



BMTA JUNIOR STATE CUP REFEREES MANUAL 2025

July 10th – 12th 2025 @ Rockhampton

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1.0 – General Information

Junior State Cup (JSC) is Queensland's premier junior event, featuring the leading players, coaches, and referees from around the state. This year, Junior State Cup is being held in Rockhampton at the Cyril Connell Fields and Norbridge Park, and is a perfect opportunity for all referees, regardless of experience, to travel away with our group, enjoy the weekend, develop their skills and progress in their refereeing journeys.

As always, BMTA is sending a large number of teams to the competition, each of which are required to have an accompanying referee for their nomination. Consequently, we have plenty of spaces for new referees to give it a crack and experience the tournament lifestyle for the first time – I promise you it's plenty of fun.

This guide should hopefully contain the answers to most of your questions – whether you are new or returning – but don't hesitate to reach out if you have anything else.

1.1 – Important Dates

This year, JSC is being held from **Thursday the 10th to Saturday the 12th of July.**

Referees will be required to be in Rockhampton by the evening of Wednesday the 9th of July, as games start early the next morning.

The referee contingent will be travelling home on Sunday morning as games will finish late on Saturday afternoon.

In Summary:

Travel Day to Rockhampton: Wednesday 9th July

Competition Dates: Thursday 10th July – Saturday 12th July

Travel Day to Brisbane: Sunday 13th July

1.2 – Important Contacts

BMTA will have a number of experienced referees and staff who will support the referee group. Please ask anyone if you need anything over the lead-in or through the weekend. In the case of an emergency, this group will be your first point of contact. It is essential that all parents and referees have these numbers saved in their phone in case they are needed.

Main Contact



Name: Will Atchison
Role: BMTA Referees Coordinator
Phone Number: 0413 802 103

I will be attending JSC as a referee, but also as Referee Coordinator, so may not always be able to answer my phone.

Zac Genrich, BMTA's General Manager, will also be in attendance around the referee group. Please save this number in the case that I am unable to answer the phone.



Name: Zac Genrich
Role: BMTA General Manager
Phone Number: 0435 874 760

Other Contacts:

We are fortunate to have several referees in our team with years of experience at competitions, who have each been in the same position as all of you at some point in their refereeing journey. Two more contacts will be provided as we confirm our group for the weekend.

1.3 – Referee Pay

BMTA is providing accommodation for all referees attending JSC at the Metro Motel for four nights. In addition, referees will be paid a \$100 travel subsidy (which will be paid in the payment round the week after JSC) to assist in getting to and from the venue.

1.4 – Referee Polos

This year, BMTA are returning to using polos for all members of the referee's team. The design will be the same as in past years for those who still have their shirts from previous tournaments.

When completing the EOI, please indicate if you have not received one of these in the past. If you fit into this category, a shirt will be given to you before we leave for the tournament free of charge. For those who do have one from previous years, a \$50 BMTA uniform voucher will be given to you instead once your official Queensland Touch Football nomination has been completed, which can be used on the BMTA store (e.g. training singlet, whistle).

2.0 – Accommodation

2.1 – General Details

For JSC, BMTA supplies accommodation for all referees attending the event as representatives of BMTA. If referees have family or friends attending the event, they are welcome to stay with them, however staying with the group is highly encouraged where possible.

This year, we have booked in to stay at the Metro Motel Rockhampton, located at 110 George Street, for the nights of Wednesday the 9th to Saturday the 12th. Check-in on Wednesday is anytime after 1pm, but feel free to take your time that afternoon. Check out will be at a normal time on Sunday morning.

2.2 – Facilities

Being a motel, each room will have limited facilities available to referees. Between the rooms, we are likely to have access to:

- A fridge and microwave
- Tea and Coffee making facilities
- Limited kitchenware

In addition to:

- A pool
- Washing facilities
- Undercover and off-street parking.

2.2.1 – Clothes Washing

For those who haven't travelled with the group before, you'll learn very quickly that the most challenging part of the weekend is far from the fields, but instead in the laundry. As you can imagine, with upwards of 20 sets of nearly identical uniforms, it's often a mission to get everything cleaned, dried, and sorted between days. To make life easier, all referees must bring a **named washbag** to put their clothes in for the washing machine.

