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AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

- Brisbane
- Bundaberg
- Caboolture
- Cairns
- Gladstone
- Gold Coast
- Hervey Bay
- Ipswich
- Logan City
- Mackay
- Maryborough
- Mount Isa
- Noosa
- Redcliffe
- Redlands
- Rockhampton
- South Brisbane
- Suncoast Hinterland
- Toowoomba
- Wynnum

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- Burnett Softball Association (until April 2014)
- Granite Belt Softball Association
- School Sport Softball
- Townsville Thuringowa Softball Association

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Position	Name	Board Meeting	Special Board Meeting
President	Mark Jeppesen	6/6	1/1
Vice President	Jenny Vandenhurk	6/6	1/1
Executive Member	John Philp (from August 2014)	4/5	1/1
Executive Member / Board	Stephen Wagner (until August 2014)	4/6	1/1
Board	John Bright	5/6	1/1
Board	Heather Law	5/6	1/1
Board	Steve Armitge	5/6	1/1
Board	Alicia Northcott	5/6	1/1
General Manager	Sue Nisbet	6/6	1/1



HIGH PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE & COACHING TECHNICAL DIRECTORATE

State Teams

The Queensland teams all placed in the top three at their respective championship.

The Under 23 Women's and Men's National Championships were re-introduced in 2015 after not being held since 2008. The Under 23 Men's team won the Laing Harrow Shield for the first time and was the only team to bring home the title in 2015.

Queensland Heat and the Under 19 Women's teams came so close to bringing home the Gilley's Shield and Elinor McKenzie Shield respectively, both putting up a great fight before losing their grand final matches in the 8th innings tie break. The Under 17 Girls and Under 23 Women's teams were also runner's up in their national championship campaign both going down to New South Wales in a regulation game.

Queensland Patriots, Under 19 Men's and Under 17 Boy's teams all finished in 3rd place after playing many hotly contested games during the championship.

Eight individual awards were won by members of the Queensland teams and seventeen were named in a Tournament All Star Team at the completion of the National Championship.

Queensland Heat won the 2015 Southern Cross Challenge and a number of players were recognised for their individual performances by winning selection in the All Star Team.

The achievements of the Queensland teams and individual members don't come without a strong commitment by a number of people including the coaches, managers, statisticians and in particular the player's family and team supporters. Softball Queensland sincerely thanks all those involved for their contribution to the success of our teams.

Queensland Selection Panels:

Female

Chairperson: Jenny Vandenhurk

Open Women: Fabian Barlow, Kim Cooper

U23 Women: Kevin Jenkins, Fabian Barlow, Kim Cooper

U19 Women: Anne Vogler, Liz Fresser

U17 Girls: Kym Tollenaere, Liz Fresser

Male

Chairperson: John Bright

Open & Under 23 Men: Wayne Saunders, Steve Anderson

U19 Men: Damien Stewart, Steve Anderson

U17 Boys: Tyson Howard, Lexie Pearce

Australian Representation

Australia continued to produce world class results with the Aussie Spirit winning the bronze medal in the 2014 World Championship and the Aussie Colts (U19 Men) finishing in 4th position.

Our goal is to have 30% Queensland representation in Australian Squads. In 2014/15 Queensland has 32% representation in the Aussie Spirit Squad; 23% in the Aussie Steelers Squad and 24% in the 2015 team to contest the World Championship; 34% in the Under 19 Women's Squad and 35.5% in the 2015 team to contest the World Championship; 25% in the Under 19 Men's and 27% in the Under 17 Girls squad. An Under 17 Boys squad was not selected.

Queensland members who were appointed to coaching positions with Australian teams and squads:

Aussie Colts - 2014 World Championship

Wayne Saunders (Head Coach) and Fabian Barlow (Assistant Coach)

2014 Australian Junior Men's Development Team

Maurice Paraha (Assistant Coach) for the Aussie Sparks tour of San Francisco (USA) and Vancouver (Canada) from 8-23 July 2014.

2014 International Friendship Series

Damien Stewart, Queensland Under 19 Men's Assistant Coach, was appointed the Australian Sport & Exercise Psychologist

2015 Aussie Spirit

Kym Tollenaere (Assistant Coach)

Australian Under 19 Men's Selector

Maurice Paraha

TALENT ID AND DEVELOPMENT PATHWAYS

Regional Academies

Thirteen Regional Academies, Brisbane Metropolitan, Darling Downs, West Moreton, North Coast, Wide Bay, Port Curtis, North Queensland, North West, Central Queensland, South Coast, South East, Moreton Bay and Whitsundays, continue to provide development opportunities and training primarily for under 15 age group but also for the members of Queensland and Australian squads preparing for their participation in the various camps and events.

