

SENIOR SCHOOLS CUP

2020

Gold Coast

7-9 August

Nomination Information Kit

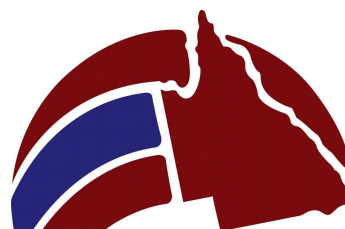


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WELCOME

Welcome to Volleyball Queensland (VQ) 2020 Senior Schools Cup (SSC). This document contains important information related to the event format, the nomination process, and important dates for the competition. Please ensure you read all of the information carefully and in conjunction with the Schools Cup By-Laws as the information contained will be used as the basis for all decisions in the lead up to and during the 2020 Senior Schools Cup event. All relevant information and forms can be downloaded from our website **www.vq.org.au**.

VQ will release COVID-Safe information closer to the event. In the case that this contradicts an item in this guide, the COVID-Safe regulation will take precedence.

Should you have any questions about this tournament, please contact Damien Searle (Events Coordinator) on (07) 3367 1991 or email **events@vq.org.au**

THE EVENT

Senior Schools Cup (SSC) is held annually by Volleyball Queensland.

In 2020, SSC will be held from Friday 7 – Sunday, 9 August. Please note this event will have matches scheduled from 10am Friday morning through until 5pm Sunday evening. **Please ensure that your team/s are prepared to be available for all matches (either playing or duty) during the entire three days of competition.**

There are multiple divisions offered in SSC. Play within the division will be conducted in either round-robin or pool format, depending on the number of teams competing. VQ reserves the right to merge divisions subject to nominations. VQ also reserves the right to cap nominations in divisions or add and withdraw divisions as required.

EVENT FORMAT

The 2020 SSC will be played under the FIVB rally point system with the 12-sub rule and one Libero permitted. A new Libero may be declared at the beginning of each set. The Libero must be clearly identifiable by wearing a contrasting playing top.

Matches will be played under the Guaranteed Earliest Starting Time (GEST) system. Teams will be entitled to a ten minute warm-up period. This warm-up must take place preceding the GEST. If the previous match runs over the scheduled GEST, the next match will promptly start ten minutes after the previous match finishes.

Honours divisions will be played as Best of Five Sets, until such point in the draw where there is no possibility of the teams involved reaching medal play-offs – matches will then revert to Best of Three.

All other divisions will be played as Best of Three Sets.

This event is governed by the Volleyball Queensland Schools Cup By-Laws. A copy of the By-Laws can be found on the VQ website.

DIVISIONS

The divisions offered at SSC are as follows:

Boys:

U20 Honours (U20BH)
Year 11 Honours (11BH)
Year 12 Division 1 (12B1)
Year 12 Division 2 (12B2)
Year 11 Division 1 (11B1)
Year 11 Division 2 (11B2)

Girls:

U20 Honours (U20GH)
Year 11 Honours (11GH)
Year 12 Division 1 (12G1)
Year 12 Division 2 (12G2)
Year 11 Division 1 (11G1)
Year 11 Division 2 (11G2)

Please note: Volleyball Queensland reserves the right to cancel/combine divisions should there be insufficient nominations. All affected schools will be advised of any changes and given the opportunity to withdraw their team with no penalty.

AGE GROUPS

Honours age groups are based on actual ages as at 31 December 2020 (**not** year level at school). Other divisions are based on year level.

U20: 19 years and under (in 2020)
Year 11: in year 11 or lower
Year 12: in year 12 or lower

DRAW

Due to the size of the competition, the draws can take a considerable amount of time to complete. We will have the draws finalised as soon as we possibly can, so please be patient. The draw will be initially published no later than Friday, 31 July 2020 – changes will not be made to this draw unless a genuine mistake (eg a team scheduled for two matches or match and duty at the same time) is found or a team withdraws. All draws will be published on the VQ website, so please ensure you check this regularly as draws can change up to the event starting.

We understand that schools and/or students often have other commitments in addition to SSC. However, due to the success and subsequent growth of this event (due to your support), we are no longer in a position to be flexible with requests for certain start/finish times due to the number of games to be played. Please do not ask for special consideration as we are no longer in a position to grant it.

CHAMPION HONOURS AND CHAMPION AGGREGATE SCHOOL SCORING SYSTEM

In 2020 a Champion School trophy will be awarded across the 3 Volleyball Schools Cups (Junior, Intermediate and Senior Schools Cups) in place of the per-tournament awards.

Further details are available on the VQ website.

SPORTS TRAINER / FIRST AID

There will be a Sports Trainer in attendance at each of the Schools Cup venues. Please advise students to visit one of the Sports Trainers if they have an injury.

