

# *Softball Super Series 2023*



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## **2022 SOFTBALL SUPER SERIES INFORMATION**

### **OBJECTIVE**

The Softball Super Series provides competition and development opportunities and pathways for players 19 years & under, along with coaches, umpires and scorers. The Softball Super Series underpins our State Team Programs and supports the Pathway program.

Softball Super Series teams are not permitted to train apart from the initial training prior to the first round of competition.

### **2023 COMPETITION DATES**

**Sunday 9 October**

**Sunday 30 October**

**Sunday 12 November**

**Sunday 3 December (washout)**

### **PLAYER'S FEE**

The Players fee of \$100.00 is payable once they are placed in a team.

The Player's fee will be invoiced and can be paid via direct debit into Softball QUEENSLAND Inc. **BSB 084 391 Account 557965352** (please ensure SSS and Player's Name is in the description). Or calling the Softball Queensland office 3391 2447 to make payment via credit card.

### **DUE DATES**

Player's nomination form – 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023

Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Game Day Manager – 21 August 2023

Team draft completed – September 2023

Team announcements – September 2023

### **ROUNDS & FINALS SERIES – Male and Female Divisions**

At the completion of the Round Robin all teams will progress to the Finals series.

A finals series will be played to determine the winner of the Super Series.

# SOFTBALL SUPER SERIES REGULATIONS

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## **COMPETITION RULES**

### **1. THE COMPETITION**

- 1.1 The Softball Super Series will be conducted under the auspices of, and governed by, the Rules and Regulations of Softball Queensland.
- 1.2 The Softball Super Series will be conducted in two (2) divisions – Male and Female.
- 1.3 The Softball Super Series will be conducted at approved Venues.
- 1.4 Games will be scheduled for Sundays.
- 1.5 The draw will be made available to all participating teams prior to the start of the competition.

### **2. ADMINISTRATION**

- 2.1 The Softball Super Series Committee will be responsible for the administration, development and promotion of Softball Super Series.
- 2.2 The Softball Queensland Office will provide administrative support for the Softball Super Series competition.
- 2.3 The Softball Super Series Committee will ensure that a Technical Representative is in attendance at each game.
- 2.4 The Softball Super Series Committee will evenly draft players into the respective Super Series Team.
- 2.5 The Softball Super Series Committee may appoint a Team Ambassador for each team by Expression of Interest nominations.
- 2.6 The Softball Super Series Committee will appoint a Game Day Manager (see Appendix 1) for each team by Expression of Interest nominations.

### **3. SELECTION PROCESS**

The following guidelines are in place for the selection of coaches and players for the Softball Super Series event. It will ensure the selection process is consistent and ensure that all aspiring athletes and coaches are given a reasonable opportunity to participate where identified.

- 3.1 Overview  
The final selection process shall be completed on a date determined by the Softball Super Series Committee. This information will be communicated to players and coaches. The Softball Super Series shall be responsible for the coordination, communication and arrangements for the process, including advising the Softball Queensland office of what will be communicated with the athletes and coaches.
- 3.2 Selection Panel Appointment

The Softball Super Series Committee with advice from the Softball Queensland Performance and Pathways Chair select the team/s, coaches and managers based on the criteria below.

3.3 Eligibility Criteria

- 3.3.1 All athletes/coaches must be a registered member of Softball Queensland.
- 3.3.2 Athletes/coaches must be a current financial member of Softball Queensland.
- 3.3.3 Athletes must be registered in the winter season or prior summer season at the affiliate where their club is affiliated.
- 3.3.4 Athletes must be 16 by 31 December in the year of the event to be eligible.
- 3.3.5 Athletes/coaches must adhere to the Softball Queensland Code of Conduct.
- 3.3.6 Notwithstanding the above eligibility criteria, the Softball Super Series Committee remains the final arbiter regarding the eligibility of all players.

3.4 Ineligibility Criteria

Failing to meet any of these criteria means the player /coach is ineligible for selection or continued membership of a team.

