

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RELEASE FORM



Please complete all relevant parts in full

Participants Name:		Date of Birth:	
Home Registered District Associa	tion:		
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	– Please tick the box beside the	Championship you will be participating in.	
Women's Oper U18 Women U16 Girls U14 Girls District Association I am released Release accepted by District Assoc	to:		
(Secretary from Association I am released to	, please sign)	Date:	
PART A I hereby acknowledge that I meet (For full details, please read the reverse Signature of Member:		aw 13.1 and By-Law 8.4. _ Date:	
Approved by Home Registered Association: (DA Secretary to sign) _		_ Date:	
PART B – Underage Champi By signing below, I confirm that to 8.4 and the age guidelines listed of	he person named on this for	rm meets By-Law 13.1 and By-Law	
Parent/Guardian Signature	Print Name	Date	
DA Secretary Signature	Print Name	Date	
	ociation hereby notifies	District Association	
that we will not be fielding a team at the		State Championship and the	

player identified on this form is released to participate in the Championship.

Signed (DA Secretary):

Date:

BY-LAW 13 – STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- **13.1** Softball Queensland Inc (SQI) may organise and conduct State Championships each year at such times and places as are determined by the Board.
- 13.1.1 State Championships shall be open to teams representing each District Association provided that all members of a District Association representative team are:-
- (a) registered with Softball Queensland Inc;
- (b) not unfinancial with any District Association;
- (c) not under suspension;
- (d) have, for the immediate six (6) months prior to the relevant State Championship, been a registered participant of the District Association they represent or are a new registration with Softball Queensland Inc or with the exception of umpires, have a Championship Release issued in accordance with the rules of their home association.

Exceptions concerning residential relocation within the six (6) month criteria, will be considered by the Board upon receipt of written application from the District Association to which the participant is transferring.

- (e) in the case of interstate/overseas players, have forwarded a copy of a clearance/permit to the SQI Inc. office to have arrived not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the first day of the relevant championship.
- 13.1.2 Subject to the provisions of By-Law 13.1.1, the Board may permit any team representing a combination of District Associations to compete at an annual State Championship.
- 13.1.3 The Board or the SQI Representative at State Championships may refuse entry to or withdraw a District Association team if it is found By-Law 13.1.1 has been breached.
- 13.1.4 The Board shall be entitled to refuse permission for teams from any District Association to compete in a State Championship where that District Association is unfinancial

<u>BY-LAW 8 –</u> CLEARANCES, TRANSFERS AND PERMITS

8.4 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RELEASE

- 8.4.1 A District Association which is unable to field a team entirely of persons registered with their association may request assistance for the provision of players and/or officials on a State Championship Release from other District Associations. Such request for assistance should come through the SQI office, but may go direct to a specific association. An individual person is not permitted to apply for a State Championship Release.
- 8.4.2 A District Association may issue a State Championship Release for a person to participate in a State Championship for a District Association other than his/her Home Association provided that:-
- the person has made him\herself available for selection in their Home Association trials and has been unsuccessful in the selection process;
- (b) the person's Home Association will not be fielding a team in the relevant State Championship;
- there is agreement between both the Home Association and the District Association to which he/she is released to play;
- (d) By-Law 13.1 is adhered to.

PLEASE NOTE: It must be stressed that the player will only be allowed to be released to play for another Association with the consent of the two Associations

Age Guidelines and Criteria

Players must meet the age guidelines and criteria as described below to be eligible to participate in Underage State Championships:			
a) Under 14 State Championships	b) Under 16 State Championships	c) Under 18 State Championships	
Only players 11, 12 & 13 years of age, as at 31 December in the year of Championship, are permitted to compete in the Under 14 Championships	Only players 13, 14 & 15 years of age, as at 31 December in the year of Championship, are permitted to compete in the Under 16 Championships	Only players 14, 15, 16 & 17 years of age, as at 31 December in the year of Championship, are permitted to compete in the Under 18 Championships.	

District Associations are to consider the following criteria when selecting the youngest eligibly aged players in their representative teams (ie 11 year olds in the U14 State Championships, 13 year olds in the U16 State Championships and 14 year olds in the Under 18 State Championships). This is to ensure that the player can effectively compete in the relevant championship:

- The maturity level of the player
- The physical strength of the player
- The skill level of the player
- The positions to be played
- The players level of game knowledge

Note: The parent/guardian of a player Under 18 years of age must sign the Championship Release Form, in addition to the District Associations Secretaries, in order for an underage player to participate on Championship Release to another Association.