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QAFL Colts List Management Rules – 2026

The following rules have been established for the list management of squads competing in the 2026 QAFL Colts competition.

These rules should be read in conjunction with the relevant 2026 AFL Queensland Community Competition Rules and Procedures.

1. Colts Competition

- (a) The 'QAFL Colts' refers to the Under 19.5's competition with teams competing from the thirteen (13) QAFL clubs.

2. Colts Age Eligibility

- (a) Upper limit: Players must not have turned twenty (20) years of age prior to 1 July 2025 to be eligible to participate in the 2026 QAFL Colts Competition.

Therefore as notified as a change for 2026, players must have a birthdate from 1 July 2006 onwards.

- (b) Lower limit: Players must be turning seventeen (17) years old in the year of the competition to be eligible to participate in the 2026 QAFL Colts Competition.

Therefore as notified as a change for 2026, players must have a birthdate no later than 31 December 2009.

Note: As advised via an AFL Memo on 25th November 2025, players outside of this age range will need to go through an Application process to request an exemption to play. Please email the Competition Manager if further information is required.

3. Colts List Requirements

- (a) QAFL Colts Primary List:
 - (i) Each Club must compile a list of up to thirty-five (35) Colts-aged eligible players that are primary registered with the Club for the entire season, including finals. This is called the QAFL Colts 'Primary List'.
 - (ii) Each Club will be required to lodge their Primary List on the prescribed templated form (2026 QAFL Colts Primary List), to the Competition Manager at least fourteen (14) days prior to the first round of the season.
Therefore, the due date for the lodgement of the Primary List is Saturday 14 March 2026.
 - (iii) A Club can add or delist players from their Primary List up until Thursday 25 June 2026. The Competition Manager must receive formal notification of any changes via the prescribed templated form.
 - (iv) Primary Lists will be deemed as FINAL at 5.00pm on Thursday 25 June 2026 meaning no further changes will be allowed to the List after this date. The most recently provided Primary List will be considered the FINAL List.

- (v) A player removed from the Primary List will be deemed to have been 'delisted' and cannot be returned to the List for the remainder of the season, including finals.
 - (vi) A player transferring out of the club's database will automatically be deemed to be delisted.
 - (vii) A delisted player can be replaced by another age eligible player up until 5.00pm on Thursday 25 June 2026.
- (b) Youth-Aged Eligible Players:
- (i) Each Club can play an unlimited number of 'youth-aged' eligible players from their aligned Junior Club that are not required to be placed on the QAFL Colts Primary List. These players will play on a Season Permit (generated in PlayHQ) for the duration of the QAFL season and are interchangeable at any time with no impact to the Primary List.
 - (ii) Similarly, each Club can play an unlimited number of 'youth-aged' eligible players from other Junior Clubs that are also not required to be placed on the QAFL Colts Primary List. These players will play on a Season Permit for the duration of the QAFL season and are interchangeable at any time with no impact to the Primary List.
Note: Youth-aged eligible players registered at an aligned QAFL Junior Club cannot permit to another (competing) QAFL Club to play in the Colts competition.
 - (iii) Youth-aged eligible players can play unlimited matches across the QAFL Seniors, Reserves and Colts competitions. Players must meet finals eligibility criteria for each individual competition to participate in finals for that competition.
 - (iv) Youth-aged eligible players can play a maximum of ten (10) regular season matches in senior competitions (i.e. Colts, Reserves, Seniors) to still remain eligible to play in junior/youth level competition. Once eleven (11) regular season matches are played in senior competitions, a player cannot return to junior/youth competitions.
 - (v) If a Club chooses to have a youth-aged eligible player primary registered with their Senior Club for the purposes of playing QAFL Colts, the player will need to be included on the QAFL Colts Primary List.
 - (vi) There are no restrictions on the number of youth-aged eligible players that can be played per game.
- (c) Supplementary Players:
- (i) Each Club can play an unlimited number of 'Supplementary' players that are not required to be placed on the QAFL Colts Primary List. These players will play on a Season Permit for the duration of the QAFL season and are interchangeable at any time with no impact to the Primary List.
 - (ii) Supplementary players are 'Colts-aged' and registered at a QFA Senior Club or another Senior Club in Queensland.
Note: Players registered at a QAFL Club cannot permit to another (competing) QAFL Club to play in the Colts competition.

