**AUSTRALIAN OZTAG LTD**

**PLAYERS POOL POLICY**

**OBJECTIVES**

A player’s pool is offered as a controlled means for both players and Associations to compete in Representative Oztag tournaments. There are 3 main components of the player’s pool:

1. To provide players who are not selected in their association/regions representative team.
2. To allow players an opportunity to participate when their association/region doesn’t field a team.
3. To provide players for Associations/regions who need to complete their teams.

**RULES**

1. A player must be eligible under the AO conditions of entry –
* **BE A REGISTERED PLAYER IN AN OFFICAL OZTAG DOMESTIC COMPETITION**
* **HAVE PLAYED 7 GAMES OF OZTAG IN THE CURRENT OR 2 PROCEEDING SEASONS.**
* **PLAYERS ARE ONLY ELIGIBLE FOR A STATE TOURNAMENT IF THEY PLAY IN THAT STATE, UNLESS DISPENSATION IS GIVEN BY AO.**
1. Players must enter the Players Pool by completing the required **PLAYER POOL NOMINATION FORM.**

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3. If the players region is fielding a team in the division you wish to play in but you are not playing for this team – you must have a player release form signed off by the Regional coordinator to enter the player’s pool.

4. Entry to the Players Pool must be submitted to AO by the nominated cut-off date.

5. Teams requesting players from the player’s pool will have to submit a request form.

6. Teams who are short of players should register their requirements via the **REQUEST FORM** and send to the above address. Associations/Regions **cannot accept** players into their teams from outside areas without it going through the

Player’s pool system. Regions that blatantly ignore Player Pool rules may be **sanctioned or disqualified by the tournament director**.

7. AO tournament committee will allocate player/s in the pool to requesting teams based on a first in first serve basis. Player and team logistics may be taken into consideration in some circumstances. Teams will be advised ASAP.

8. Individual and team handicap rules still apply as well as the penalties for breaking these rules.

9. If a Pool Player wishes to remove their name from the pool, they may do so at any time.

10. Players should be prepared to cover their travel, accommodation, uniform and registration costs in the event they are picked up by a team.

AO tournament committee will endeavor to find you a place in one of the teams in the tournament, however we can’t guarantee that a vacancy in your division exists. In this case you will be notified before the tournament.

***Important***

Please be aware that your name, email address and contact number will be made available to other Oztag officials to attempt to make contact with you.

**Player Release Rules**

**OBJECTIVES**

A player’s release is offered as a controlled means for players to compete in Representative Oztag tournaments. There are 2 possible reasons as to why a player would seek a release from their Association/s.

* They trialed for and were unsuccessful in making the representative team for their Association/Region.
* Their Association/Region is not fielding a team for the division they wish to compete in.
1. A player must have a release form signed by their Association’s coordinator and submit to AOSA.
2. Players will enter in to the player’s pool and should a team request a player will be allocated to a team by AO.
3. Please note Associations/Regions cannot request certain players from the player’s pool.
4. Once a player is allocated to a team the player cannot change teams. They must represent for this association or not at all.
5. Where possible AO will place players in a neighboring Association, however this may not always be possible. Sydney metro players should be prepared to be placed in a Regional Association’s team.