



Player Journey – Representation at State Championships

Including FAQs on Registration, Clearances and Transfers

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Having the correct registration in the Revolutionise Sport database is necessary if you want to make sure you can represent your Association at any State Championships. Find out more about what you need to do below:

- Players usually represent their Primary Association.
- Players can represent their Association of Origin.
- Players can ask for clearance to represent an Association different to their Primary Association.
- Players should check their eligibility for outdoor representation (Primary Association) prior to the **Transfer Deadline of April 1st**.

Frequently Asked Questions

Please see definitions and guidance on below:

Registration

1. Why is having the correct Primary Association important?

The Primary Association determines whether you are able to represent that Association at a State Championship and whether you are eligible for development sessions and other Association benefits. You fall under the policies of this Association first. Please ask your Association for further details on trials, selection criteria and player benefits.

2. What is my Primary Association?

The Primary Association is the Association in which a player plays hockey on a regular basis.

3. What is a Secondary Association?

A Secondary Association is the other Association a player is registered for, which is not the Primary Association. A player may play regular hockey or just occasionally compete in this Association.

4. What is my Association of Origin?

The Association you have played most of your early hockey and have historic ties to is considered your Association of Origin. You can only have one Association of Origin.

For the Hockey Queensland Championship you will be eligible to represent your Association of Origin without further action.

For State Championships other than HQC if your Primary Association is different to your Association of Origin you can request a clearance from your Primary Association.

5. What happens if my Primary Association opens registrations after my secondary Association?

Ideally, your first registration of the year should be with the registration you intend to play the most hockey with (your Primary Association). If you cannot wait until their registrations are open, you should request a transfer to this Association as soon as you register with them and before the transfer deadline (**April 1st**).

6. How can I check which Association is listed as my Primary Association?

You can check this by accessing your membership data in the Revolutionise Sport database:

1. In the top right-hand corner - Log in to your account using your National ID number and password
2. In 'Account' – scroll down to Membership - Club – This is your Primary Association.

7. Can I change my Primary Association?

Yes. Once you have registered for the first time in a calendar year you can change the Primary Association under the following conditions:

- You have registered and play regular hockey in a Secondary Association and
- You ask the Secondary Association (the Association who you want to represent at State Championship) to request a transfer from the Primary Association prior to **April 1st** and
- The Primary Association approves the transfer **or**
- If the Primary Association does not approve the transfer that Association has to provide reasoning for rejecting the transfer. If Primary and Secondary Association cannot agree on a transfer the case may be escalated to Hockey Queensland for the final decision.

Representing an Association

8. Which Association can I represent and what do I need to do?

Representation for State Championships is determined by the following factors:

1. Normally you represent your Primary Association.
2. If you have a different Association of Origin you can request a clearance from your Primary Association (Clearance is given automatically for Hockey Queensland Championship)
3. If you wish to play for an Association which is neither your Primary Association nor your Association of Origin, you may request a clearance from your Primary Association to represent another Association. Please be familiar with your Primary Associations rules before requesting the clearance or transfer.

9. I have recently moved and will play in a different Association now. What does that mean for my registrations?

Your Primary Association is the Association you play your hockey regularly in the respective membership year - which normally is the Association you now reside in. You will still be able to represent your Association of Origin for State Championships by following the player clearance process and requesting a player clearance from your Primary Association.

10. I want to represent my childhood hockey Association, can I just make this my Primary Association?

Your Primary Association is the Association you play your hockey regularly in the respective membership year - which normally is the Association you reside in. You will still be able to represent your Association of Origin for State Championship by following the player clearance process and requesting a player clearance from your Primary Association.

11. I want to represent different Associations in different age groups. Can I do that?

You normally should represent your Primary Association or your Association of Origin. If you want to represent a different Association than your Primary, you will need to follow the player clearance process and request a player clearance from your Primary Association.

12. Can I represent Queensland for the Australian Country Championships?

You are eligible for the selection in the QLD Country team if you reside outside of the Metropolitan area (Brisbane). Hockey Australia regulations allow for a small number of exceptions to this rule per nominated team.

Player Clearances

13. What is a Player Clearance?

A player clearance is the process where a player's Primary Association allows a player to represent another Association or State Championships. Player Clearances can be granted by the Primary Association, they are temporary for a specific Championship only and set no precedent for future Championships.

e.g. Player clearances can/may be provided to players choosing to represent their Association of Origin or for players who may miss out on selection in their Primary Association representative team.

14. Can a Player Clearance request be rejected?

Player Clearances to represent the Association of Origin must be granted as long as they fulfill the requirements as outlined in the HQ tournament regulations (paragraph 5.3):

5.3.3.1 The player wishes to represent their Association of Origin. Proof of origin must be provided if so required by the Primary Association. For The Hockey Queensland Championship, players wishing to play with their Centre of Origin will not require a formal clearance from their Association.

Please note: From 2023 this item has been removed from the Women's Masters regulations and will not be applicable to Women's Masters Clearance process.

5.3.3.2 The player who is dual registered (more than one Association) and wishes to represent their Secondary Association (Primary Association has the right of first refusal)

5.3.3.3 The player has stood for selection for their Association but has not been selected/required

5.3.3.4 The Primary Association of the player is NOT participating at a relevant State Championships and the player wishes to participate with another Association

5.3.4. Local Association rules which apply to representative trials/selections must be taken into consideration when applying any of the abovementioned reasons for granting player clearances.

15. How do I apply for a Player Clearance?

Please contact your Association. A Player Clearance form is to be submitted by the Primary Association on your behalf, once all requirements are filled.

Association Transfers

16. What is a transfer?

A transfer describes the process of changing a registration from one Club/Association to another. A transfer can change a registration with an Association from Secondary to Primary. This may happen automatically if you register with a different Association than the year before. It can also be required if you are registered for multiple Associations within a calendar year. Whenever you register with an Association you should ensure your Primary Association is correct as per this document to avoid any doubt in selection questions.

17. What is the transfer deadline and when is it?

The transfer deadline, is a date that any changes to Primary Associations within that season have to be completed by. It is designed to ensure that no confusion and disagreement on player eligibility between players and Associations arise, after participation in trials or selection of teams. The transfer deadline for the outdoor season is **April 1st**. After this date you cannot alter/change your Primary Association registration unless approved by both associations.

18. How do I apply for a transfer of my Primary Association?

Please contact your Association. The Association will request a transfer of your Primary registration with your current Primary Association.

19. My questions have not been answered. What do I do now?

If your case is not covered by the explanations above, you can contact your Association for assistance or email hqoffice@hockeyqld.com.au.

If the case is not covered by the policy, HQ will make a determination on a case-by-case basis in the spirit of the above.