



# NORTHERN RANGERS Representative Guidelines – JUNIORS

Our region consists of Tamworth, Port Macquarie, Gunnedah, Bingara, Wyallda & Coonabarabran.

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## 1 Introduction

'Northern Rangers' is a region created by Australian Oztag Sports Association (AOSA) for Tournaments endorsed by AOSA.

## 2 Objectives

1. Further the interest of its members by promoting the game of Oztag within the boundaries of AOSA.
2. Support the representative personnel to field the strongest possible team.
3. Affiliate and support NSW Oztag and AOSA.
4. Co-operate with other affiliated Oztag organisations to further the sport of Oztag; and
5. Adopt and adhere to the AOSA guidelines.

## 3 Committee

The following *Members will* form the 2021 Junior Representative *Committee*;

6. Chairperson: shall be Katrina Davis from Tamworth as they have the largest competition.
  - a. Chairperson will be responsible for chairing meetings and maintain overview of committee.
7. 6 Committee Members: 4 x Tamworth – Melissa Watson, Casey Davis, Justin Downey & Natasha Ingram.  
1 x Port Macquarie – Alyce Lewis, 1 x Warialda – Paul Hall

### 3.1 Sub responsibilities

The Committee are responsible for all decision making that is required relative to our Northern Rangers region:

- Coaching applications
- Player nominations
- Emails received from either players/coaches or others.
- Assisting coaches/selectors where required in making decisions to finalise squads.
- Misconduct by either players/coaches/supporters etc
- Any other correspondence or issues that arise relative to Northern Rangers.

All decisions associated with the organisation and administration of the Northern Rangers representative campaign will be voted on and agreed by majority vote by the *Committee*.

## 4 Uniform

All players to be in the current Rangers uniform (i.e., singlet/shirt and tights/shorts).

Extra gear such as hoodies, socks, backpacks and caps/hats are not compulsory for players.

2021 - Using current design, but for future tournaments any changes/designs will be chosen by the Committee.

### 4.1 Colours

Current Club colours are Navy/Orange/Silver/White, but any changes for future tournaments will be determined by the *Committee*.

## 4.2 Ordering and Payment

Uniform payment and sizes will be ordered online (through OES system). Extra gear is also available via the same online process but MUST be ordered and paid for by the due date. Players may choose to wear previous uniform to reduce costs.

## 5 Coach/Team Manager

### 5.1 Nomination (Expression of Interest)

Coaches are required to put forward an application for consideration and successful coach voted in via a majority vote by the *Committee*. If no applications are received, committee will continue to offer team being fielded and can continue to seek out coaches at their discretion.

### 5.2 Expectations

All Coaches/Managers are expected to comply with the following, (Assistant Coach is not compulsory but should the coach choose to put someone in place for this position, please ensure you inform Katrina Davis of this person):

- Attend Tournament
- Attend trials for player selection and work with Selector to select squad.
- Notify Katrina Davis (Tamworth) of training times so that fields can be booked and allocated.
- Prepare training plan relevant to the skills and ability of all players.
- Be at fields before training starts to prepare session and be ready to kick off on time.
- Attend each scheduled training session for their team (or arrange a substitute), no training session should be cancelled unless there are extenuating circumstances or weather/field related issues.
- All coaches and manager will be given a Northern Rangers polo shirt prior to the tournament.
- The coach for each team will be given a \$100 travel subsidy to attend other PMQ or Tamworth trials where necessary.
- As a thankyou from our region, coaches will receive 1 free playing voucher for their local competition (teams are responsible to organise a gift from the players).
- Coaches/ team managers are responsible to cover their own accommodation costs.
- Attend all training/gala days for organised dates or arrange for an assistant to do so on your behalf.
- Adhere to the code of conduct at all times and model positive behaviour.
- Complete registration or spectators form (if required for Covid requirements)
- Record players training attendance at all sessions leading up to tournament.

### 5.3 Team kit

Association where coach is from will provide team kit for training. Kit will contain;

- 2 balls
- 10 markers/cones
- 20 tags (2 different colours)

### 5.4 Support

All coaches will be able to contact Katrina Davis, 0421 019 462 should they require any help from our Committee regarding training plans/drills and guidance etc.

