



## **2020 PLAY FOOTBALL REGISTRATION – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Q) Can I play outside my age group?**

A) All community players must play in their own age group unless approved by Football Queensland Technical Staff, or under the following circumstances,

- 1) You have trialled and registered as a SAP or TSP representative player. You must play in your own age group then you can play up one age group unlimited times – **You will only qualify for the final series in your age group.**
- 2) If you are not in SAP or TSP you can play only up in the same division from B pool to A pool on 5 occasions – You are not allowed to play up for example from Under 9 to Under 10 without prior approval
- 3) You have been playing in the same age group for more than 24 months and the club has sought approval from Football Qld North.

### **Q) I am a registered SAP player in Under 9/10/11 and I want to play with other SAP players. Is there a limit of how many players can play together?**

A) Yes, for Under 9 you can have 2 players per team from SAP, for under 10 you can have 3 players per team from SAP and for under 11 you can have 3 players from SAP. For 2021 this will include Under 12 .

### **Q) Do shadow players count towards the restrictions?**

A) No, all shadow players can play up, and are not part of the restriction of player numbers.

### **Q) Do players playing up in SAP age groups count towards the amount of SAP players?**

A) **NO** they don't, you can have as many SAP players playing up one age group as you wish, as long as the club has nominated the minimum number of players as per the rules for each team in the correct age group.

An example of this, Under 12 are required to have 9 players all aged 12 in 2020 to register the team. They can have a maximum of 13 registered players. The club may choose to keep 2 positions vacant to allow SAP players from Under 11 to play up from the age group below depending on availability. These players could also play in U12 B division.

### **Q) Why does SAP & TSP get these rule benefits?**

A) SAP & TSP is the official recognised pathway of the FFA under Football Queensland. These players have trialled and been assessed by Football Queensland Licenced Technical Staff. These players are training more and playing more during the year under the FFA Licenced Coaches.



**Q) Is SAP & TSP available to everyone?**

A) SAP is the Skill Acquisition Program and is available for all Under 9-12 players under trial at the end of each year. The TSP is the Talent Support Program and is for Under 13 – Under 16 for boys and Under 13-Under 17 for girls.

**Q) Why does Football Qld North have the age groups in “A” pool capped at a maximum number of players?**

A) FQ North is trying to make sure the community football competition remains fair and competitive for the future and allows the “B divisions to remain enjoyable for children who just want to play for fun.

**Q) Can I play in finals for multiple teams**

A) No, you can only play in your registered age group final

**Q) What time will my age group play on a Saturday?**

A) We are working on the draws at present, however until we have final nominations we won't know for certain. What we do know, is age groups will play on each field from the bottom up as follows,

U13B / U13A / U13/14/15 Girls / U14/15B / U14/15A - Fields 1/2/3/4  
U11B / U11A / U12B / U12A – Fields U11/12 A/B/C  
U10/11/12 Girls / U10B / U10A – U10/11A & B Fields  
U8 / U8/9 Girls / U9B / U9A – Under 8/9 Fields  
U5 / U6 / U7 – Under 5/6/7 Fields

These playing formats will allow the players to play across the age group from B to A so they improve their football and the SAP/TSP children to play up an age group.

**Q) Why do we pay to get entry to Brolga Park?**

A) There are significant costs to running a facility the size of Brolga Park. The facility is totally funded by Football Queensland North and you may be surprised to know we have to pay for everything inside the park including a water bill of approx. \$55,000 a year. We want to improve the facility each and every year to make it an enjoyable place to visit so we need to continue putting funds into shade, field maintenance programs, lighting, toilets, and grandstands as a minimum.

We welcome all types of trades and volunteers who want to help the organisation so if you are a tradie who wants to help FQ North, volunteer, coach or manager we are happy to provide you FREE entry to the park.

In addition, if you purchase a season pass you will save money for the year.