

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)

## WHERE IS CPD JUNIOR OZTAG PLAYED FOR SUMMER?

Pat O'Hara Reserve, Morley (Bayswater Rugby Union Fields) - Monday's Charles Riley Memorial Reserve, North Beach (North Beach Rugby League Fields) - Tuesday's Lark Hill Sports Complex. Port Kennedy (Rockingham Rugby Union Fields) - Thursday's
4:30pm – 6:30pm

## HOW LONG DOES THE COMPETITION RUN FOR?

10 weeks – Starts early November, breaks over Xmas and NY, then resumes mid January, finishing up in late February (specific dates are detailed on home page)
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## HOW LONG DO GAMES RUN FOR?

Games run for 40 minutes (2 x 20min halves)
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## WHAT TIME ARE THE GAMES?

Timeslots – 4:30pm, 5:10pm, 5:50pm
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## WHAT DOES MY CHILD WEAR?

Players <b><u>NEED</u></b> to wear official Oztag shorts/tights to participate. Shorts can be purchased at the venue (cash only). These can be pre-ordered on your 'online rego form' for pick-up on arrival on round 1, as well as a full size range available every competition round:
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- **SHORTS - \$30**
- **TIGHTS - \$35**

Can wear whatever they like on top. We find teams like to be in unison, so it is quite common for a team to pick a coloured shirt, or get tops made up.
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Football boots are advised ie moulded studs or blades (no screw-ins) however not necessary
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## HOW MANY PLAYERS ARE ON THE FIELD? AND HOW MANY PLAYERS SHOULD I HAVE IN MY TEAM?

In the Mixed Division there are 8 on the field, of which 3 need to be female
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Teams need to have a minimum of 10 players to register and can have a maximum of 16.
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## **CAN I MAKE SURE MY CHILD IS PLACED IN THE SAME TEAM AS A FRIEND?**

We have no problem with making sure friends are placed together into the same team so long as they are eligible to play in the same division. If however, your child's friend has played for a few years and is already in a set team, then you would need to speak to the Team Delegate of that team to see if there is room for your child to play as we cannot force the delegate to accept extra registrations. When you register on the 'Individual register form', indicate in the space provided the friends you would like your child to be kept with.

## **CAN I MAKE SURE MY CHILD IS PLACED WITH HIS/HER SIBLING?**

If you register a full team then yes you can have younger players in your team. However they cannot be placed into a team if they are not the appropriate age unless the team you are joining accepts a younger player.

## **WILL MY CHILD NEED TO BE GRADED?**

Depending on the depth of the competition and number of teams we have in each age division, grades may be established at the beginning, or introduced after a few rounds. We do this as we have teams made up from school class friends, winter sport teams (Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Soccer etc) and from individuals signing up as well as Representative players. We want to make our competition fun and competitive for all players involved.

## **WHICH AGE GROUP SHOULD MY CHILD PLAY IN?**

Children are allocated to age groups based on the age they are, or are turning the year of **START** of the competition:  
ie. If my child is 10 in December, I will register him/her in the '10 & under' age group

## **DOES MY CHILD NEED TO ATTEND TRAINING EACH WEEK?**

No training days are scheduled for Oztag players. It is up to individual teams to arrange their own training days if they choose to do so. The majority of teams, do not train at all.

## **WHO AND WHAT IS A DELEGATE/MANAGER?**

They are a point of contact for our competition convenor to relay information to and pass on to the team. Delegate/Managers are not coaches. They may help the team by substituting players during the game and usually at the beginning organise team rego forms, shirt colour/team shirts. Some teams put too much pressure on the delegate believing they are there to coach the team. Remember they have kindly put their hand up and given up some time to be our point of contact to make life a little easier for the players/parents. Please offer them assistance.

## **ARE PARENTS ALLOWED ON THE FIELD TO HELP THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT PLAYED BEFORE?**

Yes, we allow one parent help out on the field for all ages under 10 years (little fields). However, coaches are to be mindful to encourage players to learn the game and not interfere too much with the game. You are there as a guide, nothing more.

## **ARE THERE ANY DIFFERENT RULES DEPENDING ON THE AGE GROUP?**

We have amended rules for our ages 10 years and below (little field)

### AMENDED RULES FOR 10'S AND UNDER

No marker allowed.

Dummy half may run but if tagged a changeover will occur.

Dummy half cannot score.

Defensive line cannot move until the first receiver touches the ball or the dummy half runs.

Junior Fields (5 to 10 year old) - 50m x 35m (play across senior field)

## **I HAVE REGISTERED MY CHILD TO PLAY OZTAG BUT DON'T KNOW WHAT TEAM HE/SHE HAS BEEN PLACED INTO?**

Individual players signing up will be placed into teams once registrations close. We need to ensure that we are placing players into the right teams and into teams that need players. Players will be contacted by the competition convenor with their team's name and Delegates/Managers contact information the latest, one week prior to the competition starting. Please be patient, we will be in contact.

## **DOES CPD JUNIOR OZTAG PROVIDE COACHES?**

Being a recreational sport, we do not supply coaches. We ask for parents to help by being a Delegate/Manager. We find in many cases that a parent will put their hand up to coach a team and, in some cases, we even have older siblings that also volunteer.

## **WHO DO I RING TO ADVISE THAT MY CHILD CAN'T MAKE A GAME?**

You must ring and advise your team Delegate/Manager. Do not contact CPD Junior Oztag as we will not be able to pass on the information due to the number of calls and other responsibilities on the night.

### **WE ARE SHORT PLAYERS; CAN WE GET A FRIEND TO FILL-IN?**

You can only have a player who is registered in the CPD Oztag competition, and that player must be registered in a younger age group.

All fill-ins must be approved by competition convenor (located at Admin desk) before they take the field.

Any team found playing a player that is not registered in our competition or registered in a higher age group will be disqualified for that round.

### **WE HAVE A FEW PLAYERS AWAY, WHAT IS THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS THAT CAN TAKE THE FIELD?**

You can take the field with 5 players. If you don't have 5, then you will have to forfeit. Please let us know in advance if that is the case so we can notify your opponents.

### **DO YOU CANCEL THE GAMES IF IT IS VERY HOT?**

No, we do not cancel our rounds if the weather is hot. We are summer sport, so it is highly likely that the weather will be warm. In instances of extreme heat, we will reduce the games to quarters or thirds to ensure that the players are getting enough time to rest and hydrate.

Please do not email us to pressure us to cancel. If you do not want your child playing in the heat, then you have to make the choice of whether or not you allow them to play

**If you have any questions that have not been answered on this page, please email us at [Trudy.whaanga@hotmail.com](mailto:Trudy.whaanga@hotmail.com) and we endeavour to address your query in a timely manner.**