adjusted even after the draw is completed in order to ensure a fair competition.
- Seeded schools are ranked from one (1) to eight (8) and placed accordingly in the draw for quarter finals as 1v8, 2v7, 3v6, 4v5 etc. Obviously, this is dependent on the team winning through the round robin games as the number one ranked team.
- Where divisions have more than 8 Pools, seeds may be allocated further. E.g. 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> seed etc.
- There is absolutely NO correspondence entered into decisions or deliberations made by the 'Seeding Panel'.