- 3.4.1 Are deemed un-financial with Softball Queensland / Association / Club.
- 3.4.2 Are currently serving a ban from any competitions run by Softball Queensland / Association / Club]
- 3.4.3 Breach or failure to observe the Softball Queensland Code of Conduct

3.5 Final Team Selection - Players

3.5.1 Final team selection will be determined by the Softball Super Series Committee from the following:

- National Program Selection and Performance (Open/U23/U18)
- Queensland Selection and Performance (Open/U23/U18)
- State Championships Performances (current/historical)
- Identified Pathway Potential
- Coach Feedback (where requested)
- Positional Requirements
- Behavioural History
- Opposition State Players Based in Queensland

3.6 Team composition will be determined by the following:

- Evenly Balanced Teams
- Positional Depth
- Positional Combinations (pitchers with certain catchers) (Senior SS with a Junior 2B)

3.7 The selected athletes for the team/s will be notified via email by the Office.

3.8 Final Coach Selection

3.8.1 Coach appointments will be determined by the Softball Super Series Committee from the following:

- Accreditation Levels as per State Team requirements
- National Program Panel Member
- State Team Coaching Performance (preparation/competition)
- Specialist Coaches (battery) (flexibility in required accreditations levels)
- Identified Coaching Potential
- Coach Development

3.8.2 Final coach allocations will also consider the following in finalising appointments:

- Senior and Development Coach together
- Specialist Battery Coach will be appointed when available

#### **4. TEAM ROSTERS**

- 4.1 Softball Super Series teams to consist of a minimum of twelve (12) players and a minimum of three (3) officials. Coach, Assistant Coach and Game Day Manager. A maximum of sixteen (16) players per team composition. Players cannot be deregistered and replaced unless in the case of injury. This is to be supported by a medical certificate. The Softball Super Series Committee will manage the replacement process.
- 4.2 All Coaches (including Assistant Coaches) involved with each team in Softball Super Series must have at least Level 2 coaching accreditation.
- 4.3 Working with Children Checks (WWCC) are required for all officials.

#### **5. MATCH BALLS**

- 5.1 Softball Super Series teams will use Easton 888 Yellow Optic leather match balls for each game.
- 5.2 Match Balls are supplied by SQI and remain the property of SQI.

#### **6. VENUES**

- 6.1 Games will be played at suitable Venues.
- 6.2 A Softball Super Series Technical representative (or Appointee) will be in attendance at the venues to provide assistance with the running of the event.
- 6.3 The Softball Super Series Technical Representative (or Appointee) - in consultation with a Venue Representative - will be the sole arbiter on matters pertaining to the conduct of Softball Super Series games on their rostered day.

#### **7. RESULT SHEETS – LINE-UP CARDS**

- 7.1 Line-Up Cards for each team will be supplied by Softball Queensland. The line-up card containing a list of all players and officials must be completed and exchanged 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the game.

Top white copy to the official statistician  
 Yellow copy to the opposition  
**WHITE CARDBOARD COPY** is given to the plate umpire,  
Please ensure that all copies are legible.

Ensure the First team at bat and Second team at bat boxes are correctly completed.

- 7.2 The family and given name of every participant must be legibly printed on the line up sheet. No nicknames or initials are permitted.
- 7.3 The game Official Statistician will record the game's final result and all player statistics.

## **8. UMPIRES**

- 8.1 Umpires must be a Level 2 Accredited.
- 8.2 Umpires in the Softball Super Series will be appointed by the Softball Super Series Committee. The Three Umpire System will be used.
- 8.3 Umpires are required to report at least forty-five (45) minutes prior to the first scheduled game time.
- 8.4 Protests will be dealt with on the spot by the Softball Super Series Technical Representative and T.C.U.

