

## Far North Queensland Soccer Zone Inc

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### **FNQ DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM 2008 CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE**

This program is the starting point for a new pathway for players and coaches wishing to represent FNQ and Football Queensland in 2008 and beyond.

Football Queensland have introduced the Junior Premier league for 2008, which will be based on selecting the best 16 players in each determined age group, throughout each zone and allowing them to compete on a more regular basis against their respective age groups from each zone.

The Zone squads will be known as the Centre of Excellence squads and each player accepting a place in this representative squad, will train twice weekly with the COE, play for the COE in the major local competition, (in our Zone CDSA) and three/four times each year play in cross zone competitions including a final selection competition held in June/July school holidays.

The trials and selections for the Centres of Excellence will be held throughout February in Cairns. Successful players will be **invited** into the Centre of Excellence by the end of February 2008.

They will register with their clubs, but if they accept a place in the COE, they will only play for the COE squad, and the club will refund to the player its clubs fee/component collected on registration.

Specific details regarding the full commitment required to the Centre of Excellence including costs, 2008 travel requirements, as well as all other logistics will be announced very shortly.

All interested coaches have been initially briefed on the FQ Centre of Excellence format and structure, and together with the Junior standing Committee representative, Women's standing committee, as well as the Cairns and District Soccer Association committee have received an initial presentation on the impending changes of the 2008 Football Queensland Representative program, together with the thoughts and proposals of the FNQ Zone Council.

This will be a major change in the structure of selections for State recognition and Queensland representative honours. I ask you all to embrace this concept so that our young players have the very best chance of competing and thus selection, when we challenge each other zone in the Junior Premier League.

Also in place will be a second tiered structure for those players not quite ready, or who have missed selection at the start of each season.

This will be known as the FNQ Football Development program and will be run in conjunction and alongside the Centre's of Excellence.

Players will remain with and play for their clubs but attend the development program on a weekly and regular basis, as well as compete in a second level of Zone representative competitions, through out the season, including Gino Paris (U12 boys), Peter Cox Cup (U13 boys) and U15 and 17 Girls State Cup competitions

These programs will be run in all regional centres under the guidance of the FNQ Football development office and RDO.

Further specific details will be announced via this web site as well as the CDSA web site and can be obtained from the FNQ Zone Office,

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