One hundred and seventy-three athletes aged under fifteen participated in the Regional Academy program. A squad of 28 girls and 28 boys was selected to attend a camp which was held in October in Brisbane in conjunction with the Under 19 Women's State Championship. State team and specialist coaches with Queensland elite players participated in the camp providing guidance and support to the coaches who had been appointed to the Regional Academy teams for the Australian Under 15 Regional Championships. At the conclusion of the camp, the squads were split into teams of equal ability. A policy outlining the participation criteria to be applied was finalised and adopted for the championship. While the focus is on development, it was very pleasing to have the Storm and Thunder teams playing each other in the grand final, with Storm being the victor.

SAL International Friendship Series

Two teams, Queensland Blaze (female) and Queensland Lightning (male) participated in the 2014 SAL International Friendship Series finishing 4th and 6th respectively. The Australian Girls Green team and the New Zealand Boys Development Team won their respective divisions.

Queenslanders Rachel Kraak, Sara Caterson, Eva Carless, Janice Blackman, Ocearna Conaty-Boxall (Queensland Blaze) and Mikayla Gregory (Australia Gold) were named in the ten person All Tournament Team.

In the male division, Dylan Sheehan (Australia Green) won the Best Pitcher award and Mitchell Woodworth (Queensland Lightning) won the Best Batter and Most Valuable Player Awards. Dylan, Mitchell and Mitchell Noonan (Queensland Development) were named in the boy's All Tournament team.

A Talent ID Camp was held at Redcliffe in June 2014. 120 athletes were identified and invited to attend with over 95 accepting the invitation. The camp was conducted by the state team coaches,

Coaching Director and specialist coaches. The camp was open for district association coaches to attend with a number taking up this opportunity.

Elite Program

Softball remains a Partnership Program within the Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) and provides support for the elite athletes who are members of Australian squads and the Queensland underpinning programs.

The elite program is co-ordinated and delivered by Head Coach Fabian Barlow with support provided by the state team and regional academy coaches. Softball Queensland is responsible for all aspects of the delivery of the program in Queensland. The QAS provides financial support and access to services and facilities for the softball program at both the state and national level. SQI extends our sincere appreciation to the QAS and to our QAS High Performance Director, Troy Ayers, for his support.

Softball Queensland continues to partner with the University of Queensland (UQ) Sports High Performance Unit. UQ provides the strength and conditioning program for the Queensland Heat program.

COACH EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Coaching Technical Directorate is headed by Lexie Pearce and supported by Mitchell Crawford and Elite Program Head Coach, Fabian Barlow.

Coach education is provided through face to face and on-line formal accreditation courses and also facilitated through the Softball Community Coach program, general workshops and individual mentoring.

Two Course Presenters Courses, Brisbane and Cairns, were conducted with 22 participants. The goal is to have qualified presenters in every district association who will have the responsibility for the delivery of Level 1 and Level 2 courses. Eight presenters have completed all requirements and others are working towards achieving competency.

Six Level 1 and two Level 2 face to face courses were conducted with forty successful candidates for Level 1 and thirteen for Level 2. In addition, 34 coaches renewed their accreditation.

SQI has introduced athletes in the state team program to the coach education



program. The Queensland Patriots team completed a combined Level 1 and 2 course. The result is fourteen members of the team have achieved Level 2 accreditation.

Ninety-eight coaches completed the Softball Community Coach Program including members of the Queensland Under 19 Men and Women's teams.

In January 2015, Softball Australia released the Training to Compete (Level 3) Coach Accreditation Program on-line which offers coaches more flexibility as they work their way through the coach accreditation pathway. It is ideal for coaches living in remote areas.

Queensland Heat :

Queensland Heat and Softball Queensland sincerely thanks the following companies for their support of the 2015 Queensland Heat team.

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SCORING TECHNICAL DIRECTORATE

Directorate Members

Matt Denkel (State Director, Ipswich), Val Cross (Mackay), Christine Denkel (Ipswich), Kirsty Andrews (Hervey Bay), Chris Bailey (Brisbane) and this year we welcomed Leanne Harvey from Bundaberg.

