

SENIOR SCHOOLS CUP

2010

NOMINATION INFORMATION KIT



Toowoomba

6th – 8th August

St Mary's College, Toowoomba
University of Southern Queensland
Harristown State High School
Highfields Indoor Sports Centre
Concordia College
Fairholme College
Toowoomba State High School



Welcome to the Volleyball Queensland 2010 Senior Schools Cup (SSC). Contained within this document is important information related to nominating your team/s into the 2010 Senior Schools Cup Competition. Please ensure you read all of the information carefully and in conjunction with the Schools Cup By-Laws. The information contained in this Information Kit and the By-Laws will be used as the basis for all decisions in the lead up to and during the 2010 Senior Schools Cup event. All relevant information and forms can be downloaded from our website www.qva.org.au.

Should you have any questions about this information, please contact Kate Grills (Event Coordinator) on 07 – 3367 1991 or email om@qva.org.au.

THE EVENT

The Senior Schools Cup (SSC) is held annually by Volleyball Queensland and co-hosted by the Toowoomba Volleyball Association.

In 2010 the SSC will be held from Friday 6th August – Sunday 8th 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 14 divisions offered in the 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.

EVENT FORMAT

The 2010 SSC will be played under the FIVB fast scoring, rally point system with the 12-sub rule and one Libero permitted. A new Libero may be declared at the beginning of each set; however the Libero must be clearly identifiable in contrasting playing top.

Matches will not be time-limited. Matches will be played under the GEST (Guaranteed Earliest Starting Time) system. Teams will be entitled to a 10 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 10 minutes after the previous match finishes.

Honours divisions will be played as Best of 5 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 3.

All other divisions (1-3) will be played as Best of 3 Sets, with no time limit.

DIVISIONS

The divisions offered at the SSC are as follows:

MALE:	Target Capacity	FEMALE:	Target Capacity
Open Honours (OBH)	10	Open Honours (OGH)	10
Open Division 1 (OB1)	16	Open Division 1 (OG1)	16
Open Division 2 (OB2)	16	Open Division 2 (OG2)	16
Open Division 3 (OB3)	16	Open Division 3 (OG3)	16
Senior Honours (SBH)	10	Senior Honours (SGH)	10
Senior Division 1 (SB1)	16	Senior Division 1 (SG1)	16
Senior Division 2 (SB2)	16	Senior Division 2 (SG2)	16

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

Age groups are based on actual ages as at 31 December 2010 (not year level at school). Age groups are as follows:

Open: 19 years and under (born 1991 or later)

Senior: 16 years and under (born 1994 or later)

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations for the 2010 SSC will only be accepted on the correct forms.

NO LATE NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

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 on the Honours Application Form and submit an estimated Team List.
- 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 conditions set out

Wednesday 2nd June 2010 - HONOURS APPLICATIONS CLOSE

-Please submit all Honours Nomination and an estimated Team List per application on the 2010 SSC Official forms (available on qva.org.au).

Wednesday 16th June 2010 - HONOURS TEAMS ADVISED

-Successful applications will be published Thursday 17th June on the SSC page of our website.

ALL DIVISIONS

- All non-honours divisions will be capped at a maximum of 16 teams, acceptance will be on a first in basis.
- Nominations into all divisions must be made on the official Nomination Form (downloaded from our website). Please be sure to carefully check which divisions you are entering into
- All successful Nominations will be emailed a Divisional Confirmation letter and an Invoice for Nominations payment

Wednesday 23rd June 2010 - ALL NOMINATIONS CLOSE

- Please submit all Nomination on the 2010 SSC Official forms (available on qva.org.au).

HOW WILL I KNOW MY NOMINATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED?

- All nominations received by 4pm Wednesday will be uploaded weekly to the SSC Page of our website on Thursday by 1pm. It is your responsibility to check this website to ensure your nomination has been received
- All successful Nominations will be emailed a Divisional Confirmation letter and an Invoice for Nominations payment within three (3) Business days of nominations been received
- If your team/s isn't added to this list on the Thursday following your submission, please contact our office immediately

TEAM LISTS

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

This teams 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, which will last until 30/6/2011)
- Cross-check D.O.B to ensure that players are competing in the correct age group
- Circulate names to our staff/coaches undertaking Talent ID throughout the tournament

Wednesday 21st July 2010 - DEADLINE FOR TEAM LISTS

- Please submit all Team Lists on the 2010 SSC Official forms (available on qva.org.au).

- Any teams submitting their Team Lists after the Deadline will incur a \$35 late fee.
- If your Team Lists change, please submit a new FULL Team List
- Changes to Team Lists made after Monday 2nd August 2010 will incur a \$35 late fee per change, unless accompanied by a Medical Certificate for a withdrawal.

