



Fact Sheet 3- Metro Representative Pathways

Open Women's, Youth (u16) and U12/s

In September/October, the region seeks expressions of interest from women and girls who wish to represent the region at the Women's, Youth and Girls State Titles. Historically the State Titles have been in December each year. The Open Women's starts on a Friday Night and continues over Saturday and Sunday.

- Open Women's State Titles is for Division 1 players. Each team can be made up of 12 players. A trial may take place and this information will be forwarded to those who have expressed their interest.
- The Youth girls is for those players who are under 16 of that year. Each team is made up of 12 players. A trial may take place and this information will be forwarded to those who have expressed their interest
- U12/s girls is for those players who are u12 of that year. Each team is made up of 12 players. A trial may take place and this information will be forwarded to those who have expressed their interest

Gold Coast Summer Classic

The Gold Coast Summer Classic is a friendship tournament held in early January at the Gold Coast over three days. Each age group is hosted at a different ground across the Gold Coast Baseball Region. This tournament is good for players to be part of, to improve their understanding of what baseball tournament play all is about. Teams play 5-6 games during the tournament.

Metro takes teams down to the Gold Coast in Little League (u12), Intermediate League (u13), Junior League (u14), Senior League (U16). The region will call for expressions of interest late October, early November. The region tries to accommodate all players who express interest to attend this friendship tournament.

State Titles

Each year, in the March/April school holidays, Baseball Queensland hosts the Queensland State Titles.

The tournament includes the age groups of Little League, Intermediate League, Junior League, Senior League and Big League.

There are two divisions- Division 1 and Division 2. Also, for 2023 Division 3 has been added for Little League only.

The tournament is played over 3 days.

The region enters a team for every age group in Division 1. In Division 2, the region enters teams for the age groups of Little League, Junior League and Senior League.

Division 1 (Little League Pathways) players must meet eligibility criteria to be eligible to trial for the region. Trials take place in late January/early February. Expressions of interest from players who wish to trial for these teams are called for in late November/early December.

Eligibility criteria are:

- Little League – 8 games out of 12 advertised by the region on its website
- Intermediate League- 8 games out of 12 advertised by the region on its website
- Junior League- 8 games out of 12 advertised by the region on its website
- Senior League- for 2023, there is no requirement regarding eligibility games.

The region and coaches will determine how many players are selected for each age group. This will be communicated at the beginning of the trials.

Once selected, the team trains once or twice a week leading up to the State Titles.

For Queensland, division 1 teams achieving the following results at State titles will go to Nationals:

- Little League – 1st Place and 2nd Place
- Intermediate League- 1st Place
- Junior League – 1st Place
- Senior League- 1st Place.

The expectation is that all players who play in the State Titles team will compete at Nationals.

Division 2 and LL division 3: there are no eligibility criteria but players need to be playing for one of our member clubs. The region will call for expressions of interest for players late November/early December in the following age groups: Little League, Junior League, Senior League and Big League.

Little League is the only age group in Division 2 that has a pathway to a Nationals. In Queensland, teams who place 1st and 2nd at State titles will go to Nationals. In 2023, 1 team from the region will compete at LL division 2 State Titles. A trial will be held for this team.

For LL division 3, JL div 2, SL div 2 and Big League, multiple teams may be entered, and a trial may occur, depending on numbers of players and coaches available for each team.

Nationals

Each year, between May and June Baseball Australia hosts the National Championships for Little League Div 1 & Div 2, Intermediate League Div 1, Junior League Div 1, Senior League Div 1.

Players and support staff (Coaches and Executive Officer) travel to and from the tournament together and stay together at the provided accommodation. Travel and accommodation are organized for all competing teams by Baseball Australia. The cost of attending nationals differs each year. The cost can be between \$2500-\$3000.

The winner of each age group for Div 1 at Nationals plays in the World Series in America.