



Queensland Veterans Cricket (QVC) Selection Policy

Applies from October 2025

Introduction

This QVC policy sets out the principles and criteria by which players may be selected to represent Queensland to play in veterans/masters cricket tournaments. While none of these criteria are absolute, the Selection Committee role is to balance these elements to ensure strong representative teams. The QVC Management Committee will establish Selection panels that are drawn from its Regions for each age group in men's and women's divisions.

A separate policy for selection of **Women cricketers** into representative teams will be published in 2026. The broad principles set out below may be used by the Women's cricket selection panel as a guide until the new policy is put in place.

This policy sets out the approach the Selection Committee should take and the expected communication with players. Elements within the policy are:

- Player location eligibility
- Age eligibility
- Regularity of play
- Form
- Player role
- Discipline
- QVC Membership, Subscriptions, fees, uniform and application
- QVC expectations of behaviour and spirit of cricket

These criteria apply to selection for **National Competitions** but also **Cooper-Finlay competitions** vs NSW. In relation to the Cooper-Finlay competition, Selectors are encouraged to use this opportunity to introduce new players from non-QVC competitions (e.g. Northern Queensland), Summer Grade cricket or younger age groups nearing qualification for veterans/masters cricket. This increases participation, but also provides opportunity to review players in advance of the next Nationals competition. Special provisions are made in selection criteria to allow for this approach.

Selection criteria

1. Player location eligibility

- Players may be selected where they are currently playing in a Queensland based competition or where they are resident in Queensland.
- Any player who does not reside within the outer boundaries of the current QVC Regions that compete in South East Queensland (SEQ) QVC competition, but still resides within Queensland is exempt from the minimum 3 match qualification set out in Section 3 below. These players are eligible to be selected in any Queensland team if they follow the normal nomination process.
- This provision is to ensure that high quality players competing outside of SEQ have an opportunity to be considered for Queensland representation. To recognise the very strong development of veterans/masters cricket in North Queensland and their relationship with QVC, players will be encouraged to present their playing experience (e.g. intercity matches, within NQ competition matches) through the nomination form. This will form a clear pathway for players into the future and allow selectors to review these performances and seek further inputs if required.

2. Age eligibility

- Players must be chosen to meet the rules of the competition (e.g. Nationals, Cooper-Finlay, Winter Carnival, Quad Series). These competitions may specify minimum ages (based on exact birth date) to play. For the Cooper-Finlay competition the player must be turning the minimum age or older for an age specific competition in the year of the competition (e.g. turning 50 for the O50s competition). In some competitions there is an allowance for mixed age groups. Selectors will take this into account and balance teams accordingly.

- Generally, the selection of players should place them into their age specific bracket (e.g. 60 year old in the Over 60s competition) but other selection factors may be taken into account to allow players to play in age groups below their age (e.g. high performance players) and age should not be the only disqualifying factor. It would be expected in this situation that the player would be playing in at least Division 2 in the lower age group of their Region in the QVC competition (e.g 60 year old playing Div 1/2s O50s).

Regularity of play

- Players will only be eligible for representative selection where they can demonstrate they are playing regularly and displaying form and capability. This may be through playing in competitions at various levels (e.g. grade, regional, veteran's competitions, suburban) where they can demonstrate their skills to the satisfaction of the Selection Committee.
- Players must have played a **minimum of 3** matches in QVC competitions/Cooper Finlay competition to be eligible for Nationals Competition selection. For the Cooper-Finlay competition there is no minimum requirement for playing QVC matches, but players will be assessed against the other criteria. Any player on international duty during the Cooper Finlay is considered to have played the two Cooper Finlay matches.
- Preference should be given to competitions where they replicate the type of competition being selected for (e.g. short form cricket on turf). While preference will be given to higher grade club players to play in higher grade representative levels, players playing in lower club grades shall also be considered where they are demonstrating appropriate skill and capability.

4. Form

- Players will be selected based on their form (e.g. runs scored, wickets taken, partnerships, critical roles, leadership). Recent form and long term form will be assessed and balanced, particularly previous performances at the level of the competition being selected for (e.g. Nationals, Australian representative).
- Form can be assessed from examining player statistics through PlayHQ, selectors knowledge of players or through discussions with trusted independent sources outside the Selection Committee (e.g. club captains, key players/observers).
- It is recognised that while performance statistics are a strong reflection on form, they often do not account for game situations or specific roles players are asked

to play. It is this non-outcome based information that the Selection Committee can take into account using alternative sources to PlayHQ.