- (iii) Supplementary players are free to play in the Seniors or Reserves teams for their primary registered QFA or other Queensland-based Club without restriction.
- (iv) These players can only play finals with the Club with which they are primary registered.
- (d) Except as outlined in 3(b) & 3(c) above, QAFL Colts teams can only name Colts Primary Listed players on their match day team sheet.
- (e) Clubs may elect to not 'list' a Colt's-aged eligible player who is likely to play QAFL Senior or Reserves Grade football, however these players if not listed, are not permitted to play in the Colts Grade.

4. Player Movement

- (a) Players listed on the QAFL Colts Primary List are eligible to play in the Seniors or Reserves Grades for the Club without restriction.
- (b) Players listed on the QAFL Colts Primary List are eligible to play in the QFA competition or other Queensland senior competitions on a season permit.
 - (i) However, players that have played at the QAFL Senior Grade level can only permit back to QFA Division 1 Senior level.
- (c) Players can only play finals for a Club with which they are primary registered, except for youth-aged eligible players referenced in 3(b)(iii).
- (d) Any player registered with a QAFL Club that is not included in the final QAFL Colts Primary List of thirty-five (35) players, shall not have a clearance/transfer application unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- (e) A player listed on the QAFL Colts Primary List cannot play finals in any other competition other than the QAFL Reserves or Seniors Grades of the Club with which they are registered and as long as they have fulfilled the relevant finals eligibility criteria. (See Section 14 of the AFLQ Community Competition Rules & Procedures)
- (f) In circumstances where a player participates in a match that they are ineligible to play in, a *breach* will be treated under existing AFLQ Community Competition Rules and Procedures in relation to playing an unregistered or ineligible player.

5. Player Points Allocation

- (a) Any player on a QAFL Colts Primary List who is selected to play QAFL Senior Grade will be fully assessed under the 2026 Player Points System Policy.

6. Finals Eligibility QAFL Colts

- (a) Players eligible to play in QAFL Colts finals are:
 - (i) Listed on the QAFL Colts Primary List; or
 - (ii) Youth-aged players on a season permit.
- (b) At a minimum, a player must play four (4) home and away games in the Colts team at their registered club to be eligible to play finals in this Competition.

- (c) If a player has played three (3) or more home and away games in any Senior or Reserves Grade Competition, they must play at least five (5) home and away games in the Colts to be eligible to play finals in this Competition.
- (d) Youth-aged eligible players that are primary registered with a Junior Club (and not on the QAFL Colts Primary List) must have played four (4) games in the Colts Competition to be eligible to play finals.
- (e) If a Player plays a Colts and a Senior or Reserve Grade match for the same Club on the same weekend, only the most 'senior' Match played will count towards Finals eligibility.
- (f) For Players that have played at least two (2) matches for their Senior Club throughout the Home and Away Season, matches played for Queensland U17s and U18s, Lions or Suns Academy teams or as a 'unlisted' player for an AFL Reserves Grade team on the same weekend as a scheduled Club match will count, for the purpose of finals eligibility, as Reserve Grade matches at their registered Club, irrespective of which Grade they normally play in.
- (g) Where a Club's Senior Grade and Reserve Grade Teams (within the one Competition) are participating in Finals on the same weekend, Player selection shall be unrestricted, provided a Player has participated in at least four (4) Home and Away Season Matches across those Grades during the Season. This provision extends to Players eligible to play the Colts Grade, when the Colts Grade is also playing Finals on the same weekend.