## **9. SCORERS**

- 9.1 Scorers must be at least a Level 3 Accredited and identified level 2 scorers will be considered
- 9.2 Scorers in the Softball Super Series will be appointed by the Softball Super Series Committee.
- 9.3 Scorers are required to report at least forty-five (45) minutes prior to the first scheduled game time.
- 9.4 Each game to have the following scoring personnel appointed to each game:
  - Iscore
  - Official Scorer (Paper)
  - Spotter
  - and Team Scorer

## **10. INCLEMENT WEATHER**

- 10.1 If it is necessary to cancel games prior to a game, this will be actioned by the Softball Super Series Committee or appointed representative by 7am on Sundays. All team contacts will be notified of the decision by 7.30am for Sunday fixtures.
- 10.2 At Venues, it is the responsibility of the Venue Representative in consultation with the Softball Super Series Technical representative and T.C.U. to make the final decision regarding the playing of games at their venue prior to 7.30am on Sunday fixtures.
- 10.3 Technical and Venue Representative are responsible for notifying all teams, umpires and officials statisticians competing at their venue of any cancellations by 7.30am (Sunday) on the day of competitions.
- 10.4 Where teams are travelling in excess of 100 kilometres to a Venue, they are required to inform the Office, Technical and Venue Representative on the Thursday prior to the competition games of their scheduled departure time.
- 10.5 Relocation of Venue

In the event of a venue being unplayable, consideration may be given to the relocation to another venue. This decision will be made by the Softball Super Series Committee.

- 10.6 Where teams are required to travel in excess of 100 kilometres to a Softball Super Series Venue every effort must be made to determine the likelihood of games being played prior to the departure of the travelling teams.
- 10.7 Once a game commences the decision to suspend that game will be the responsibility of the plate umpire who may consult with the T.C.U.
- 10.8 Any game called off, or any game that does not commence due to inclement weather, will be declared a draw.

## **11. PLAYING RULES – General**

- 11.1 All games shall be played in accordance with the current Softball Australia Rules as adopted by Softball Queensland unless otherwise specified hereafter.
- 11.2 All games shall commence at the time specified in the draw unless delayed by the previous game. A minimum of thirty (30) minutes shall be allowed between double-header games.
- 11.3 Any team that does not have the required number of players to begin or continue a game will forfeit to the non-offending team.
- 11.4 Determination of Home and Away will be pre-determined by the Softball Super Series Committee and the draw will posted as Home Team, Away Team
- 11.5 Temporary Runner for the Catcher and Pitcher: when there are two (2) out and the catcher and or pitcher is a baserunner, any player listed on the line-up (includes bench players) may replace the catcher and or pitcher.
- 11.6 Runners Starting Position per innings
  - 11.6.1 From the top of the 2nd innings, teams will commence with a runner on first base.
  - 11.6.2 From the top of the 3<sup>rd</sup> innings, teams will commence with a runner on second base.
  - 11.6.3 From the top of the 4<sup>th</sup> innings, teams will commence with a runner on third base.
  - 11.6.4 From the top of the 5<sup>th</sup> innings, teams will commence with runners on first and second base.
  - 11.6.5 From the top of the 6<sup>th</sup> innings, teams will commence with runners on first, second and third base.
- 11.7 A Double play will close the innings.