Monthly Meetings

Meetings were held on the second Thursday of the month by teleconference. The Directorate endeavour to have face to face meetings whenever the opportunity arises e.g. all in one place at State or National Championships, Forums etc. The Directorate is aiming to conduct a meeting via Skype, which has not proved to be very successful so far.

Annual Combined Forum

From the feedback received we believe that the scoring component of our last Forum was successful. Our first session this year included a feedback session as to what delegates would like to see discussed along with our current agenda. The information that came from this session provided additional topics that overflowed our agenda.

With the spread of levels and experience of delegates, we strive to find a common ground where they feel that they are contributing to, as well as benefiting from, the event.

Our practical session was done from a DVD encompassing iScore which most found to be worthwhile. The rules session with Darren Sibraa was beneficial to all with not as many questions for him this year, so possibly more scorers are becoming aware of the benefits of knowing the rules.

State Championships

Once again SQI sent a scoring representative to each state championship. The role of the scoring representative now encompasses having results uploaded to the Queensland website along with the usual duties of results, examinations if necessary and being available for scorers who may require assistance.

Championship	Scoring Representative
U15 Girls	Debbie Carey
U15 Boys	Fiona Goffer
SQ Masters	Kirsty Andrews & Chris Bailey
Open Women	Matt Denkel & Chris Bailey
U17 Girls	Chris Bailey
U17 Boys	Debbie Clark
U19 Women	Kirsty Andrews
U19 Men	Val Cross & Krystle Fullelove
Open Men	Joy Leach

Scoring Representatives:

Scorers Providing Statistics At State Championships

Statistics at championships can occasionally cause some concern. Each scorer who attends should be capable of generating statistics for the team coaches and selectors if required. For this reason a level 3 accreditation is required to be a team scorer for a district association team. Some coaches are not having this valuable tool made available to them by the team scorers and district associations need to address this issue. It may be a factor that the coaches do not understand how these statistics can be of benefit and this can be addressed through education.

Pick Up Scorers

A number of associations requested pick up scorers for championships again this year. Once again Brisbane and Logan City provided quite a number of statisticians to fulfil this role.

Clinics

Level 1, 2, 3 and 4 clinics were held at the following associations:

- Brisbane
- Ipswich
- Logan City
- Mount Isa
- Suncoast-Hinterland
- Toowoomba

iScore continues to be the preferred program for technology based scoring and a session on the application was held at the SQI Forum.



Examinations

Examinations were conducted at the majority of the state championships and at some district associations on their grand finals. Successful level 3 candidates included Rachael Needham, Chris Roberts and Leanne Brennan

National Events & Quality Assessment

The readmission of the U23's to the national calendar saw two new scorers introduced to our state statisticians team. The U15 development teams participating at the Australian Regional Championships provided 4 more of our statisticians with an insight to the national scene.

Age Group	Female Teams
U15	Chris Griffiths - Level 4 Deb Moloney - Level 3
U17	Krystle Fullelove – Level 4
U19	Kirsty Andrews – Level 4
U23	Rae Crook – Level 3
Open	Chris Bailey – Level 4
Age Group	Male Teams
U15	Leanne Harvey – Level 4 Wendy Harries – Level 3
U17	Debbie Opie – Level 4
U19	Christine Denkel – Level 4
U23	Debbie Carey – Level 4
Open	Sean Francis – Level 4

Ngairé Huston continues in her role as National Director and as head of Quality Assessment. Once again she has been checking all games scored at national events. Queensland was represented by the following at national events

- U17 Boys - Fiona Goffer seconded at the tournament
- U17 Girls- Sean Francis appointed by SAL

Newsletters

Val Cross has once again edited our newsletter and we thank her for persisting with this onerous task which is still widely distributed. which is still widely distributed. Papua New Guinea maintains regular contact with Val on matters relating to scoring as well as other topics of interest. Queensland and Victoria continue to share newsletters.

Val is always on the lookout for topics of interest and the directorate urges district associations to submit any items/photographs that may be of interest to the wider scoring community.

Database and Accreditation

Acknowledgement

The database is our means of recording who attains levels, when accreditation is due and contact details for Queensland's scorers. Therefore, it is important that district associations ensure that their scorers tick the appropriate box on the registration form and notify the Scoring directorate if they have changed their address or any aspect of their contact details. This information is then forwarded to the national body.