2.3 – Room Allocations

The motel has a range of rooms that have been booked for the weekend. Sleeping allocations will be released as we draw closer to the event and friendships will be considered where possible. Although great effort will be taken to ensure friendships are considered, males and females will sleep in different rooms. Once these have been finalised, referees are not permitted to sleep anywhere but their allocated room.

Please note, if this is the reason you are not sure about coming to JSC, the time spent in bed will be minimal over the course of the tournament. Please reach out to me directly if you have any concerns.

3.0 – Transport

3.1 – Travel to Rockhampton

As usual, referees are more than welcome to make their own way to and from Rockhampton. We strongly encourage carpooling where possible, for ease of parking at both the fields and the accommodation.

For junior referees who do not have a mode of transport to the tournament, please indicate this in the Expression of Interest form or reach out to me directly. We are hoping that as in past years, we will have enough senior referees to enable carpooling across the board. Parents will be able to meet these referees at the **compulsory information night**, please refer 8.0 for further information.

In the event that transport options cannot be arranged for the entire group, BMTA will investigate the possibility of hiring a minivan, as has been done in the past. If this is necessary, times and logistics will be communicated with sufficient time before the travel day.

3.2 – Travel to the Fields

Referees who drive to the tournament will be free to make their way to and from the fields each day to arrive before the QTF Referee Meeting. If the minivan is required, it will leave the accommodation in time to attend this meeting, and logistics will be communicated to referees as soon as possible.

3.3 – Junior Referee Expectations

All parents of children who are under-18 must confirm their travel arrangements with myself prior to the tournament. It is important that if premade plans are to change that you let me know as soon as possible. Similarly, relevant changes of plan will be communicated to parents/guardians at the earliest courtesy.

4.0 – Tournament Referee Information

4.1 – General Information

Referees must be at least 12 years old (born in 2013) and be available for all 3 days of the tournament. All referees over the age of 18 at the time of the tournament must hold a valid Blue Card that is linked to BMTA. For further information please contact myself directly.

Being a state event, it is an expectation that you referee to the best of your ability on all of your games, being an exemplary role model of BMTA in your interactions with players, coaches, spectators, officials, and other referees. On the field, full TFA referee uniform is mandatory, including the pink shirt, black shorts/skirt, black socks, and hat (recommended but not compulsory). Uniforms are available for purchase at the following link:

<https://touchfootballshop.com.au/>

4.2 – Upgrades

Junior State Cup 2025 will be a Representative Badge (second badge) Upgrade Event. To be eligible for this upgrade, referees must be at least 13 years old, endorsed by BMTA, and have completed the equivalent online course module. For any assistance with the preceding criteria, let me or one of our referee coaches know and we can work towards this.

4.3 – Referee Coaching

It is very likely that you will receive referee coaching at some point during the weekend. Please be respectful of their feedback and make an attempt to take any advice you are offered on board. They are all highly qualified and engaged in your development as a referee!

4.4 – Referee Teams

At these events, referees are allocated into referee teams, consisting of approximately 10 people and led by an experienced member of the group. The team leader is an excellent resource at the fields, and is your first point of contact for questions regarding your allocations, field locations, general inquiries, or if you can't find a familiar face. When you arrive, find the table with your allocated team and leave your bag there before the referee meeting.

5.0 - Food Arrangements

5.1 – Breakfast

Referees will be required to source their own breakfast every morning as we have to leave early for the referee meeting. It is recommended that you bring something easy,

for example muesli bars or cereals, as well as disposable plates and cutlery – the accommodation has limited cooking appliances.

5.2 – Lunch

QTF supplies lunch and snacks at the venue for all referees daily, generally consisting of sandwiches, fruit, lollies, and muesli bars. If you have any dietary requirements, please let me know as soon as possible so I can enquire as to the availability of other options.

If you would rather pack your own lunch, snacks, or drinks, you are more than welcome to.

5.3 – Dinner

There is no dinner supplied for referees during the event. However, as is BMTA tradition, there will be an opportunity to access nearby takeaway options. Referees under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult when leaving the accommodation for these trips, however, there will be no shortage of senior referees available as we will all go to dinner as a group at the end of each day. As with the other meals, anyone who would prefer to organise their own dinner/visit a different restaurant is welcome to. Please take into consideration that the accommodation has a lack of cooking appliances and utensils and you should therefore be prepared appropriately.

