School Sport Australia and Queensland School Sport Council have developed the following policies:-

1. That age eligibility be the only criteria for participation in School Sport Australia events provided students attend an affiliated school of a School Sport Australia member body.

2. That the age eligibility for all events be set as follows:-
   - For the Primary Management Committee
     - 12 years & under in the year of competition
   - For the Secondary Management Committee
     - 19 years & under in the year of competition except where other specific age eligibility is applied.

Queensland School Sport Council
AGE POLICY STATEMENT

Queensland School Sport Council have developed the following Age Policy following on from the School Sport Australia Policies.

Policy

1. All students should have access to appropriate school sport programs.

2. Age is the key determinant for access to competition.

3. All students up to 19 years of age (in the year of competition) should have access to interschool sport, with all due care taken regarding safety.

4. All students should have access to representative school sport through district, regional and state levels.

Guidelines

1. School sport offers representative opportunities for 12 year olds and under (managed through the Primary School Sport Management Committee) and 13 year olds and over (managed through the Secondary School Sport Management Committee).

2. In sports not offered by the Primary School Sport Management Committee, a Secondary Sports Specific Management Committee may offer a division for students 12 years & under.

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Darling Downs School Sport Board have developed the following policies & guidelines.

Policy

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3. TEAM SPORTS

13 YEAR OLDS IN PRIMARY will have access to Secondary Regional Trials in all sports through school - secondary district trials – regional trials.

13 YEAR OLDS IN PRIMARY will attend Secondary District Cluster Trials in either Toowoomba, Inner Downs or Border District and will attend the secondary regional trials as part of the secondary district team.

12 YEAR OLDS IN SECONDARY will have access to Primary Regional Trials in all sports through school - zone trials - regional trials.

12 YEAR OLDS IN SECONDARY will attend one of the nine (9) zone trials and will attend the Primary Regional Trials as part of the Primary Zone team.

4. INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

CROSS COUNTRY

- A combined regional championships will be held.
- Age Groups: 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18/19
- 12 Years in secondary schools will nominate to their respective zone as a school nomination. They will compete at the zone trial & compete at the regional championships as a zone representative.
- 13 Years in primary schools will be selected through the current zone system and will run in the one event with 13 years high school students.

TRACK & FIELD AND SWIMMING

- 12 Years in Secondary will nominate to their respective zone as a school nomination. They will compete at the zone then regional carnival.

- 13 Years in Primary will compete at their school and zone carnivals. Zones will nominate students to the Darling Downs Secondary Regional Carnival in swimming and track & field if they meet the qualifying standards. The students nominated will compete as a zone nomination against secondary school 13 year olds for regional selection.
5. Allocation of schools to Primary Zones or Secondary Districts

**PRIMARY ZONES**
- 3 x Toowoomba & Lockyer ⇒ Toowoomba Secondary
- Bunya, Inner Downs ⇒ Inner Downs Secondary
- MacIntyre, Southern Downs, Granite Belt ⇒ Border Secondary

**SECONDARY DISTRICTS**

**TOOWOOMBA**
- Toowoomba Secondary ⇒ Toowoomba Zones except Lockyer District SHS ⇒ Lockyer Primary

**INNER DOWNS**
- Bell, Cecil Plains, Dalby SHS, Dalby Christian College, Our Lady of Southern Cross College, Quinalow ⇒ Bunya
- Oakey SHS, Crows Nest, Millmerran, Pittsworth ⇒ Inner Downs

**BORDER**
- Allora, Clifton SHS, Killarney, Warwick SHS, Assumption, School of Total Education, Scots ⇒ Southern Downs
- Goondiwindi SHS, Texas, Inglewood ⇒ MacIntyre
- Stanthorpe SHS, St Joseph’s ⇒ Granite Belt

6. Process for students to attend REGIONAL TRIALS in Team Sports.

01. District Secretaries advertise the dates of their Secondary District Trials to primary schools within their district.
Zone Secretaries advertise the dates of their Primary Zone Trials to the secondary schools within their zone.

02. Schools will inform
- 13 years in primary when and where the Secondary Cluster Day Trials are on.
- 12 years in secondary when and where the Primary Zone Trial Days are on.

03. **CROSS COUNTRY**
- **13 years in Primary** will attend the Primary Zone Championships. Students selected will then compete in the combined championships.
- **12 years in Secondary** will attend the zone championships and then attend the combined championships as a member of the zone team.

04. **TRACK & FIELD AND SWIMMING**
- **13 Years in Primary** will attend zone championships. Students selected will then compete at the Secondary Championships.
- **12 Years in Secondary** will attend the zone championships and then attend the primary championships as a zone team member.
05. PRIMARY ZONE TRIALS will need to be conducted prior to the secondary championships and in time for the close of nominations to the secondary championships.

06. TEAM MANAGER
A primary school teacher will be appointed as team manager for the 13 year old students attending the Darling Downs Secondary Track and Field and Swimming Championships as zone representatives. This teacher will act as manager for all 13 year who attend from primary schools.