



FOOTBALL CENTRAL QUEENSLAND
Junior Development Program
incorporating the
INTERCITY SHIELD COMPETITION AND
FOOTBALL QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY CUP

1. What is the proposed PROGRAM?

Intercity Shield

- The Intercity Shield replaces the Quad series and is a junior representative program involving games between Central Queensland regional areas of Rockhampton, Gladstone, Biloela, Emerald and Capricorn Coast in age groups from Under 11 to Under 16.
- Each centre may enter teams in age groups where they have capacity and should not feel obligated to submit teams in every age group.
- The first two rounds of Intercity Shield games will act as selection trials for the Football Queensland (FQ) Community Cup to be played in July with players aged 12-16yrs eligible for selection in age group Zone team(s)
- More games in the Intercity Shield format may be organized throughout the season
- Only similar aged teams across centres will play for points in the Intercity Shield.

FQ Community Cup

- In November 2017, FQ announced the introduction of the FQ Community Cup to be held during the June/July school holiday period 30/06/18 – 15/07/18.
- Each Zone has been invited to nominate teams in the following age groups –
 - Boys - Under 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16
 - Girls - Under 13 and 15
- For 2018, FCQ has nominated teams in all groups – no U11s are included
- Games against neighbouring centres or at least at a higher age level will be organized in preparing for the Community Cup
- Extra training sessions will also be organized and will be required to be attended as part of the overall program

2. What is the general AIM?

- FCQ in cooperation with the regional areas conduct all games under the Intercity Shield banner in a safe and professional manner
- FCQ aims to successfully conduct selection trials, oversee training, preparation and attendance at the 2018 FQ Community Cup
- A development program that retains players initially selected to represent their respective centres will be developed with the general aim of preparing all players for the coming year's representative fixtures
- The Community Cup will act as a talent identification program for players outside the advanced pathway

3. Where will matches be played: LOCATIONS?

Intercity Shield

- First two rounds will be played in Gladstone (18 March) and Rockhampton (25 March). Clinton and Norbridge Park are the preferred venues

FQ Community Cup

- FQ is currently developing the tournament format. Tournament will take place at Mackay Football Park

4. What are the COMPETITION DATES?

Intercity Shield

- Round 1 Sunday 18th March 2018 – Gladstone – Clinton
- Round 2 Sunday 25th March 2018 – Rockhampton – Norbridge Park
- Round 3 To be Confirmed

FQ Community Cup

- Played between 08/07/18 – 14/07/18

5. What is the SELECTION PROCESS?

Intercity Shield

- Each centre will conduct selection trials during February / March 2018
- Each centre will appoint two selectors per age group
- Each centre will ensure that integrity & transparency to the selection process is maintained and avoid /otherwise declare any conflicts of interest to the relevant centre coordinator

FQ Community Cup

- During the nomination process, all players participating in the Intercity Shield are to indicate their availability for selection in the FQ Community Cup.
- Maximum number of team players per age group: U12 – 12 (play 9 a side); others - up to 16
- FCQ will endeavor to appoint two selectors per age group one of whom may be the coach taking the team away.
- FCQ will ensure integrity and transparency to the selection process is maintained by identifying any potential conflicts of interest.
- FCQ Selectors will utilize FCQ Selection Forms that must be retained by FCQ
- The Selectors may nominate up to three (3) shadow players who can be brought into the team if required. (e.g. injury)

6. What does it all cost: PARTICIPATION FEES?

Intercity Cup

- Costs for the Intercity Cup will be primarily structured to cover expenses relating to referees and coaching support: \$5 per player per game per round. Payable to the Game Day Coordinator on the day for cash payment of referees
- There is no team nomination fee for the Intercity Cup.

FQ Community Cup

- The final player participation fee will be calculated in accordance with the overall fees to be paid towards team nominations set by FQ and may include zone fees to cater for team and zone official's expenses, referee travel and team wear.
- Current FQ costs for the Community Cup: Nomination fee of \$750 per team. Approximately \$53 per player but subject to change depending on final overall numbers of teams nominating.
- Player accommodation and travel will be at the expense of each individual