



State of Origin- 2024

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- The Tournament will be run under the auspices of Australian Oztag Limited, Tournament Director, Bill Harrigan. The Director will be tasked with the general running of the competition within the guidelines of the Conditions of Entry and the Directors Responsibilities Document.
 - A Referees Director, Ricky O'Connor, will be responsible for the appointment of referees, refereeing disputes and any on-field issues relating to officials.
 - Teams eligible for entry, are those representing states as identified by Australian Oztag.
 - All teams must abide by the Code of Conduct and Rules set by Australian Oztag.
 - All players must be current individually registered Australian Oztag Players. Any breach of this could result in Team/State disqualifications. See Player Eligibility Policy.
 - **All registration forms must be collected and submitted by the State delegate half hour before the first game.**
 - **All players names must be on the sheet when submitted regardless if playing in first game/s or not.**
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- A[□] maximum of **8 PLAYERS ON THE FIELD.**

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Proof of age (Birth certificate or passport) must be supplied upon request. The Coach will have 7 days to supply proof.

TEAM UNIFORM

- Official Oztag Shorts purchased through "Oztag Equipment Supplies" will be the only shorts permitted to be worn by players.
- No football boots with screw in studs or cleats will be permitted. Moulded sole boots (blades accepted), running shoes are allowed.
- **Hard peaked caps must be worn reversed or not at all.**
- No Jewellery. Studs only in ears.





GENERAL RULES

1. The official Rules of Oztag will be used during this Tournament.
2. Games will be 40 minute's duration. 20 minutes each way, with 2 minutes break at half time.
 - 2a. Teams must be at field ready to play at least 5 minutes prior to end of the last game.
 - 2b. Teams should take the field at the two minute music warning and be ready for the kick off siren. A team will require 5 players to start the game. The referee will whistle the start of the game after hearing the siren.
 - 2c. If a Team is on the field and ready at the kick off whistle and the opposition is not ready the team will be penalised one (1) point. Teams not ready to commence play within 3 minutes of the start siren may forfeit the game. The referee will blow a whistle on the 3 minute mark. The full time whistle will be the end of the game not the siren.
3. **In the event of a drawn series at fulltime of the fourth game extra time will be played to decide the Champions. NO EXTRA TIME in the first three games.**

Extra time will be played with 5 players only. Play may continue if a team is reduced to 4 if a player is sin binned or sent off. An injured player may also be replaced. The opposition team will be granted the opportunity to replace a player if the oppositions injured player is replaced. This must be done at the same time.

4. The Referee will conduct a ROCK OFF (scissor, paper, rock). The Captain winning the rock off will have possession **and** choose the direction the team will run. **PLAY WILL COMMENCE WITH A TAP KICK AT THE CENTRE OF THE HALFWAY LINE.**

If a try is scored in the first set of six tags the opposition will be given the same opportunity. (Right of Reply) If the opposition score within their set of six tags the right of reply is repeated until a winner is declared.
5. Unlimited interchange rule applies in all games. Except in extra time.
6. Interchange can only be made when your team is in Attacking Mode.
7. Coach, manager and players not involved in an interchange must stay back off the touch line.
8. **Interchange players must swap tags on the touchline whilst play is in progress.**
9. Only eight (8) sets of tags will be issued per team per game.





10. A breach of the substitution rule may result in a penalty being awarded.

11. All coaches and Managers must be dressed during games in their State Uniform, Eg: Polo shirt, Jackets. They must also be wearing enclosed footwear at all times on the sideline. No Crocs.

POINTS SYSTEM

WIN = 2 POINTS

DRAW = 1 POINTS

SUSPENSIONS

Send Offs

- **Any Player who throws a punch, kicks or strikes another player will be sent off and will be disqualified from the tournament. If the player who gets hit retaliates, they will be subject to a judiciary hearing.**
- Anyone sent off for any other infringement will receive an automatic 1 game suspension. The suspension will carry over to future tournaments.
- If there are extenuating circumstances eg: Serious nature of the offence, the Referee's Director and Tournament Director may deem it necessary to increase the suspension.
- Length of penalty will be at their discretion.
- Suspensions can affect the player's ability to play in any Ozttag Competition.

Sin Bins

- If a player is sin binned it is for a period of 5 minutes.
- 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.





GROUND STAFF

- Ground staff can be identified by their uniform. They have been given a job to do so please abide by their instructions and show them the respect you would expect for yourself.

ALCOHOL/SMOKING

- **C-Ex Stadium is a non-smoking venue. All smokers must leave the venue if they wish to smoke. No alcohol is permitted to be brought into the venue at any time.**

SPECTATORS

- Fields will be roped off. Spectators are required to remain behind the ropes.

RUBBISH

- **Every year plenty of time is spent by ground staff picking up rubbish left behind by players at the completion of play. Please take your empty water bottles and rubbish with you and place in a bin.**

BEHAVIOUR

- Any unacceptable behaviour whilst attending a tournament will be met with severe repercussions from the Australian Oztag.
- All players, coaches, managers, delegates and spectators who attend an OzTag Tournament are bound by the Australian Oztag Code of Conduct.
- Please do not approach the referee at half or full-time. Meetings can be set up with the referee director. The code also covers your behaviour travelling to and from the tournament, at your own accommodation, whilst out and about and off the field at the venue.
- In the past penalties have included life bans from playing Oztag.

Bill Harrigan – Tournament Director