Costs associated with Sports Trainer Services:

- Initial Treatment of injuries sustained during a match – FREE of CHARGE
- Preventative Taping – if player has own tape FREE of CHARGE
- Preventative Taping – if trainer provides tape \$5 per limb (cash only)

EVENT PRESENTATION

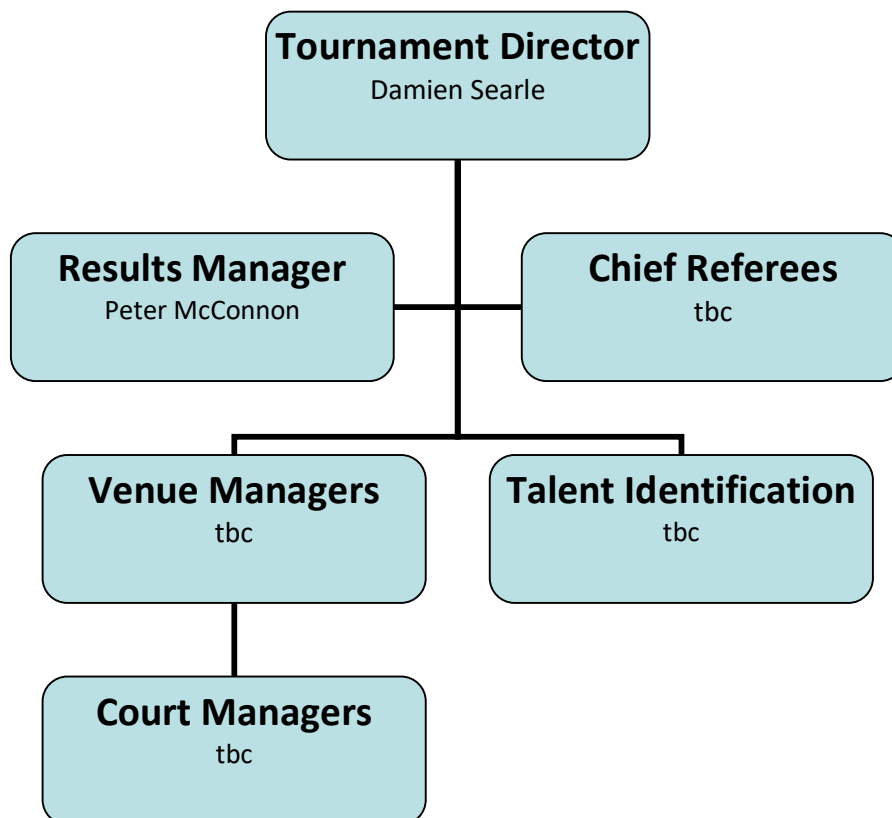
Presentations will take place as soon as possible at the conclusion of the final matches. Presentations will take place at each venue for the divisions being played there. The following will be presented in each division:

- First place – Gold medals (10 per team); Winner's plaque (1 only for the school)
- Second place – Silver medals (10 per team)
- Third place – Bronze medals (10 per team)
- Most Valuable Player – Trophy

Additional medals can be requested. Please email events@vq.org.au within 1 week of the tournament finishing.

TOURNAMENT STAFF

The Queensland Volleyball Schools Cup is organised and managed by a wide variety of both paid and voluntary staff. The roles and responsibilities with a staff hierarchy are shown below:

*Tournament Director*

The Tournament Director is responsible for the general operation and running of the Volleyball Queensland Schools Cup, overseeing all operational aspects of the tournament.

The Tournament Director, unilaterally or in consultation with his/her Assistant, Venue and Referee Managers and/ or the Control Committee, also rules on interpretations and the implementation of the By-Laws of the competition.

Chief Referee

The Chief Referee supervises and advises all referees and duty teams to ensure consistent application of, and adherence to the international rules of the sport in accordance with the By-Laws of the competition offering feedback to all referees, but in particular to those who have requested grading/ upgrading. Where merited, referees may be upgraded in accordance with the AVRC and QVRC guidelines. The Chief Referee will form part of the Tournament Control Committee.

Venue Manager

The Venue Manager oversees the operation of their designated playing area, through the court supervisors, maintaining equipment control, safety, prompt match starts and the control and movement of scoresheets.

The Venue Manager will manage and oversee the set up of venues on Friday morning.

The Venue Manager supervises and advises all referees and duty teams to ensure consistent application of, and adherence to the international rules of the sport in accordance with the By-Laws of the competition.

The Venue Manager will implement the Protest Resolution procedure as outlined in these By-Laws.

The Venue Manager will be responsible for entering results on the on-line results system as soon as possible after the conclusion of each match so that results can be tabulated and calculated in a timely manner.

The Venue Manager will be responsible for presenting medals for the finals of divisions held at their venue.

The Venue will be responsible for the supervising pack-down of the venue at the end of the tournament.

The Venue Manager shall ensure that the full playing area (including free zones) is safe before the start of matches and all relevant equipment is in place. All equipment should be checked for damage and any damages noted.

Court Supervisors

The Court Supervisor directly manages the operation of their designated courts and surrounding areas, maintaining equipment control and safety, prompt match starts and the control and movement of scoresheets.

The Court Supervisor is responsible for assisting in set-up of venues on Friday morning.

The Court Supervisor is responsible for assisting in pack-down at the end of the tournament.