## 6 Player

### 6.1 Eligibility

To be eligible for selection players must meet AOSA eligibility guidelines found under Resources on AO website. All players register to play in their own age group only. If their age group does not have a minimum of 14 players elect to trial, that age group will be collapsed into the age group above.

## 6.2 Expectations

All players are expected to comply with the following;

- Attend Tournament
- Attend trials for viewing by coach/team manager/selectors (must attend minimum 1 trial to be considered), though in their best interest to try to attend both.
- Any player unable to attend for a legitimate reason due to extenuating circumstances or injury MUST email northernrangersjnr@gmail.com by COB 2 days prior to 1<sup>st</sup> trial date. These will be assessed, and decision made by the committee. Their decision is final.
- Attend all training sessions/gala days outlined by coach and be at fields ready to kick off on time.
- Adhere to the code of conduct at all times and model appropriate behaviour.
- Uniform order and registration MUST be paid on time via the link provided through the OES online system or players risk losing their position in the squad.
- All players must wear current Representative uniform (shirt/singlet and shorts/tights). All extra gear is not compulsory but can be purchased at the time of uniform/reggo payment due date. Extra items include hoodie, socks, backpack and caps/hats.
- Players are responsible to cover their own accommodation costs and organise a gift for their coach as a thankyou from the team.
- Any players under the age of 18 years MUST be accompanied by a guardian for the duration of the tournament. It is the players responsibility to give the name of the guardian attending to their coach/manager for our records. Any U18 player found to be without a guardian at the tournament will be referred to the Committee to decide on a course of action and can be asked to return home.

## 6.3 Nomination (Expression of Interest)

All players must complete a player nomination form. These forms can be completed online via our social media pages or either Tamworth/Port Macquarie websites. All applications must be received 1 week before 1<sup>st</sup> trial date. This is to allow committee to decide which teams will go ahead to trial as we require minimum 14\* players nominated for divisions to go ahead.

\*Any teams with less than 14 players will be considered at the committee's discretion.

## 7 Selector

### 7.1 Eligibility

To be eligible to be a selector, a person must have Oztag experience or be a committee member.

### 7.2 Expectations

It is preferable that the same selectors attend all trials where possible, to provide feedback on player performance and skill.

## 8 Team Structure

### 8.1 Selection

The coach in conjunction with the Team Manager (if any) and selectors are responsible for selecting the most competitive team from the players who attended trials or completed nomination but were unable to attend due to extenuating circumstances (provided via email to northernrangersjnr@gmail.com). Coach, Team Manager and selectors where possible must attend all trials to ensure players have received reasonable viewing time.

The committee will collate selector sheets, review, discuss and confirm team selection.

**\*PLAYERS POOL NOTE – Only those players that have trialled and/or emailed (due to extenuating circumstances or injury) and are unsuccessful in their nominated team, can ask to be placed in the players' pool. \*Juniors TBC**

#### 8.1.1 Squad/Team

A final team, with or without shadow players will be named within 1 week after last trial date. Minimum number of players that can be selected for any team is 14. A maximum is 18 (16 players plus 2 shadows)

#### 8.1.2 Team

Team must consist of a minimum of 14 players and a maximum of 16 players.

Teams must be finalised no less than 6 weeks prior to the tournament date. This will consist of naming players that have made the team, players positions, sub partners, & training schedule.

Shadow players who miss out on final team, will be refunded their registration in full and playing gear purchased back from them by the region (should they choose not to keep it) to avoid being out of pocket.

### 9 Registration

Registration is finalised once player payment is made by due date through the OES online link with gear order.

### 10 Trials

2 trials will be held, and players are expected to attend a minimum of one.

#### 10.1 Dates and times

Trial dates and times will be advised via an information sheet posted on our social media pages and websites plus emailed to all coaches.

### 11 Training

With our region and travelling players, there will only be 2 COMPULSORY training runs but players must attend at least 90% of training sessions in their own area. Players must attend a minimum number of training sessions to avoid being replaced. Length of training (weeks) to be determined by relevant coach.

Training location will be determined by the coach and favour the region with the higher number of players selected within the team.

### 12 Accommodation

Players, Team Managers and Coaches are responsible for booking and paying for their own accommodation.

### 13 Conduct of Players

Any player whose conduct while representing our Northern Rangers region does not comply with these guidelines or relevant code of conduct guidelines may be disciplined by the Committee.