- 11.8 Power Play
- 11.8.1 The Power Play occurs when each batter commences their start of bat with the count of strike two (2).
- 11.8.2 The Power Play is reported through the plate umpire and announced at the change of innings.
- 11.8.3 No Power Play will be played in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> innings.
- 11.8.4 Power Plays cannot be played in back-to-back innings.
- 11.8.5 Two (2) power plays can be taken per game.
- 11.8.6 No penalty applies if the Power Plays is not taken.
- 11.9 International Base on Balls **will NOT** be played.
- 12. PLAYING RULES**
- 12.1 Games in the round (s) of fixtures shall be limited to a regulation game or a time limit of one-and-a-half- hours except that once an innings has commenced it must be completed.
- 12.3 Games in the Final series shall be played out. If after the completion of seven (7) innings of play the score is tied, the tie breaker shall be played to determine a winning team.
- 12.4 Metal cleats are permitted in Softball Super Series.
- 13. UNIFORMS**
- 13.1 Uniforms will be supplied by Softball Queensland Inc. The uniform kit will consist of playing shirt and cap for males and cap/visor for females.
- 13.2 All teams to wear white socks and belts must be of the one team colour; this also includes undershirts if worn (provided by players).
- 13.3 The Official's shirt uniform will be supplied by Softball Queensland Inc. with all team officials wearing black shorts (without logos). Jeans and Lycra Active Wear, in any form, are not allowed to be worn by team officials. Enclosed shoes must be worn by all team officials.
- 13.4 The Technical Representative in consultation with the Softball Super Series Committee has the ability to impose a fine or loss of points for any breaches of incorrect uniform.
- 14. EJECTION OF TEAM MEMBERS**
- 14.1 Should any team member be ejected from a game for any form of misconduct, the umpire concerned shall submit a written report to the TCU immediately at the conclusion of the game.
- 14.2 The ejected team member will automatically have a two (2) game suspension.
- 14.3 The Umpire's Report will be handed to the Venue Technical Representative and submitted to the Office (Softball Super Series Committee)
- 14.4 The Softball Super Series Committee will review all reports and has the discretion to implement additional suspension or fine the ejected person.

## **15. SOFTBALL SUPER SERIES POINTS**

15.1 Points for round games will be allocated as follows:

3	Win
2	Draw/Inclement Weather/Cancellations
1	Loss
0	Forfeit

## **16. DETERMINING TIED POSITIONS - FINAL PLACINGS**

16.1 The positions of teams on equal points shall be determined by defensive runs. The team with the lower defensive runs allowed will occupy the higher position.

16.2 If two teams remain tied, then the positions will be determined firstly, by the winner of the head-to-head game during the first round and if still tied, by the toss of a coin.

16.3 If three teams are tied on points and Runs Against, the head-to-head results played between those three teams in the first round of the round robin shall be considered.

Where one team has won both matches against the other two teams it is tied with in the first round of the round robin, this team shall take the higher ladder position.

The next two ladder positions between the remaining two tied teams would be determined by the head-to-head match between those two teams in the first round and if still tied, then by the toss of a coin.

## **17. DANGEROUS CONDITIONS**

17.1 The Technical Representative, T.C.U. and Venue Representative are the only persons who can call the game.

17.2 The T.C.U. and/or Technical Representative/Venue Representative may direct the Plate Umpire to suspend a game.

17.3 Once the Plate Umpire has suspended a game, the T.C.U. and/or Technical Representative/Venue Representative may:

- resume that game if the conditions warrant or
- abandon that game if the conditions remain dangerous or unplayable.

17.4 When any round game in progress is called off it shall be considered a regulation game when four (4) innings has been played. Any game called off before such time shall be declared a draw.

17.5 Any game called off, that does not satisfy Rule 12.1 or any game that did not commence due to inclement weather, will be declared as Inclement Weather/Cancellations and each team will receive 2 points. (Rule 10)

## **18. FINAL SERIES ELIGIBILITY**

- 18.1 Female players must participate in six (6) out of the nine (9) games (this includes any washed-out games) to qualify for the final series.
- 18.2 Male players must participate in four (4) of the six (6) games (this includes any washed-out games) to qualify for the final series.
- 18.3 Injuries to players will be taken into consideration when determining their eligibility for the final series. This will be determined by the Softball Super Series Committee.

## **19. FINAL SERIES**

- 19.1 The first team into the GRAND FINAL will have the choice of 'home or away'. If a team takes the option of 'batting first' they will be in the 1<sup>st</sup> base dugout.

- 19.2 All competitions will have a finals series.

If pools have been played it will be the top 2 teams from each pool.

If there are no pools the playoffs format will be determined dependant on the number of teams entered.

