



This policy was endorsed by Volleyball Queensland's Board of Management ("Board") on 23 May 2012.

### **Policy Name**

Maroon Team Policy

### **Objective**

The first priority of Queensland's "Maroon Team" is to be our 1<sup>st</sup> Team with the publicly stated objective of winning the Gold Medal at every national championship event.

All athletes statewide are eligible for selection in the Maroon Team, subject to meeting the "Player Eligibility" requirements outlined in this policy.

### **Player Eligibility**

Any athlete who is a registered member Volleyball Queensland is eligible for selection to play for Queensland, subject to the following standard conditions:-

1. Current financial member (either "Adult - Full" or "Junior – U19 Full")
2. No outstanding or unpaid accounts with VQ or any of its affiliated clubs/associations
3. No current disciplinary restrictions with VQ or any of its affiliated clubs/associations

The Maroon & White Team squad will be announced no later than the end of State Team Bash, including shadow players.

Any regional athletes selected in the squad will be required to attend three further compulsory team sessions – State Team Bash (early April), Flaming Chalice (early May) and the final team training session (late June).

These same regional athletes are purely optional attendees at all other squad training sessions. Head Coaches will work with these athletes to identify a suitable local coach to assist in developing agreed "technical skills".

## **Regional Support Fund**

The Board recognizes that regional athletes selected in State Teams usually take on an increased burden in participating in regular training and competition – both financial and travel/time commitments.

The Board will administer a “Regional Support Fund” (RSF) to provide limited additional funding to regional athletes who play for Queensland at the Australian Junior Volleyball Championships (AJVC) annually. These state teams are predominantly based in South-East Queensland for training purposes.

Regional athletes are defined for the purposes of this policy as living in North Queensland, Central Queensland or the Darlings Downs. This includes the QSS school regions of Peninsula, Northern, Capricornia, Wide Bay & Darling Downs.

Funds will be generated annually through a \$30 RSF levy applied to all Queensland athletes who play at AJVC.

## **Funding Eligibility**

In order to be eligible for RSF funding, athletes must attend four (4) activities, namely:-

1. State Team Trials (February weekend following school week #2 annually)
2. State Team Bash (first Sunday in April, except when it clashes with Easter – then 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)
3. Dragon’s “Flaming Chalice” tournament (May long weekend annually)
4. Final team training session before AJVC (usually in late June annually)

Athletes must also make themselves available to play for any AJVC state team to be eligible for funding.

Individual payments will vary on a case-by-case basis, ranging from waiving an athlete’s “Training Levy” to cash payments up to a maximum \$1000 for athletes that demonstrate that they have purchase airfares to attend these four mandatory activities (above). Combined annual RSF payments will not exceed the total amount generated through the RSF levy in that year or carried over from previous years. Priority will be given to athletes who fly to these sessions and then those driving the furthest distances.

Each eligible athlete must submit their completed application form by 31 July following AJVC. All applications will be considered by the Board at its August meeting and payments disbursed by 31 August.

All applications will be treated as confidential. Each applicant will be advised in writing of the Board’s individual determination. The Board’s decisions will not be individually published, but the quantum and number of regional athletes supported through the RSF will be reported in VQ’s Annual Report.