We felt that we had been making progress with the national body but we have hit another hiccup and hope to gain more information from the Forum this year to once and for all get our database up to where it should be and have all agree that this is the one and only correct database to be used.

The issuing of accreditation cards is working to some extent for the lower levels that have been conducted in Queensland.

Website and Facebook Page

Kirsty Andrews has the responsibility for this project and the uploading of resources to the relevant area. More work will continue with this resource for scoring. The new CRM provider may assist as navigating the web was not always an easy task in the past.

History

Chris Bailey continued with this role and sees it leading into all areas of scoring.

General

The Scoring directorate is very open to having individual scorers or even district associations contact us with any issues they may have or seeking clarification of a scoring scenario. This is going to be encouraged by setting up our technology areas with a question and answer section.

Each delegate at the Forum is given a list of the directorate members with their contact details and we urge people to make use of these.

Once again thank you to Softball Queensland for allowing me to lead our evolving and enthusiastic group of dedicated statisticians.

Matt Denkel
Queensland Director of Scoring

UMPIRING TECHNICAL DIRECTORATE

Umpiring directorate 2014 – 2015

State Director: Darren Sibraa
Administration: Patricia Sibraa
Development: Graeme Love
State Championships: Ron Yardley
Events: David Casey
Communication: Dale Kaimoana
Meetings: Sally Crawford

Umpire Officials – State Championships/ Tournaments

2014 Queensland Cup & Open Men

TCU Patricia Sibraa
Examiner Darren Sibraa
David Casey

2014 Queensland Cup & Open Women

TCU Patricia Sibraa
Assessors Yvonne Kahler
Helen Strauss

2014 Softball Queensland Masters

TCU Patricia Sibraa
DTCUs Ron Yardley
Sally Crawford
Darren Sibraa

	2014 U19 Men	2014 U19 Women
TCU	Patricia Sibraa	Helen Strauss
Assessors	Darren Sibraa David Casey	Yvonne Kahler Janelle Hicks

Trainee Assessor
Graeme Love Martin Turnbull

	2014 U17 Boys	2014 U17 Girls
TCU	Darren Sibraa	Yvonne Kahler
Assessors	David Casey Janelle Hicks	Norelle Thomas Jamie Harries

Trainee Assessor Alan Walsh Dale Kaimoana

	2015 U15 Boys	2015 U15 Girls
TCU	Darren Sibraa	Stephen Gutteridge
Assessors	Jamie Harries Janelle Hicks	Graeme Love Norelle Thomas

Trainee Assessor Neville Baggow

2014 QLD Secondary Schoolboys Championships

TCU David Casey

2015 QLD Secondary Schoolgirls Championships

TCU David Casey
Assessors Graeme Love
Jamie Harries

2014 QLD Primary Schoolboys

TCU Graeme Love

2014 QLD Primary Schoolgirls

TCU Ron Yardley

2014 South Brisbane Club Classic

TCU Patricia Sibraa

2015 QLD Patriots Tournament

TCU Patricia Sibraa

2014 Golden Gloves Challenge

TCU Ron Yardley

2014 “The Switch” Moneyball

TCU Ron Yardley

2015 Southern Cross Challenge

TCU Patricia Sibraa

Finals Allocations

2014 QLD Cup & Open Men

QLD Cup

(P) Helen Strauss	(1) David Casey
(2) Trevor Murphy	(3) Yvonne Kahler

Open Men

(P) Norelle Thomas	(1) Stephen Gutteridge
	(3) Jamie Harries

President’s Cup

(P) Dale Kaimoana	(1) Graeme Love
	(3) Janelle Hicks

2014 Qld Cup & Open Women

QLD Cup

(P) David Casey	(1) Helen Strauss
(2) Norelle Thomas	(3) Yvonne Kahler

QLD Championship

(P) Alan Walsh	(1) Janelle Hicks
(2) Moses Tolingling	(3) Jodie Boustead

President’s Cup

(P) Graeme Love	(1) Jamie Harries
(2) Kylie Knight	(3) Neville Baggow

2014 Softball Queensland Masters

Men’s Division 1

(P) Graeme Love	(1) Alan Walsh
	(3) Dale Kaimoana

Men’s Division 2

(P) David Addlem	(1) Norelle Thomas
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Men’s Division 3