- 19.2.1 Four team playoff format shall be:

Game 1 – Team 1 vs Team 4

Game 2 – Team 2 vs Team 3

Game 3 – Winner Game 1 vs Winner Game 2 – Grand Final

- 19.2.2 Three team playoff format shall be:

Game 1 Team 2 vs Team 3 – Preliminary Final

Game 2 Team 1 vs Winner Game 1 – Grand Final

## **20. FINALS SERIES - UNABLE TO BE PLAYED**

- 20.1 In the event that games in the Finals Series may be unplayable the following will apply:

### **Unplayable Semi Final(s)**

Team 1 through to Grand Final.

Teams 2 and 3 to play Preliminary Final

### **Unplayable Preliminary Final**

Highest ranked teams through to Grand Final

### **Unplayable Grand Final**

Highest ranked team will be declared.

**If the FINAL SERIES IS ABANDONED before any game is played, the winner shall be the winner of the preliminary rounds.**

- 20.2 If any of the final series games, EXCLUDING THE GRAND FINAL GAME, are called off due to inclement weather and:

- (a) Four (4) or more innings have been completed or the team second at bat has scored more runs than the other team in four (4) or more innings, the winner shall be the winner of this regulation game.
- 20.3 Should clause [20.2 (a)] not be satisfied, the result will be determined according to ranking.
- 20.4 The Grand Final Game will be a regulation game. Should the score be equal at the end of seven (7) innings, the Tie Breaker will commence at the beginning of the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) inning.
- 20.5 In the event of the GRAND FINAL GAME not being completed and,
  - (a) four (4) or more innings have been completed or the team second at bat has scored more runs than the other team, the winner shall be the winner of this regulation game.

## 21. AWARDS

- 21.1 Individual Awards shall be provided for the following categories based on performance in the round games.
  - a) Male Batter of the Series
  - b) Female Batter of the Series
  - c) Male Pitcher of the Series
  - d) Female Pitcher of the Series
  - e) Male - Most Valuable Player of the Series
  - f) Female – Most Valuable Player of the Series
  - g) Male – Stolen Bases
  - h) Female – Stolen Bases
- 21.2 The Super Series will utilise the SALSA program to determine the Individual Awards.

## 22 GENERAL

- 22.1 All correspondence pertaining to the Softball Super Series should be forwarded to:

**Softball Queensland Inc.**

Attention: Softball Super Series Committee

PO Box 861

SUNNYBANK QLD 4109

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Phone: 07 3391 2447

**Email:** [softballsuperseries@softballqld.asn.au](mailto:softballsuperseries@softballqld.asn.au)

- 22.2 All payment pertaining to Softball Super Series should be made by direct debit to the Softball Queensland Inc. nominated account.
- 22.3 All accounts must be settled through the Softball Queensland Office. No monies will be accepted at Venues.

**23. DISCLAIMER**

Notwithstanding the above rules and regulations, the Softball Super Series Committee retains the right to rule on any matter not specifically covered by these rules and to take action on decisions pertaining to the Series subject to the right of appeal to the Softball Queensland Board.

**24. POLICIES AND CODES OF CONDUCT**

Softball Queensland has numerous Policies in particular, the SAL Member Protection Policy and Codes of Conduct that all Softball Super Series participants must adhere to.

All Softball Queensland Policies and Codes of Conduct are available on the Softball Queensland Website or from the Softball Queensland Office.

## **Appendix 1 – Roles and Responsibilities of the Game Day Manager**

The Game Day Manager will

- Be the official team representative on behalf of SQL.
- Be the immediate point of contact for SQL if weather forces cancellations and then inform officials/players
- Maintain a Team App page for communication with officials/players
- Attend all scheduled games
- Maintain documentation of incidents, injuries and outcomes
- Be the liaison between parents and SQL
- Provide transparent communication for all team members (schedules etc)
- Provide first aid when required and keep basic first aid kit
- Maintain a working relationship with the Head Coach and other team members
- Have an understanding and empathy for the needs of athletes
- Manage individual differences and group dynamics
- Ensure water and ice are available at all sessions (including injury ice)
- Maintain a safe environment for all team members
- Abide by the Softball Queensland Inc Constitution Rules, By-Laws, Policies and Codes of Ethic/Conduct