

## **2023 Queensland Wheelchair Rugby State Team**

### **Selection Criteria**

Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Association (Sporting Wheelies) is the State Sporting Organisation (SSO) responsible for the organisation and management of the Sporting Wheelies Queensland Wheelchair Rugby Teams (The Cyclones and the Tornadoes). The Cyclones and the Tornadoes are the premier Wheelchair Rugby teams that is selected to play in the Wheelchair Rugby Australia (WRA) National Championships. The Cyclones are the division 1 team, the Tornadoes are the division 2 team.

Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Association is committed to providing an open and transparent team selection process, for the benefit of athletes, coaches and stakeholders.

#### **1. Qualifying Period & Team Selection**

The 2023 Queensland Cyclones & Queensland Tornadoes Teams will be comprised of 8-10 athletes in each team at the discretion of the selection panel. To be considered for the team, athletes must have been named on a WRA National League team/s in rounds 1 – 3 2023 and have represented Sporting Wheelies in a professional manner, displaying good sportsmanship.

The selection panel will consist of the Queensland Coach and two Sporting Wheelies representatives. Athletes must be nominated by the Queensland Coach and/or Sporting Wheelies staff for inclusion in the state team/s.

Athletes must meet the minimum classification eligibility as outlined by Wheelchair Rugby Australia.

Sporting Wheelies will review and endorse the athlete selections and will formally notify all selected athletes.

The selection panel reserves the right to select a 'Wildcard' athlete to the State team. A wildcard athlete may not have met the selection criteria, however, has been identified and included for team selection at the sole discretion of the selection panel.

#### **2. Queensland Team Training**

Athletes selected onto the State team/s, are expected to attend weekly training sessions up until the National Championships. Consideration will be made for athletes who do not reside in Brisbane with remote training programs and support provided.

Should an athlete not be able to attend a training session, notice must be provided to the Queensland Coach or to a representative from Sporting Wheelies.

#### **3. Uniforms**

Athletes will be supplied with one State Team uniform (player singlet & polo shirt). Additional uniforms may be purchased by parents/support staff at a cost. It is expected that Queensland team members will wear the team uniform at the WRA National Championships for the duration of the event.

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#### **4. Funding**

Funding will rely heavily upon sponsorship sourced by Sporting Wheelies prior to the selection of the State Team/s. Where costs exceed available sponsorship income, athletes may be asked to co-contribute to these costs through athlete fees.

Athletes will be advised upon team selection if there are costs that they would be personally responsible for.

#### **5. General Selection Criteria for State Teams**

The following general requirements apply to the all-state team members:

- To be accepted on any of the Sporting Wheelies State Squads, all athletes must return their Athlete agreements by the due date. Failure to return the Athlete Agreement will result in forfeit of the position on the team.
- Athlete selection and/or exclusion may be subject to any athlete/sport violations, strict liability offence and/or Anti-Doping violations.
- Athletes must conform to the Sporting Wheelies Codes of Conduct, Social Media Policy and not be subject to disciplinary procedures.
- Athletes are required to attend all team training sessions. Should an athlete not be able to attend a training session, notice must be provided to the State team coach. Athletes must be Australian citizens or permanent residents and reside in the state of Queensland.
- Any athlete who sustains an injury during the competition or through training must have medical clearance before being able to resume competition/Squad Training.
- The selection panel reserves the right to select a 'Wildcard' athlete to the State team. A wildcard athlete may not have met the selection criteria, however, has been identified and included for team selection at the sole discretion of the selection panel.

#### **6. Appeals**

An eligible athlete who fails to be selected for the State Team under the process and criteria set out in this policy may appeal against omission from the State Team as set out in this section.

An eligible athlete wishing to appeal his/her omission from the State Team must lodge their appeal in writing to [mailbox@sportingwheelies.org.au](mailto:mailbox@sportingwheelies.org.au) by 5.00pm on the second business day following the announcement of the team.

The appeal must detail the following;

- a. What decision are you appealing?
- b. What is the basis for your appeal?
- c. Reason/s for appealing this decision?
- d. Provide any supporting evidence that would assist in your appeal
- e. What outcome are you seeking?

The appeal will be forwarded to the Selection Committee who will review the appeal on its merits within 2 business days.

The athlete will then receive a written response from the Selection Committee. The decision of this committee is final.

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