6.0 – Rules and Expectations

6.1 – BMTA Rules

As a representative of BMTA at Junior State Cup, there are a handful of rules that will be enforced for all referees across the tournament. These rules are supplementary to the TFA Code of Conduct and JSC Conditions of Entry. Please carefully read the following:

1. Referees must follow the instructions of the BMTA Referee Coordinator and referee supervisors at all times.
2. Referees must be respectful of all other members of the BMTA and broader refereeing team – in addition to players, coaches, and spectators – for the duration of the event.
3. Referees under 18 are not permitted to leave the accommodation without being accompanied by an adult or without prior permission from parents.
4. Referees under 18 are not permitted to leave the playing fields once games have started for the day, unless there has been prior communication with the referee coordinator.
5. Once referees are informed it is lights out, they are to remain in their allocated rooms for the remainder of the night.

6. Similarly, referees must sleep in their allocated room, which will not be changed unless instructed by the referee coordinator/supervisor.

6.2 – Event Expectations

Many of these expectations can be taken from the Junior State Cup Conditions of Entry.

1. Referees are required to officiate all of their allocated games. If, for any reason, you cannot attend one of your games, you must communicate this with your referee team leader and QTF referee manager know with as much notice as possible.
2. Under no circumstances are referees to swap games with others, unless instructed by the referee manager.
3. Referees are required to wear full TFA uniform, including their correct badge. Please note that the New Balance kit is not compulsory.
4. Referees are expected to support other referees from BMTA and the rest of the group, which can be done primarily by running water when possible. This is highly recommended to learn from others, build connections and enjoy the weekend.
5. Referees are to act in a professional manner and give each game their full effort.
6. Have fun! State events are always an exciting time to travel with our referee group and learn from the best referees and referee coaches in the world, take advantage of the opportunity.

7.0 – Warm-up Carnivals

In the build up to Junior State Cup, a number of affiliates hold warm-up events for the benefit of players and referees. BMTA sends teams to these events, and just as with JSC is therefore required to supply referees for each. Whilst I understand it is a big commitment, it is an expectation that as part of the BMTA referee team for JSC, you make an effort to attend as many of these events as possible. The dates for each of the four events are listed below; please indicate if you will not be able to attend via the Expression of Interest or by letting me know with as much notice as possible. At all listed events, referees will be remunerated for the games they officiate.

7.1 – Event Information

As events get closer, further detailed information will be shared. To best make yourself available, please take note of the following competition dates:

Date	Competition	Venue
13 April	Mustangs Stampede	BMTA
27 April	Gold Coast Tri-Series	Gold Coast
25 May	Arthur Davis Cup	Redlands
8 June	Struddy's Shield	Palm Beach
10-12 July	Junior State Cup	Rockhampton

7.2 – Mustangs Stampede

As part of club tradition, BMTA hosts 'Mustangs Stampede' annually to officially launch preparations for JSC. This is a perfect chance to have our first referee group catch up before reffing a couple of games as well. Previous years have also had a social component, so I'd love to see everyone there.

Specific information will be communicated closer to the event, but it is strongly recommended that everyone is in attendance for this afternoon.

8.0 – Information Night

An important component of our tournament lead-in is our compulsory information night for junior referees and their parents/guardians. This evening session provides an overview of tournament expectations/information for those who haven't travelled to or attended a JSC before, as well as a forum to ask any questions about the weekend. The time will also be used to allow parents to meet the referee coordinator and senior referees in the group and swap contact information.

A date is yet to be confirmed but will be advertised with as much notice as possible to all referees attending the tournament.

9.0 – Packing List

Please see the below suggested packing list:

- Full Referee Uniform (Shirt, Shorts/Skirt, Socks, Hat, Badge)
- Whistle
- Footwear (boots, joggers, slides)
- Water Bottles
- Sunscreen
- Casual clothes for time outside the fields
- Off-field referee gear (available at the event if not purchased already)
- Jumper/Warm clothes
- Toiletries

- Phone Chargers
- Money for dinner
- Breakfast/other required food (including cutlery/crockery)

It is strongly recommended that you label as many items as possible, as it is a large event where everyone wears the same uniform. Make your life easier!

10.0 – Conclusion

Junior State Cup is one of the highlights of the refereeing calendar, especially in a year where we travel away as a group. If you are hesitant about any part of this, there's a large number of referees who have been in the exact same position as you are right now, all of whom have benefited from and enjoyed every second of the journey. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions and concerns.

All referee updates will be communicated primarily via email. Please keep a close eye on your inbox to keep up with any changes to the program.

I look forward to seeing you in Rocky!