(P) Jodie Boustead	(1) Jamie Harries
	(3) Michael Pedler

**Men's Division 4**

(P) Danny Griffiths (1) Ross Winn

Men's Division 5

(P) Michael Pedler (1) James Purcell

Women's Division 1

(P) Ian Goodman (1) Neville Love

Women's Division 2

(P) Claire Lack (1) Jo Voltz

Women's Division 3

(P) Dwayne Warnock (1) Kiri Scott

Women's Division 4

(P) Nikita Ireland (1) Steve Bickerton

Women's Division 5

(P) Sue Lamb (1) Robert Murphy

Women's Division 6

(P) Mitch Crawford (1) Jesse Muller

Women's Division 7

(P) Shaun Davey (1) John Dyer

Women's Division 8

(P) Breanna O'Connor (1) Tamara Muller

Women's Division 9

(P) Kevin Warnock (1) Rani Gardner

Women's Division 10

(P) Layton Reid (1) Jason Rogers

Women's Division 11

(P) Adam Layton (1) Karen Hansen

Women's Division 12

(P) Ted Gross (1) Alex McKim

2014 U19 Men**QLD Championship**(P) Darren Sibraa (1) David Casey
(3) Graeme Love**President's Cup**(P) Jamie Harries (1) Alan Walsh
(3) Steve Gutteridge**2014 U19 Women****QLD Championship**(P) Yvonne Kahler (1) Janelle Hicks
(2) Adrian Ralph (3) Norelle Thomas**President's Cup**(P) Ian Goodman (1) Kiri Scott
(3) Claire Lack**2014 U17 Boys****QLD Championship**(P) Alan Walsh (1) Jodie Boustead
(3) Adam Reddacliff**President's Cup**

(P) Graeme Love (1) Sam Bent

(3) Morton Ward

2014 U17 Girls**QLD Championship**(P) Dale Kaimoana (1) Adrian Ralph
(3) Ross Winn**President's Cup**(P) Leanne O'Leary (1) Kylie Knight
(3) Ian Goodman**2015 U15 Boys****QLD Championship**(P) Janelle Hicks (1) Alan Walsh
(3) Michael Trost**President's Cup**(P) Jamie Harries (1) Kiri Scott
(3) Nicole Findlay**2015 U15 Girls****QLD Championship**(P) Adrian Ralph (1) Graeme Love
(3) Tamara Muller**President's Cup**(P) Claire Lack (1) Norelle Thomas
(3) Breanna O'Connor**2014 South Brisbane Club Classic Final**(P) Leigh Evans (1) Darren Sibraa
(2) David Casey (3) Mark MacFarlane**2014 "The Switch" Moneyball Tournament Final**(P) Darren Sibraa (1) Mark MacFarlane
(2) Debbie Grove (3) David Casey**2015 Queensland Patriots Tournament Final**(P) David Casey (1) Norelle Thomas
(3) Darren Sibraa**2015 Southern Cross Challenge****Final (Men)**(P) Mark MacFarlane (1) Nicola Ogier
(2) Darren Sibraa (3) Rikki Thompson**Final (Women)**(P) Yvonne Kahler (1) Rob McIntosh
(3) Kevin Tannebring

Umpires At State Championships / Tournaments

<u>Level</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Total</u>
2014 QLD Cup/Open Men	1	1	8	2	8	5		1	26
2014 QLD Cup/Open Women	1	1	4	2	5	5	1	-	19
2014 Masters	1	1	2	4	6	3	1 4	5 6	89
2014 U19 Men	1	1	2	1	3	3	-	-	11
2014 U19 Women	-	-	3	3	1	3	3	-	13
2014 U17 Boys	1	-	1	1	3	1	5	-	12
2014 U17 Girls	-	-	2	1	3	3	-	6	15
2014 U15 Boys	1	-	-	3	1	3	4	6	18
2014 U15 Girls	-	-	2	1	1	1	4	9	18

Practical Examinations Since The Last Annual General Meeting

State examinations were carried out at:

Level 4 - QLD Cup and State U19 Championships

Level 3 - State U17 Championships

Level 2 - State U17 and U15 Championships and QLD School Championships

<u>Level</u>	<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Pass</u>
6	-	-
5	3	3
4	-	-
3	3	3
2	13	13

Successful Candidates

Level 5 Dale Kaimoana (Mount Isa)
Graeme Love (Mackay)
Alan Walsh (Redcliffe)

Level 3 Sam Bent (Logan City)
Adam Reddacliff (Redlands)
Morton Ward (Ipswich)