5. Exceptions

- Any exceptions to the above selection criteria (i.e. injury with medical evidence, national service, over 40's and above, games played in Queensland regional competitions) will require application to and assessment by the Competition Committee.
- Any player named in a team as described in Section 3 is deemed to have played that game for National Championship selection eligibility if that game does not proceed or is a "no result" due to weather or forfeit.

Roles

- Players will be assessed for selection taking into account their potential role in a team. These roles may be in batting, bowling, fielding or other team contributions.
 - Batting - selection will take into account runs scored, averages, strike rate, partnerships, running between wickets and how they might fit into specialist positions- e.g. opener, designated hitter
 - Bowling - selection will take into account wickets taken, averages, strike rate and how they fit into specialist positions e.g. opening bowler, innings closer, specialist bowler types to meet playing conditions (e.g. fast, spinner, swing)
 - Fielding - selection will ensure all players are capable and willing to contribute in the field through actively stopping, chasing and returning the ball in a skillful and attacking manner. Players must have demonstrated a strong ability to catch the ball in a range of fielding positions and circumstances. Specialist skills can be taken into account in the field (e.g. wicket keeping, slips or close in fielder or boundary riding speed and throwing skills)
 - Team contribution - selection can take into account other factors that contribute to a team's success. This may take the form of team organisation, strategic/tactical input, captaincy and coaching roles, role flexibility, game awareness. It is important that these skills are supported by meeting other selection criteria.
 - Fitness and mobility are critical to success of representative cricket teams. Selections will ensure that the player has the ability to meet the expected standards of that level of competition being selected for (e.g. age and Division appropriate). It is expected that players will present themselves ready and fit for selection in competitions. Representative players are

expected to show a greater capability in this regard and a willingness to develop further. It is expected that Divisions 1-2 will undertake training sessions or be involved in competitive matches in advance of tournaments.

Discipline

- Selection to any representative Queensland Veterans Cricket team shall be subject to the player not having any outstanding disciplinary penalties in the QVC or other cricket competitions.

6. QVC Membership, Subscriptions, fees, uniform

- To be eligible for selection, players must be registered as a member of Queensland Veterans Cricket (QVC). They must complete the QVC nomination process for each competition by the specified date. This will generally require players to specify their skills, experience and capability.
- Players must have no outstanding subscriptions or fees owing to their club or to QVC where there is no agreed payment arrangement with the club/QVC Secretary or Treasurer.
- Players must only be selected where they commit to paying the competition playing fees and make themselves available for competition dates, which will be stated in the nomination process.
- Players must commit to wearing the correct uniform for the competition to represent Queensland.

8. QVC expectations of behaviour and spirit of cricket

- Being selected to represent Queensland in any form of cricket is an honour and should be strived for by cricketers. It is expected that all players selected for Queensland Veterans Cricket teams will respect this honour and present themselves ready and fit for play at each competition.
- Players should present themselves in the correct uniform at the venue of the competition at the agreed time set by the captain ready for play. Readiness for play means physically, mentally and emotionally fit for play and a readiness to play hard and demanding cricket at high levels, demonstrating their skill levels. It is important to remind players that alcohol and drugs use have a negative impact on players ability and moderation in alcohol consumption prior to a game is expected. Feedback on these aspects will be provided by captains to the Selection Committee for use at their next selection opportunity. Players not meeting these expectations may not be selected at the next opportunity.

- Representatives of Queensland Veterans Cricket teams are expected to play to the best of their abilities and to play hard aggressive cricket in order to win. Balancing this, it is expected that selected players will play in accordance with the laws of cricket and local competition rules. In their selection players are expected to meet reasonable behaviour standards and behave in the spirit of cricket. This will extend to ensuring opposition players, officials and supporters are treated with respect and that no derogatory comments or behaviours are directed at them. The Selection Committee will be made aware of these behaviours at subsequent meetings and this may be a factor in future selection processes.