ORGANISING TEAMS

Nominations for the 2020 SSC will only be accepted via the VQ online system. *No late nominations will be accepted.*

NOMINATING HONOURS DIVISION

- All Honours Division are capped at a maximum of ten (10) teams.
- School may only nominate one team per Honours Division.
- All teams wishing to compete in any of the Honours Divisions must apply online via the official website.
- Those teams that best meet the Honours Selection Criteria will be those accepted into the Honours Division
- Should a team not gain entry into Honours they will be automatically entered into Division 1 for that age group – teams who do not wish to play Division 1 may withdraw from the event subject to the withdrawal outlined in this document.

Thursday, 16 July 2020 - HONOURS APPLICATIONS CLOSE

- Please submit all Honours Nomination online on the 2020 VQSSC website.

NOMINATING NON-HONOURS DIVISIONS

- All non-honours divisions will be acceptance on a first in best dressed basis.
- Nominations into all divisions must be made online via the official VQSSC website. Please be sure to carefully check which divisions you are entering
- All successful nominations will be emailed an invoice for nominations payment

Thursday, 16 July 2020 - ALL NOMINATIONS CLOSE

- Please submit all nominations online via the VQSSC website.

TEAM LISTS

All teams must submit a Team List detailing the players in their team.

This team list allows us to do the following:

- Check/register players as members of Volleyball Queensland (all players in VQ competitions must be registered financial members)
- Cross-check the dates of birth of athletes to ensure that players are competing in the correct honours age group
- Circulate names to our staff/coaches undertaking Talent ID throughout the tournament

Tuesday, 21 July 2020 - DEADLINE FOR TEAM LISTS

- Please submit all Team Lists online on the 2020 VQSSC website.

NOMINATION FEES

All Honours Divisions:	\$448 per team (incl GST)
All Other Divisions:	\$373 per team (incl GST)
VQ Registration:	\$20 per player (incl GST)*

**Please note if players are already current financial members due to their participation in other VQ activities, another payment is not required at this time.*

- All costs will be invoiced on submission of Nomination and Team List
- Please delay payment until you have received our invoice
- For all payment options please refer to details on our invoice
- Any teams who do not pay their relevant fees by the due date may be withdrawn from the competition

WITHDRAWALS

Withdrawal of teams is permitted, however the following penalties will apply:

Prior to close of Nominations:	No penalty, Full Refund
Prior to draw release:	50% of Nomination Fee
After draw release:	Forfeit Full Nomination Fee

All withdrawals must be submitted in writing to Damien Searle, Events Coordinator at: **events@vq.org.au**

Teams who withdraw after the tournament has started and fail to complete their scheduled matches will incur a fine of up to \$100 per team per match forfeited. Where teams can provide evidence of being prevented from playing due to circumstances beyond their control, no fine will be applied. These decisions will be made at the discretion of VQ.

UNIFORMS

All players in the team are to be in matching uniforms (tops and shorts). All players must have a clearly visible number on, at minimum, the back of their playing top (both front and back is preferred). Playing numbers must be between 1-99. If you are using a Libero, they must be clearly identifiable in a contrasting coloured playing top.

REFEREES AND DUTY TEAMS

Duty

All teams will be required to perform duty on other matches during the tournament. Duty includes provision of First and Second Referee, 2 Line Judges and 2 Scorers. Duties will be allocated as evenly as possible. Should your team not turn up for an allocated duty – you will forfeit your next match, should all of your matches have been completed or should you fail to turn up for duty on more than one match, your team will be fined \$100 for each duty not filled. Positions on duty teams may be filled by players, coaches, parents, family members, friends, etc. It is up to each team to ensure they have organised enough people to perform all duties.

Referees

Those performing first referee duties should, where possible, be accredited referees or a coach or experienced player with a thorough knowledge of the game and be confident in their ability to referee. SSC provides an excellent opportunity for non-playing referees to gain valuable experience and their involvement is encouraged. Please ensure the relevant Schools Cup Bylaws are met regarding level of referee required..

Referee Assessments

Should you have members of your team wishing to be assessed for an upgrade to their current referee grading, please ensure you notify the VQ office, by 5pm on Monday, 3 August 2020, of these people and which of your team/s they will be associated with in order that we can arrange an assessor to see them. Please note, only referees who already have a current minimum Level 1 or above accreditation will be eligible for assessment.

AT THE TOURNAMENT

All teams are required to register at your specific venue with your Venue Manager to confirm team arrival.

LOCATION

TRANSPORT, ACCOMODATION, AND MEALS

Accommodation, transport to and around the Gold Coast areas, and all meals are the responsibility of each team. Should you require further information on options available in and around the Gold Coast, please visit the Gold Coast tourism website:

www.visitgoldcoast.com

TOURNAMENT VENUES

The 2020 SSC will be held across the following venues:

Coomera Indoor Sports Centre
35 Beattie Rd
Coomera QLD 4209

Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre & Carrara Indoor Sports Stadium ('Little Carrara')
Nerang Broadbeach Road
Carrara QLD 4211

Runaway Bay Indoor Stadium
Sports Drive, Runaway Bay.

Volleyball Queensland reserves the right to move divisions should there be insufficient room at a venue. All affected schools will be advised of any changes.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Other information which you may find useful in relation to participating in the 2020 Senior Schools Cup can be found on the VQ website.