Level 2 Kira Abell (Rockhampton)
Marita Abell (Rockhampton)
Sam Allen (Ipswich)
Steve Bickerton (Brisbane)
Jeff Biffin (Mt Isa)
Erin Blackmore (Wynnum)

Alicia Hayman (Caboolture)
Leila Higgins (Redcliffe)
Nichole McCord (Noosa)
Coady Ramsden (Ipswich)
Jonathan Rosemeier (Mackay)
Lailani Shepherd (Redlands)
Callum Thies (Caboolture)

Umpire Officials – National Championships/Tournaments

2015 Open Men – Redlands, QLD

Patricia Sibraa - TCU
Darren Sibraa – Assessor: Championship game – Plate

David Casey: Championship game – R/F
Graeme Love

2015 Open Women – Mirrabooka, WA

Janelle Hicks
Yvonne Kahler

2015 U19 Men – Blacktown, NSW

Jamie Harries

2015 U19 Women – Adelaide, SA

Stephen Gutteridge
Jamie Harries
Yvonne Kahler: Championship game – 2nd base

2015 U17 Boys & Girls combined – Hawker, ACT

Darren Sibraa – TCU
Janelle Hicks
Dale Kaimoana – Level 5 candidate
Graeme Love – Level 5 candidate
Alan Walsh – Level 5 candidate

2015 U15 boys – Blacktown, NSW

Callum Crase
Claire Lack

2015 U15 girls – Adelaide, SA

Breanna O'Connor
Kiri Scott
Jo Voltz

Newsletter

The directorate submits articles relating to umpiring in Queensland to "Blues News On-Line (BNOL)". This publication has a wide audience base and is available by email, although they can also be sourced through resource gallery on the umpiring website.

Development Programs/Clinics/Appointments Basic Clinics

A number of district associations conducted internal clinics. Once again, few requests were received to conduct Basic clinics. This area received continued attention during the 2014 forum and has become a greater focus with the directorate.

Junior Umpire Clinic

A Junior Umpire Clinic was conducted on 30 November, 2014 to cater for the number of talented junior umpires that have been attending State Championships and Masters events. Initially 31



umpires were invited from South East Queensland Associations to attend clinic during which a range of topics were covered, including development pathways. A session was also conducted for parents to understand the umpiring program's commitment to junior umpires.

Relationship with Education Queensland

The positive relationship between SQI and School Sports continues to be reinforced through the structured umpiring pathway that was developed in 2009. SQI's Umpiring Directorate has provided management crews to State finals of School competition and has again conducted assessment of candidates at these events. Nikita Ireland, Breanna O'Connor and Leilani Shephard were appointed to the National Primary School Exchange in 2015.

International appointments

Queensland has been well represented in the last year with a number of umpires being selected for international appointments:

- Darren Sibraa has been appointed as ISF Technical Delegate to the 2015 Pacific Games, to be conducted in Port Moresby, PNG in July 2015. Darren was also appointed to the 2015 Men's World Championship to be conducted in Saskatoon, Canada, in June.
- Patricia Sibraa has been appointed as TCU for the 2015 Pacific Games to be conducted in Port Moresby, PNG in July 2015.
- David Casey was appointed as umpire for the 2015 Pacific Games, to be conducted in Port Moresby, PNG, in July 2015.
- Darren Sibraa is a member of the ISF Rules Commission.
- Helen Strauss was awarded Level 7 accreditation.

National commitments

Queensland umpires are heavily involved in the development of the sport through their respective roles with SAL

Patricia Sibraa

- National Umpire in Chief and UIC-Communications
- Member of SAL Events and Technical Working Committee

Darren Sibraa

- National Staff Member – Technical
- Assists in the writing of the national rules exam
- Coordinates the writing of the national basic rules exam
- Assists with the writing of all umpire Technical and Mechanics Bulletins
- Assists with the submission of rules for ISF Congress Rules Commission

- Developed the Assessor manual and TCU manual

Yvonne Kahler

- National Staff Member – Development

David Casey

- Sub-Committee member – Development
- Assists in writing High Performance Umpire pathways

2014 Combined Technical Directorate Forum

The annual Umpire's Forum was held on July 12 – 13, 2014 as part of the Combined Technical Directorate Forum. During the Forum all softball directorates, umpiring, coaching and scoring, were able to attend a combined session that covered several generic topics.

