



ALL SCHOOLS

**PLAYER
DISPENSATION
POLICY & GUIDELINES**

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PLAYER DISPENSATION POLICY

About this Policy

This policy covers requests by a school for dispensation from the event Conditions of Play Eligibility rule (#3.2) which states – ***“All players shall be bona fide students of the school they represent, and there shall be no combination of school teams or players, without prior approval (in writing) from the TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.”***

Background & Guidelines

The Gold Coast Titans All Schools Touch Football Championships has as an overarching philosophy that student participation is the foremost objective. To that end there are on rare occasions, situations where teams are reduced in playing numbers due to injury, a change of schools and or administrative decisions. On those occasions and in order that a whole team is not lost to the event by having to withdraw, the QAS Tournament Director will offer an exemption or dispensation to that school to acquire players from another local school. This hopefully, will assist the school to compete. The dispensation will be determined by the guidelines below and may or may not be granted. **Note - an exemption will not be granted if the Tournament Director assesses that the applicant’s school/team will increase their strength significantly.**

Guidelines

- Any request for dispensation shall only be received and actioned by QAS when it is submitted by the schools designated QAS contact using the official form. (see below)
- Dispensation is offered primarily to smaller schools or schools where the student population does not readily afford replacement.
- Dispensation is offered to avoid the withdrawal of a team on the basis that the total team numbers would fall below 12. (Duty of care)
- Dispensation will only apply to a **maximum of 3 players.**
- That the replacement player/s are of a similar ability or less, than the players they are replacing. (note - Regional standard or above would not be a fair replacement player)
- That the replacement players are from the same locale unless the student was originally from the locale but has subsequently relocated.
- It is understood that a replacement player/s is eligible to play for the school in any QAS allocated Preliminary game prior to the QAS event. (note – local event eligibility rules shall also apply here)
- It is understood that the Tournament Director will retain discretion as to whether the team and or replacement player/s progress to the Finals Series as this progression is not a given.
- At all times the QAS Tournament Director will adjudicate on any issues arising from any dispensation decision.
- **Dispensation is granted on the basis that all Principal and Parent approvals are in place prior to playing at QAS**

Responsibilities of the School Applying for Dispensation

The QAS contact teacher/contact should -

- 1) Apply using the QAS Player Dispensation Form attached to this Policy and forward to the QAS Tournament Director at least 48 hours before the QAS event starts, (Applications or exemptions will not be accepted after this time or at the event)
- 2) Obtain all necessary approvals prior to application. (i.e. both Principals and Parent approval)
- 3) Communicate with the Parents and Player/s that they may not be able to play Finals even though dispensation has been granted in the first instance.
- 4) Ensure that the player/s are duly registered and appear on the final Team sheet submitted to QAS administration on check in and highlighting the student/s who have received dispensation.
- 5) Communicate to the organizer of any Regional event or otherwise where the Preliminary game is to be played, that dispensation has been granted. (This should be done on nomination)





PLAYER DISPENSATION REQUEST

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| SCHOOL NAME | | CONTACT TEACHER | |
| DATE OF APPLICATION | | CONTACT TEACHER MOBILE | |
| PLAYER/S NAMES | | PLAYER/S OFFICIAL SCHOOL | |
| APPROVALS IN PLACE (highlight one) | YES | NO | PENDING |

OUTLINE BASIS FOR DISPENSATION REQUEST

(Please refer to guidelines above in your explanation e.g. team numbers, standard of replacement etc.)

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| OFFICE USE ONLY | DISPENSATION APPROVED | YES | NO |
| | APPROVED BY | | |
| | DATE | | |

