



## Queensland Reds Junior Representative Pathway Programs

In 2017 there have been several changes within the Junior Representative Pathway at both State and National level relating specifically within the U15 – U17 Age Group. The following document outlines the changes to the Junior Gold Cup program which will again operate in 2017.

### OVERVIEW

#### 2017 Junior Gold Cup Program

- U15 age group only and will be run as a week-long tournament from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017.
- Queensland will be represented by 3 teams and will compete in the Northern Conference along with Western Australia, Victoria and the National Indigenous team. The Northern Conference games will take place at Ballymore.
- The winner of the Northern Conference will play in the 2017 National Junior Gold Cup final against the winner of the Southern Conference, made up of NSW, ACT and South Australian teams, at Bond University, Gold Coast on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

### SELECTION PROCESS

#### 2017 Junior Gold Cup Program- 3 x Queensland teams

- Queensland Reds Elite Player Development staff will oversee selections of 3 Queensland U15 teams to compete in the 2017 JGC Program.
- A database of players has been compiled off the back of the 2016 Queensland Rugby Junior State Championships from the U14 age group as well as the U13 and U14 City vs Country fixture.
- Queensland Reds EPD Staff selectors will view players participating in the following Rugby Union participation and representative programs throughout 2017
  - 2017 Junior Club and School competitions.
  - Players competing in the U14 age group at the 2017 Queensland Rugby Junior State Championships (30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017)
  - U14 Junior City vs Junior Country game (week following the Junior State Championships).
  - 2017 QRFSU U15 State Championships (20<sup>th</sup> July 2017 – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017, Townsville).
- The best 75 players from across the state will be selected and placed into 3 Queensland teams- Queensland Red, Queensland White and Queensland Blue.
- Teams will be announced on the Queensland Rugby Union website ([www.redsrugby.com.au](http://www.redsrugby.com.au)) by the end of August 2017.
- These 3 Queensland U15 teams will be selected to ensure that all players are spread evenly throughout, not based on a strongest to least strongest team basis or regional demographic.

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## PROGRAM TIMELINES

- Team Management staff appointed. 25th August 2017 (for staff applications go to the following link <https://form.jotform.co/71841020973857> )
- Team Management staff meeting at Ballymore. 30th August
- Final Junior Gold Cup teams (3xsquads 25 players) announced on Queensland Reds website ([www.redsrugby.com.au](http://www.redsrugby.com.au)) Friday 1st September 2017
- U15 Queensland Junior Gold Cup team's player medicals and induction. Sunday 10th September 2017, venue Ballymore
- U15 Queensland Junior Gold Cup teams camp. Sunday 17th, Monday 18th, Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st September 2017, Venue Ballymore.
- 2017 U15 Junior Gold Cup Northern Conference- Sunday 24th - Thursday 28th September 2017, venue Ballymore. U15 National Junior Gold Cup Final (winner of Northern Conference vs winner of Southern Conference) Saturday 30th September, venue The Southport School

## Appendix 2 – 2017 Teenage Male Representative Pathway – 15-a-side

Age Group	Regional Participation	Competition	Pathway Representation	Elite Player Development
U13	FNQ, Townsville, Brahmans, Bushrangers, Sunshine Coast, Darling Downs, Gold Coast, BJRU	Queensland Rugby Junior State Championships	Junior City vs Junior Country	Talent Identification
U14	FNQ, Townsville, Brahmans, Bushrangers, Sunshine Coast, Darling Downs, Gold Coast, BJRU	Queensland Rugby Junior State Championships	Junior City vs Junior Country	Talent Identification
U15	Peninsula, Northern, Capricornia, Wide Bay, Sunshine Coast, Darling Downs, South Coast, Met East, Met North, Met West	Queensland Rugby Football Schools Union U15 State Championships	Queensland Junior Gold Cup Teams	Emerging Reds U16 Squad Queensland U16 Teams
U16	FNQ, Townsville, Brahmans, Bushrangers, Sunshine Coast, Darling Downs, Gold Coast, BJRU	Queensland Rugby Junior State Championships	Junior City vs Junior Country	Queensland U16 Teams Emerging Reds U18 Squad
U17/18	<u>Non GPS/AIC Schools</u> - Peninsula, Northern, Capricornia, Wide Bay, Sunshine Coast, Darling Downs, South Coast, Met East, Met North, Met West	Queensland Rugby Football Schools Union U18 State Championships	Combined Secondary Schools Team Chairman's XV Team GPS Teams AIC Team	Queensland Schoolboys Teams Emerging Reds U18

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