

This document is a supplement to the BQ athlete selection policy which can be found on the BQ website.

The State Performance Program (SPP) operates at two age levels (U18 & U16) in both genders and in two regions of Queensland (North & South Queensland) and at U20 level as one full state program

1. Initial open trials for any registered BQ member:

Registered Basketball Queensland member athletes nominate to trial for the SPP program via the OwnUrGoal platform.

The SPP athletes are selected from those athletes. In some areas, this may require a two-step trail process for comparison or familiarisation

- Trials are spread geographically to minimise travel in the first phase.
 - North Queensland normally in Townsville or Cairns
 - Central Queensland normally in Rockhampton
 - Sunshine coast & Brisbane
 - Gold Coast

2. SPP Selection process

SPP squad numbers: The SPP squad (approximately 25- 30 athletes for both U18 & U16 age group and gender for North and South Queensland are selected after trials.

The trials consist of approximately six hours' assessment as well as the knowledge of prior athlete performance history (e.g. FDP regional and state championships and SPP)

The SPP process continues with a camp/s in the North or approximately 10 hours of learning or six weeks in the south both before the State championships. This allows the selection panel members to further assess athlete attributes and ability in a training environment of the "best with the best" in each age group.

The SPP includes weekly home training groups in the north or in centralised SPP program in the south and continues for all SPP athletes irrespective of state team selection and up until the National championships.

SPP athletes are then further assessed at regional competition (BQNJBC or BQJBC or CQJBC) and ultimately at State championships.

The Basketball Queensland State men's and women's squad of 1 is then selected from the SPP pool after state championships. This reduced number of SPP athletes are then invited to a selection camp to finalise the state team of ten and its reserves.

Assessment period: The State selection camp invitees are selected after the following and prior to making a final decision.

- two trials of six hours of assessment,
- Six SPP sessions of a further 12 hours' or more
- The selection panel watching regional competition games
- The state selection panel observing or monitoring a minimum of each athletes six games at the State Championships.
- The State selection camp then offers a further 10 hours of on and off court assessment.

This allows the selection panel to assess athletes for state teams after some 20 hours of training and numerous games played at regional or state champs.

Selection criteria:

There are FIVE key guiding criteria used for assessment & potential future development is considered

1. Athletic development
2. Athletic ability-speed power agility resilience
3. Coach ability -attitude application and mental resilience skills
4. Skill set needed for the next level; shooting, dribbling, passing, one on one and defence ability
5. Game sense: ability to create for one self and others.

Athlete Feedback policy:

As numbers trialling are normally large making it near impossible to provide written feedback to all trial athletes.

- Trial athletes: Subsequently Athletes who trial and are not selected are not offered written feedback.

- Feedback will be offered verbally throughout the trial through instruction and comment by coaches. The onus is on trailing athletes to listen, learn and question as they go so they continue to develop their own abilities.
- Those SPP athletes who don't gain an invitation to a state team selection camp or make the final state team of 10 are offered face to face feedback as part of the SPP program and may request written feedback in advance and before the completion of the full SPP program.

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