

NORTHERN RANGERS Representative Guidelines –

Our region consists of Tamworth, Gunnedah, Bingara, Warialda & Coonabarabran.



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1 Introduction

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

2 Objectives

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

3 Committee

The following *Members will form the Committee*;

6. Chairperson: shall be Pam Potts from Tamworth as they have the largest competition.
 - a. Chairperson will be responsible for chairing meetings and maintain overview of committee.
7. Committee Members: Pam Potts, Melissa Watson, Jock Stier & Michael McKinnon.

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 is not compulsory for players.

2023 - Using Junior 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 & Australian Oztag*.

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.

5 Coach/Team Manager – Coach **MUST** now have completed Level 1 & 2 (assistant coach just a Level 1) to be eligible to apply. Link for course is <https://oztag.com.au/ao/courses/> Accreditation number is required for the application as at 2023 Australian Championship.

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, (Manager not compulsory but should the coach choose to put someone in place for this position, please ensure you inform Pam Potts of this person):

- Attend Tournament
- Attend trials for player selection and work with Selector to select squad.
- Notify Pam Potts (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 will be ordered and given a Northern Rangers polo shirt prior to the tournament.
- As a thank you for your efforts from our region & your players, prior to the tournament coaches will receive their polo, a \$100 fuel voucher & 1 free playing voucher for their local competition.
- 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.
- Always adhere to the code of conduct 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 Pam Potts on 0417650776 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 AO eligibility guidelines found under Resources on AO website.

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 others.
- Any player unable to attend for a legitimate reason due to extenuating circumstances or injury MUST email seniornorthernrangers@gmail.com by COB 2 days prior to 1st 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.
- Always adhere to the code of conduct 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/rego payment due date. Extra items include hoodie, socks, backpack, and caps/hats.
- Players are responsible to cover their own accommodation costs.
- 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 Tamworth & other relative association websites. All applications must be received 2 days before 1st 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.

7 Selector – These will be provided where possible.

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 seniornorthernrangers@gmail.com). No text messages or phone calls of unavailability to coaches/players will be accepted. MUST BE EMAILED TO BE CONSIDERED. Coach, Team Manager, and selectors where possible must attend all trials to ensure players have received reasonable viewing time.

The committee will have oversight of 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.

EXCEPTION – Players in the older divisions (where we struggle to field teams and at AO's request from other regions), may be approved for a release from 40s Men's/Women's divisions upwards, pending experience.

8.1.1 Squad

Squads will be named within 1 week after last trial date. Maximum number of players that can be selected for any squad is 22.

8.1.2 Team

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

18 players for older divisions as per AO requirements.

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.

Those 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. Players can only nominate to trial in 2 teams. If a player is picked in a side and accepts that position they cannot change to another side unless for some reason that team must fold.

Where there are less than 14 expressions of interests received to trial for any one team, the Committee will convene to determine if extra players can be sourced or if players will be given the option to trial for another team. **Our focus needs to be on quality of teams!**

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 players must attend at least 90% of training sessions and if unavailable for any your coach must be notified. Players must attend a minimum number of training sessions to avoid being replaced. Length of training (weeks) to be determined by relevant coach, but we generally advise no more than 8 weeks.

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.