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To our Players, Families & Affiliates,

Queensland Cricket would like to provide some clarity on eligibility criteria for the upcoming Phase 2 State Challenges for the U15 Female and U16 Male playing groups, held in April 2026.

Players will be identified based on performances in ANY of the following competitions:

U15 Female State Challenge:

- QJC Northern U15 Girls Carnival
- QJC Southern U15 Girls Carnival
- Girls U16 Taverners Competition

U16 Male State Challenge Selection

- QJC U15 State Championship
- QJC Metro U16 Carnival
- Bulls Masters U16 Country Challenge
- Boys U17 Taverners Competition

In selecting the 48 players for each of the State Challenges, QLD Cricket Pathway staff may select previously identified players who were unavailable for the above competitions due to injury, or other reasons communicated to QC Pathways staff in advance of the competitions commencing.

Across both State Challenges, the 48 players will be made up of the following:

- 12 combined players from North Country (Cricket Far North, Cricket North Queensland, Mackay Whitsunday, and Central Queensland)
- 12 combined players from South Country (Wide Bay, Sunshine Coast, South East QLD and Darling Downs & SWQ)
- 24 combined players from Metro (Brisbane North, BEARS, Met South West and Gold Coast)

Please note: players who wish to be eligible for the North or South Country teams need to have played for a regional zone in the respective carnival for 2025/2026 season.

Phase 2 State Challenges for both the U15 Girls and U16 Boys serve as an opportunity for players to test and stretch their skillsets, as well as earn selection for Male and Female Winter training programs.

Selection in State Youth Playing Squads for the 2026/2027 season may be achieved through performance in any of the aforementioned competitions and programs; Queensland Cricket will also strongly consider performances across Premier (Taverners and Senior) and Country Cricket competitions at the start of the 2026/2027 season.

Kind regards,

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