

Regional Fee Relief Pilot for the 2026 Senior State Championships.

Why?

Growing participation across Queensland is a key priority for Volleyball Queensland. As part of this focus, we are committed to reducing barriers to participation and ensuring members across the State have greater opportunities to access volleyball, including state-level competition.

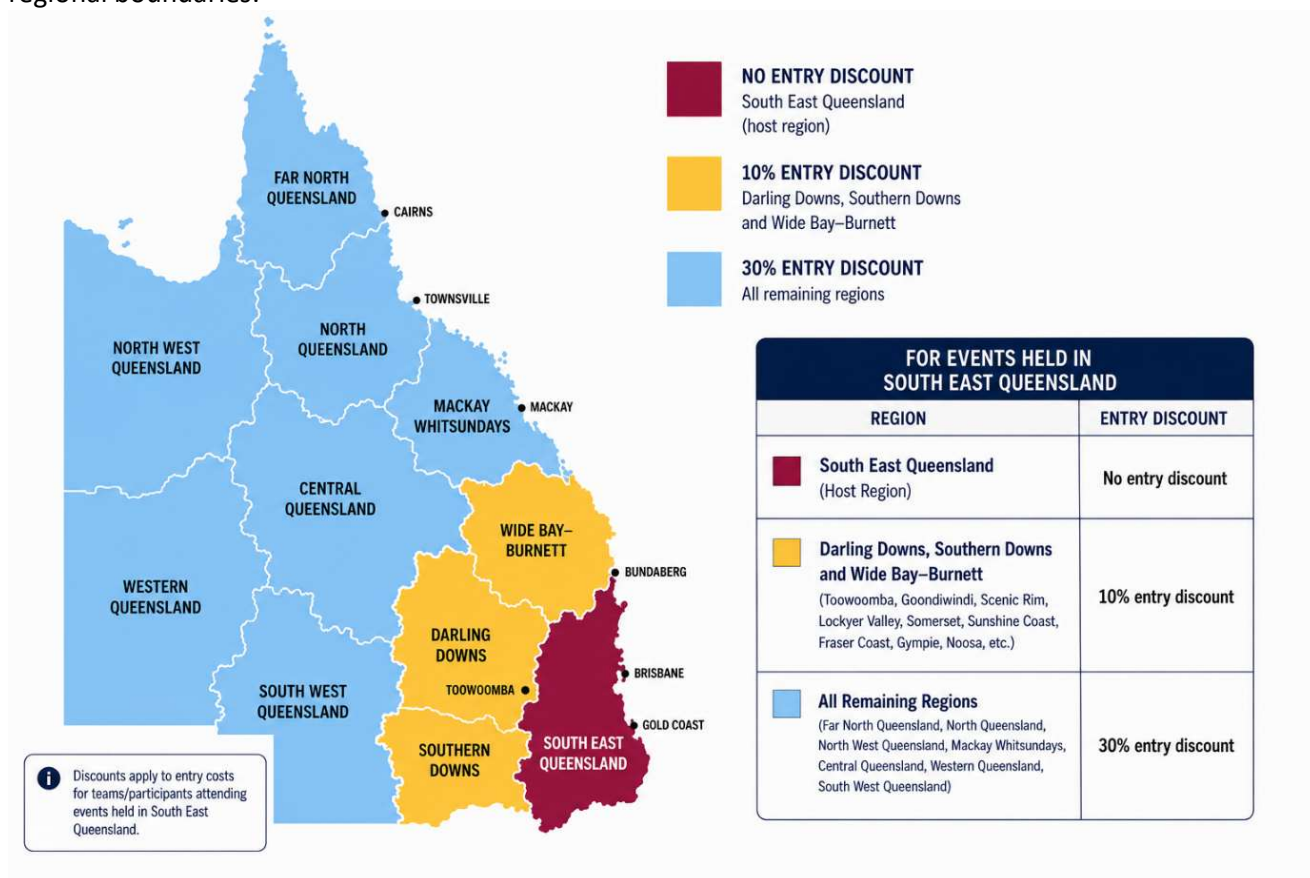
We recognise that regional teams face additional costs when travelling to South East Queensland for tournaments, including travel, accommodation and time away from home.

To help address this, Volleyball Queensland is launching a Regional Fee Relief Pilot for the 2026 Senior State Championships, being held on the Gold Coast from 3–5 October 2026.

It is important to understand that this is a pilot, not a permanent policy. The purpose of the pilot is to test whether a tiered fee structure can help reduce participation barriers for regional teams, while enabling VQ to understand the impact on participation, revenue, member experience and administration.

How the pilot fee structure works

A three-tier entry fee structure will apply based on the team's region under Queensland Government regional boundaries:



Team location	Fee reduction 2026 entry fee	
South East Queensland	N/A	\$930
Regional – Mid	10%	\$837
Regional – Far	30%	\$651

The SEQ team entry fee is slightly higher than last year, reflecting standard increases in the cost of event delivery as well as helping to offset the reduced entry fees available to eligible regional teams through the pilot.

For a SEQ team, the overall increase in the team entry fee is approximately \$4.50 per person.

The tiered fee structure is designed to provide meaningful relief to regional teams while maintaining the financial sustainability of the event.

Note: the discount will be applied post-event.

Eligibility for fee reduction

To ensure the pilot supports teams genuinely representing Queensland's regional communities:

- The team must be from Queensland, although team members can be drawn from elsewhere.
- All team members must be VQ members.
- More than 80% of team members must be from the region the team is representing.

Evaluating the pilot

Following the 2026 Senior State Championships, VQ will evaluate the pilot, including its impact on entry numbers, revenue, member feedback and event administration.

The findings will help inform how VQ can help alleviate the cost burden on regional teams in a sustainable way and will inform consideration of a formal Regional Fee Relief Policy for 2027.

The pilot is an important practical step in supporting VQ's strategic priority of growing participation across Queensland and our commitment to Statewide Engagement and Community Building.

We look forward to learning from the pilot and, importantly, hearing from all Clubs, Affiliates, schools and members about its impact.