



## Gold Coast Beach Oztag – 2023

### CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The Tournament will be run under the auspices of Australian Oztag who will appoint a Tournament Director. The Director, Luke Manahan, will be tasked with the general running of the competition within the guidelines of the Conditions of Entry and the Directors Responsibilities Document.
2. The Referees Director, Matt Applin, will be appointed and responsible for the appointment of referees, refereeing disputes and any on-field issues relating to officials.
3. Team registration form **MUST be handed into Tournament Admin** prior to the team's first game. Failure to do so will result in a 3 try deduction for each game it is outstanding.
4. All teams must abide by the Code of Conduct and Rules set by Australian Oztag.
5. A maximum of 12 players per team



## PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

6. Age eligibility requirements for each division:
  - a. **Men's / Women's / Mixed Open:** No age limit.
  - b. **Mixed Seniors:** Women must be 30 years or older, men must be 35 years or older
  - c. **Players can only play in a senior competition when they turn 15.**
  - d. **Mens 35s:** Players must be the age of the division they are playing in or older by 31<sup>st</sup> December the year of the tournament.
  - e. **Proof of age** – if a player's age is questioned a birth certificate, passport or other identification must be supplied upon request within seven days of the tournament. If it is proven after the conclusion of the tournament, a title if won will be stripped from the Association and no winner will be awarded for that division. Other penalties outlined in this policy will also apply.
  - f. **All Junior divisions** – Player must be turning the age of the division in that calendar year.
  
7. **If a Coach plays a player not eligible the TEAM may be disqualified. THE ONUS IS ON THE COACH AND MANAGER TO ENSURE ALL PLAYERS ARE ELIGIBLE. To say "I didn't know" is no excuse. It's your responsibility to check each player.**
  
8. Proof of age (Licence, Birth certificate or passport) must be supplied upon request.



## **TEAM UNIFORM**

9. On-field Playing Shorts must be purchased through “Oztag Equipment Supplies” (OES) & will be the only Shorts permitted to be worn by players.
10. No Jewelry. Studs only in ears.
11. Hard peak baseball caps need to be turned backwards during play.
- 12. No Watches/Fit bits, wristbands or similar allowed.**
13. Shorts must be proper fitting, worn correctly on hips, lace done up tightly & only one pair of shorts can be worn.

## **POINTS SYSTEM**

14. WIN = 2 POINTS
15. DRAW = 1 POINTS
16. FORFEITING Teams will be reviewed and may be disqualified from future tournaments. The team receiving the forfeit will be given an average on for and against.

## **REFEREES**

17. REFEREES are not to be approached at any time by a coach, manager or parent unless your intention is to shake hands at fulltime and have something positive to say.
18. On field refereeing complaints from teams should be directed solely to the Referees Director not the referee.



19. If clarification is sought re a rule the coach should approach the ground official who can ask the referee or contact the referee's director.
20. Any team official who verbally abuses a referee or yells at the referee with comments which are unacceptable or not in the true spirit of the game will be moved behind the ropes or expelled from the tournament.

## **SUSPENSIONS**

### **Send Offs**

21. **ZERO TOLERANCE, NO STRIKE POLICY.** Any Player who throws a punch or strikes will be sent off and may be disqualified from the tournament.
22. Anyone sent off for any other infringement will receive an automatic 1 game suspension. The suspension will carry over to future tournaments.
23. Suspensions can affect the player's ability to play in any Oztag Competition.

## **SIN BINS**

24. If a player is sin binned it is for a mandatory period of 5 minutes.
25. If a player is sin binned twice during the course of the game he/she will take no further part in that game but can be replaced by another team member at the completion of the 5 minutes.



## **ALCOHOL**

26. No alcohol is to be brought into the grounds. This is a requirement of Council and an AO rule. If anyone is caught with alcohol brought into the venue they will be asked to leave and may face disqualification from future tournaments and also jeopardise their association's further involvement.

## **BEHAVIOUR**

27. Any unacceptable behaviour whilst attending a tournament will be met with severe repercussions from Australian Oztag.

28. All players, coaches, managers, delegates and spectators who attend an Oztag Tournament are bound by Australian Oztag's Code of Conduct, which covers your behaviour travelling to and from the tournament, at your own accommodation, whilst out and about and off the field at the venue. Also be aware of your social media posts which can also be subject to AO's social media policy.

### **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY (Warning/10 metre penalty)**

29. If a player/s continually questions decisions or uses unacceptable communications with the referee they will be penalized. They will be warned & if this behaviour continues the referee has the option to stop play and penalize the player, 10 metres centre field from the opposition try line or sin bin or send off.



30. If officials on the sideline yell out at the referee the referee will stop play, approach the officials and warn them. The next time, they will stop play and move to the 10-metre mark from the try line against the offending official's team and award a penalty.
31. The above policy is also in place for spectators. If a spectator continually yells out or abuses the referee the referee will warn the coach and take the same action if the abuse continues. The spectator may also be expelled from the tournament venue.
- 32. Ground officials & tournament staff have been directed to record on their phones any untoward behaviour or game which becomes heated. This may be used in any judicial hearing.**

**Luke Manahan – Tournament Director**

