



# TOURNAMENT PLAYER ELIGIBILITY POLICY

SENIORS

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For a player to be eligible to compete in an official Australian Oztag Ltd (AO) Senior Representative Tournament they must meet the below requirements. Associations who play in-eligible players will receive tough penalties. These penalties are outlined at the end of this policy.

**Player requirements to be eligible to compete in an Australian Oztag Senior representative tournament.**

**Australian Championships:** Registered Oztag players are eligible from anywhere in Australia if they meet the below criteria.

**State Championships:** Players must be registered in the state of the tournament & meet the below criteria.

- All players MUST be registered on the online platform of ASSEMBLE or MySportsEdge for QLD players for the association they wish to play for.
- Players must be a registered Oztag player for the Association / Region they are representing. To be eligible to play for that Association/ Region you must meet the following criteria:
  1. Have played a minimum of 5 games in ONE TEAM per season in either of the proceeding \* two seasons prior to the tournament. Eg A player would play in a team playing one game per week over a five-week period. A referee is eligible providing the referee has refereed at least one game a week over a five-week period during the season. Refereeing multiple games in a week does not count.

*\*Photo evidence will be required with 5 x photos (time and date stamped) of them officiating at the relevant competition within the Association they wish to register as a player with the venue/competition manager*

*\* Players whose home address falls outside the Association/s boundaries will be required to provide 5 x photos (time and date stamped with competition or venue manager) of them playing at the relevant competition in which they have registered with on Assemble*

*\*Players found to have not qualified or able to prove their eligibility will be suspended for 12 months from competing in NSW or Australian Oztag representative tournaments (State Cup, National Championships, Interstate Series) and if selected in Australian Tagaroos teams may forfeit their position*

*\* The Proceeding two seasons are any senior domestic competitions offered by the Association they are representing that has a minimum of 10 competition rounds plus semi-final & grand finals that is scheduled to be or has been completed by the first day of the tournament. A player playing in several divisions on several nights does not accumulate the 5 games this way. Only one team in one competition counts. Irrelevant of the night the competition is being played.*

2. Players who have not played the five games due to extenuating circumstances may apply, through their association, in writing to the tournament director for permission to play. E.g. injury, returning from overseas, the domestic competition doesn't finish before the tournament is played etc. If a player is granted an exemption they may only qualify to represent an Association / Region at which they have previously played.

- An exception will be made for players who are still eligible (15 years +) to play both juniors & seniors, but don't have a senior domestic competition in their area. If this is the case, they must be a registered player at the Junior Competition. In this instance a Junior Association would be permitted to enter a Senior Team in a Senior AO Representative Tournament.

- **If there is a senior domestic competition offered by the Association / Region, you are representing you must be a registered player in this senior competition to represent at a senior Tournament.**
- **If there is a senior competition offered in the area, then a junior Association is not permitted to enter teams in a senior representative tournament.**
- If there is both a Senior Association and a Junior Association in the same area (LGA), whether a single person holds the licence to operate both or 2 different people hold the licence, players must be registered in the Senior competition to be eligible to compete in a Senior Representative tournament. Only being registered in the Junior competition does not qualify a player for a Senior Representative Tournament, regardless of the player's age.
- If only a senior competition is offered, players who are still eligible for junior competition may participate in juniors only through their own association, or through their region at nationals. A senior association may also enter a junior team in a Junior AO Representative tournament if no junior competition is offered within that association.

## **AGE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH DIVISION**

NOTE: *Players can only play in a senior domestic competition when they turn 15.*

**Men's 20's / Women's 20's / Mixed 20's (Starting in 2027):** Players must be 20 years or younger by 31st December of the year of the tournament.

**Men's / Women's / Mixed Open:** No age limit.

**Women's 27's:** Players must be 27 years or older by 31st December of the year of the tournament.

**Women's 37's:** Players must be 37 years or older by 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year of the tournament.

**Women's 47's:** Players must be 47 years or older by the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year of tournament.

A 47's committee will be formed similar to the men's 60's.

**Mixed Seniors:** Women must be 30 years or older, men must be 35 years or older.

**Men's 30's, 35's, 40's, 45's, 50's, 55's & 60's:** Players must be the age of the division they are playing in or older by 31<sup>st</sup> December the year of the tournament.

60's are allowed two 59-year-olds subject to 60's committee policy.

**ALL DIVISIONS can have 18 players per team.**

**Proof of age** – if a player's age is questioned a birth certificate, passport or other identification must be supplied upon request within seven days of the tournament. If it is proven after the conclusion of the tournament, a title if won will be stripped from the Association and the runner up will be awarded champions for that division. Other penalties outlined in this policy will also apply.

## **COMPLAINTS**

Any Association / coach / player wishing to make an official complaint regarding the tournament are required to do so through their association representative this will then be submitted (if the representative sees fit) to Jordan – [jordan@oztag.com.au](mailto:jordan@oztag.com.au). Once a complaint has been received the Tournament Director will investigate the eligibility of the player. Associations who cannot provide evidence at the time of the

complaint will have seven days after the tournament to produce the evidence to show the player was eligible to play.

## PLAYERS POOL

- Any player wishing to be placed in the Players Pool will be required to register via the players pool link provided to all associations prior to the tournament and attached to the players pool policy on the Australian Oztag Website.
- Associations wishing to select a player from the players pool will be required to do so via the players Pool Association link and have this confirmed via [jordan@oztag.com.au](mailto:jordan@oztag.com.au) once players have been allocated.

## PLAYER SELECTION – NSW & TAGAROOS

- Players can only be selected for the Tagaroos or NSW teams in the division in which they are competing in - the only exception is if the Association/s does not have a team competing in the player's actual age division and this player is required to play in an alternative division.
- Players wishing to be considered from an alternative division will be required to request their dispensation request to [mick@oztag.com.au](mailto:mick@oztag.com.au)
- Players who reside in Queensland & Victoria (as per Assemble Registration System) will not be eligible to represent NSW at the Interstate Series unless evidence is provided clearly showing them having resided in NSW over the past 12 months (rate notices/rental statements/flight details/petrol receipts). Players that live on or near the border and play in a competition over the border will need to apply for dispensation to be selected as a New South Welshman.

## PENALTIES

- **First Offence:**  
Any team found to be playing ineligible player(s) may be disqualified from the tournament. If this is proven after the conclusion of the tournament and a title has been awarded, the title will be stripped from the Association, and the runners-up will be awarded the division title.

The coach, manager, and player(s) involved will be suspended from playing and/or coaching at any representative level for any Association for a period of **12 months**. This suspension will also apply to the same tournament in the following year, even if it falls outside the 12-month suspension period.

The Association/Region will also receive a **\$500 fine**.

**The onus is on the coach and manager to ensure all players are eligible.**

- **Second Offence:**  
The coach, manager, and player(s) involved will be suspended from playing and/or coaching at any representative level for any Association for a period of **12 months**.  
The Association/Region will receive a **\$1,000 fine**.

- **Third Offence:**  
If an Association is found to have played ineligible players on **three separate occasions**, the Association may be disqualified from entering teams in any division at any **Australian Oztag** tournament for **12 months**, or for a period determined by **Australian Oztag**.

*\*If a suspended coach is coaching a Tagaroos or NSW team they may be stood down from this position immediately.*