The forum also provided the first opportunity to announce the 2014 Umpiring Award winners to their peers. The recipients were: Patricia Bichel Senior Umpire of the Year Norelle Thomas; SQI Junior Umpire of the Year Joshua Hartwig; and SQI District Association Development Award – Mackay Softball Association. A range of topics were covered throughout the forum, including district association Coordinator responsibilities, communication, umpire accreditation and development, exam analysis, state championship responsibilities, and presentation of district association reports.

An initiative developed during the forum was the creation of Qld Umpires Forum Facebook group, which would be used to share information between District Association Umpire Coordinators. Coordinators were also reminded to notify the SDU when there were changes to their roles at the district associations.

All delegates were reminded of the requirement to share the Forum material with their respective district associations.

In Conclusion

I would like to congratulate all those district associations that have implemented training programs and conducted clinics within their own association. The Queensland Umpiring directorate continues to work extremely hard, and I thank them for their continued support.

Darren Sibraa
Queensland Director of Umpiring

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

OPEN WOMEN'S STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Host: Redlands
Date: 5 - 7 September 2014
SQI Representative: Daphne Bickle

Queensland Cup

Winner

Mack Gilley Memorial Trophy - Brisbane Red

Runner Up

Townsville Trophy - Redlands Green

Best Defensive Team

City of Cairns Trophy - Brisbane Red

Open State Championship

Winner

T. McDonald Trophy - Wynnum Blue

Runner Up

Ipswich Trophy - Brisbane White

Country Champions

Loft Trophy - Cairns

President's Cup

Winner

SQI Trophy - Redlands Red

Final Positions

Brisbane Red
 Redlands Green
 Redcliffe
 Cairns
 Wynnum Blue
 Brisbane White
 Papua New Guinea
 Gold Coast
 Redlands Red
 Toowoomba
 Wynnum White
 Bundaberg/Rockhampton



Mack Gilley Memorial Trophy

OPEN MEN'S STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Host: Redlands
Date: 17 - 19 October 2014
SQI Representative: Leon Leach

Queensland Cup

Winner

Fourex Trophy - Redlands Green

Runner Up

South Brisbane Trophy - Logan City A

Best Defensive Team

National Taxation Trophy - Redlands Green

Open State Championship

Winner

City of Hervey Bay Trophy - Ipswich White

Runner Up

Mount Isa Trophy - Mackay

MVP of the Grand Final

Lester Nathan Memorial Trophy - Adam Pearce

President's Cup

Winner

SQI Trophy - Mount Isa

Final Positions

Redlands Green
 Logan City A
 Toowoomba A
 Ipswich Green
 Redlands Red
 Papua New Guinea
 Redcliffe
 Ipswich White
 Mackay
 Toowoomba B
 Mount Isa
 Wynnum
 Caboolture
 Gladstone
 Logan City B
 Rockhampton



Fourex Trophy



STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

U19 WOMEN'S STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Host: Brisbane
Date: 4 - 6 October 2014
SQI Representative: Daphne Bickle

State Championship

Winner

City of Toowoomba Trophy - Redlands

Runner Up

Hogsbreath Café Trophy - Redcliffe

Country Champions

Toowoomba Chronicle Cup - Toowoomba

Best Defensive Team

City of Toowoomba Trophy - Redlands and Wynnum

President's Cup

Winner

SQI Trophy - Brisbane

Final Positions

Redlands

Redcliffe

Wynnum

Brisbane

Toowoomba

Bundaberg/Hervey Bay/Maryborough

Cairns/Rockhampton

Caboolture

U19 MEN'S STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Host: Rockhampton
Date: 4 - 6 October 2014
SQI Representative: Leon Leach

State Championship

Winner

Brisbane Trophy - Redlands/Mackay

Runner Up

Cairns Trophy - Hervey Bay/Bundaberg

Best Defensive Team

National Taxation Trophy - Hervey Bay/Bundaberg

President's Cup

Winner

SQI Trophy - Rockhampton/Gladstone

Final Positions

Redlands/Mackay

Hervey Bay/Bundaberg

Redcliffe

Rockhampton/Gladstone

Toowoomba

Mount Isa

Caboolture/Cairns/Noosa

Ipswich



City of Toowoomba Trophy



Brisbane Trophy

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

U17 GIRLS' STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Host: Caboolture
 Date: 20 - 22 September 2014
 SQI Representative: Daphne Bickle