NOMINATION FEES

All Honours Divisions: \$340 per team

All Other Divisions: \$280 per team

VQ Registration: \$35 per player

This registration fees covers players for participation in all VQ and AVF sanctioned events up to 30/6/2011.

(Please note if players are already current financial members to December 2010 due to their participation in other VQ activities, another payment is not required at this time – please ensure you indicate on our Team List that they are already members.)

- All payments will be invoiced on submission of Nomination and Team List forms.
- 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 as they fall due may be withdrawn from the competition.
- Players who have not paid their registration will not be permitted to take the court.

WHAT IF I NEED TO WITHDRAW MY TEAM?

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

Prior to close of Nominations	23 June 2010	No- penalty, Full Refund
Prior to team lists due	pre- 21 July 2010	50% of Nomination Fee
After team lists due	post- 21 July 2010	Forfeit Full Nomination Fee

All withdrawals must be submitted in writing to Kate Grills, Event Coordinator on: om@gva.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 match forfeited. Where teams can provide evidence of being prevented from playing due to circumstances beyond their control, no fine will be applied.

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

We understand that schools and/or students often have other commitments in addition to the 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.

The Senior Schools Cup runs from 10am 6th August – 5pm 8th August 2010, please ensure that your team is prepared be involved in either matches or duty for the entire period of the tournament.

THE 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 Wednesday 28 July 2010 – changes will not be made to this draw unless a genuine mistake (eg a team scheduled for 2 matches or match and duty at the same time) is found. Please do not simply request any of your matches or duties to be moved or changed. If any changes are made, a final draw will be published no later than Wednesday 4th August 2010.

All draws will be published on our website, so please ensure you check this.

VENUES

The 2010 SSC will be held across the following venues throughout Toowoomba

Harristown SHS

Cnr Stephen Street and Hennessy Street,
Toowoomba

Highfields Indoor Sports Centre

Highfields Cultural Centre

O'Brien Road, Highfields

Concordia Lutheran College

154 Stephens Street, Toowoomba

Fairholme College

40 Wirra Wirra Street, Toowoomba

Mount Lofty Campus

Toowoomba SHS

Stuart Street (Crn North Road), Toowoomba

St Mary's College

Herries Street, Toowoomba

University of South Queensland

Clive Berghofer Centre

Baker Street, Toowoomba

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.

TRANSPORT, ACCOMODATION and MEALS

Accommodation; transport to and around Toowoomba; and all meals are the responsibility of each team. Should you require further information on options available in and around Toowoomba, please visit the Toowoomba Tourist Information website www.toowoomba.com

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 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 indicate on your team lists who your nominated referee/s are. Should you wish to undertake a referee's course, please check our website for the next available dates, or contact Sue Chapman (Operations Co-ordinator) on 3367 1991 if you would like to arrange a course for your school or group.

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 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 District Level 1 Accreditation will be eligible for assessment.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations will take place as soon as possible after 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. Teams must complete the “Extra Medal Order Form” available from the Venue Manager. Requests lodged after Monday 9th August 2010 will be considered only on an exceptional basis.

Aggregate and Champion School trophies for Senior Schools Cup will also be awarded. Due to the spread of venues and differing finishing times at each venue, it may not be possible for these to be calculated and awarded at the event. In this case the trophies will be forwarded to the winning school/s as soon as possible after the event.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SENIOR SCHOOLS CUP

HONOURS APPLICATIONS CLOSE:	Wednesday 2 nd June 2010
HONOURS TEAMS ADVISED:	Wednesday 16 th June 2010
ALL NOMINATIONS CLOSE:	Wednesday 23 rd June 2010
DEADLINE FOR TEAM LISTS:	Wednesday 21 st July 2010
INITIAL PUBLICATION OF DRAW:	Wednesday 28 th July 2010
PUBLICATION OF FINAL DRAW:	Wednesday 4 th August 2010

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Other information which you may find useful in relation to participating in the 2010 Senior Schools cup which can also be found on our website include:

- What Do I Do When I Coach a Team in a Game?
- How to Score a Volleyball match
- 12-Substitution Rule

CHECKLIST FOR NOMINATING FOR THE 2010 SENIOR SCHOOLS CUP

Have you completed all of the following?

- Read and understood all of the Information Kit and Schools Cup By-Laws
- If applying for Honours, submitted my Honours Application Form by Wednesday 2nd June 2010
- Submitted my school's Nomination Form by Wednesday 16th June 2010 (for all divisions)
- Paid the relevant nomination invoice by Wednesday 21st July 2010
- Cross-checked the D.O.B of all players in my team and ensured they are playing in the correct age-group
- Submitted my Team List/s (one per team) by Wednesday 21st July 2010 (for all teams)
- Paid all VQ registration invoices by Wednesday 3rd August 2010
- Advised VQ of our nominated referee/s and if assessment for upgrade is required
- Confirmed my team's final draw including all duties

Please be sure to check our website regularly for updates and further information!!!