

BQ Emerging U15 Development Team Program

The Emerging Under 15 program is a BQ initiative to aid development for young athletes aged 13 or 14 yrs. The program follows off the back of the development offered in FDP during term 3 each year and State U14 championships in July each year.

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Objectives of the Emerging U15 program are:

- Identification & selection of young athletes who have the potential to be selected in a QLD state U16 team.
- Provide a team type program approach to educating and developing young, identified athletes to be able to transition & play successfully at an Australian Junior championship level.
- Provide a limited time team preparation prior to playing a series of games, simulating that of an Australian Junior Championship series.
- Compete against interstate peers of the same or better level & provide another level of team play different to that experienced at state U14 Championships in an association level team.
- Identify & select Aspire coaches who have demonstrated a growth mindset to coaching & then provide feedback on their coaching so they can take that learning back to their association teams.

The program involves three stages:

1. Emerging selection camp where approximately 15 identified athletes are invited to participate in a selection camp with the intention of selecting 10 to travel and play games interstate.
2. Predeparture camp prior to interstate travel so that North U15 boys and girls teams can train and play alongside the selected South U15 boys and girls teams just like a state team does prior to going to a National championship.
3. A series of games against other state U15 development teams interstate emulating that of an Australian Junior Championship but in a more condensed timeframe.

Emerging U15 coaches:

The emerging team coaches are selected from the committed BQ aspire coach group and are selected/invited to take on a position as either head coach or assistant coach/manager.

FAQ

Q. *What is the emerging U15 development program?*

A. The Emerging Under 15 program is a BQ initiative to aid development for young athletes aged 13 or 14 yrs. The program follows off the back of the development offered in FDP during term 3 each year and participation in State U14 championships in July each year.

Q. *How are they selected & invited? Are athletes who were not selected in FDP considered?*

A. Athletes are selected from both FDP and Regional/State U14 championships and prior to SPP U16 open trials by a nominated selection panel who have observed regional and state championship games as well as the FDP all state Camp. The selection panel works to the BQ state team selection policy guidelines as a matter of process.

Q. *Are there open trials?*

A. No. Athletes come from either those nominated by an association for FDP or from identification by a selection panel watching regional & state U14 championship games.

Q. *What happens if my child isn't chosen for the final team or invited to the selection camp?*

A. All athletes attending the selection camp are given feedback just as all FDP athletes are provide the opportunity for feedback. Those not selected for the final team will become reserves if someone were to pull out.

Every registered player in Queensland has the opportunity to access annual SPP regional open trials as 14-year-olds. The SPP U16 provides development coaching in your regional hub if selected at no cost.

Q. *What does the Emerging U15 program consist of?*

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Q. *What does it cost?*

A. All Coaching and court hire are provided for free. However there is a levy to cover travel to Brisbane and interstate , all accommodation , meals , competition fees, playing uniforms etc.

Invited athletes to the selection camp are advised of the total approx. cost prior to accepting an invitation.