State Championship

Winner

President's Trophy - Wynnum

Runner Up

Logan City Trophy - Brisbane

Country Champions

Luchterhand Trophy - Toowoomba

President's Cup

Winner

SQI Trophy - Caboolture

Final Positions

Wynnum
 Brisbane
 Toowoomba
 Rockhampton
 Redlands
 Redcliffe
 Caboolture
 Cairns/Noosa
 Hervey Bay/Maryborough
 Ipswich

U17 BOYS' STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Host: South Brisbane
 Date: 20 - 22 September 2014
 SQI Representative: Leon Leach

State Championship

Winner

South Brisbane Trophy - Gladstone

Runner Up

South Brisbane Trophy - Redlands/Mackay

President's Cup

Winner

SQI Trophy -
 Maryborough/Hervey Bay/Bundaberg

Final Positions

Gladstone
 Redlands/Mackay
 Ipswich/Logan City
 Toowoomba
 Maryborough/Hervey Bay/Bundaberg
 Caboolture
 Redcliffe



President's Trophy



South Brisbane Trophy



STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

U15 GIRLS' STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Host: Toowoomba
Date: 5 - 7 April 2014
SQI Representative: Sue Nisbet

State Championship

Winner

Pat Bumstead Trophy - Wynnum

Runner Up

Mount Isa Trophy - Brisbane Red

Country Champions

City of Toowoomba Trophy - Noosa

Best Defensive Team

Braidie Noble Trophy - Caboolture

President's Cup

Winner

SQI Trophy - Gladstone

Final Positions

- Wynnum
- Brisbane Red
- Caboolture
- Noosa
- Gladstone
- Redlands
- Redcliffe
- Toowoomba
- Maryborough
- Brisbane White
- Cairns
- Mackay
- Ipswich

U15 BOYS' STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Host: Redcliffe
Date: 5 - 7 April 2014
SQI Representative: Daphne Bickle

State Championship

Winner

Automatic Access Trophy - Gladstone

Runner Up

Automatic Access Trophy - Toowoomba

Best Defensive Team

Ipswich City Council Trophy - Toowoomba

Most Improved Team

Wayne Gaddes Trophy - Brisbane

President's Cup

Winner

Steel-Line Garage Doors Trophy - Logan City

Final Positions

- Gladstone
- Toowoomba
- Redlands
- Logan City
- Caboolture/Noosa
- Maryborough/Hervey Bay
- Redcliffe
- Bundaberg
- Ipswich
- Brisbane



Pat Bumstead Trophy



Automatic Access Trophy



STATE TEAMS

QUEENSLAND HEAT

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GILLEY'S SHIELD

4 - 10 January 2015

Host State: WA



PLAYERS

Janice Blackman
Jodie Bowering
Brenda De Blaes
Mikayla Gregory
Stephanie Harm
Sandra Holden
Brooke McNamara
Danielle Oppermann
(Replacement)

Ashleigh Polzin
Alisha Prybyszczuk
Justine Smethurst
Tara Speakman
Erin Thras
Jade Wall
Melinda Weaver
Stacey Webber

SHADOW PLAYER

Paige Delacour

WITHDREW

Kate Sternes
Jocelyn McCallum

OFFICIALS

Fabian Barlow - Head Coach
Joyce Lester - Assistant Coach
Kim Cooper - Assistant Coach
Debbie Clarke - Manager
Chris Bailey - Statistician
Emma Reid - Physiotherapist

RESULTS

1. New South Wales Firestars
- 2. Queensland Heat**
3. Western Australia Flames
4. South Australia Starz
5. Victoria Titans
6. ACT Diamonds
7. Northern Territory Fury

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

Best Batter – Stacey Porter (NSW)
Best Indigenous Player – Stacey Porter (NSW)
Best Pitcher – Monica Perry (SA)
Most Valuable Player – Jade Wall (QLD)
Rookie of the Year – Ashleigh Polzin (QLD)
Player of the Grand Final – Ellen Roberts (NSW)

ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM

Pitcher – Monica Perry (SA Starz)
Catcher – Jodie Bowering (QLD Heat)
First base – Jasmine Lee (SA Starz)
Second base – Melinda Weaver (QLD Heat)
Third base – Chelsea Forkin (WA Flames)
Shortstop – Brenda De Blaes (QLD Heat)
Outfield – Jade Wall (QLD Heat), Leigh Godfrey (WA Flames), Kara Murphy (NSW Firestars)
Designated player – Stacey Porter (NSW Firestars)

QUEENSLAND
HEAT

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