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Promoting, administering and growing cricket
for Darling Downs and South West Queenslanders

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JUNIOR PATHWAYS

Dear DD&SWQ Cricket Community Members

1. Recent Zone Communications

- DD&SWQ Cricket Inc. distributed Zone communications on 28.01.2024 and 04.02.2024 which referred (in part) to the recent success of our 2023-24 **Queensland Junior Cricket Phase One representative teams**.
- Those communications also referred to the **Zone Challenge Cup (ZCC)**, in particular articulating recent developments that impact upon the Male ZCC for the 23/24 season, and therefore also impact upon the entry of players into the DDSWQ Junior Development Program.
- Those communications additionally advised of the Zone's commitment to providing **all DD&SW Queenslanders** opportunities to play cricket at all levels, and to ensuring players will not be disadvantaged because of action or inaction by any of the 13 affiliated Associations.
- The communications further advised that DD&SWQ Cricket Inc. would continue to examine options to ensure those players across the Zone who have **not** been selected in an ZCC team, and who are desirous of entering the Zone Representative Pathway and therefore the Queensland talent identification program, will **not** be significantly disadvantaged.
- Finally, those communications stated that as more details became available, the Zone cricket community would be advised. This communication provides an update on this situation.

2. Junior Pathways Update (Male)

As promised, DD&SWQ Cricket Inc. have explored options that ensure that players who have **not been selected in ZCC teams across the Zone**, will not be significantly disadvantaged. Such players may have missed their Regional trials for whatever reason, may be new to the Zone, or simply not selected in a team.

The Zone is now pleased to announce that such players may still have an opportunity to join the DD&SWQ Junior Development Program and thus become eligible for participation in Queensland talent identification programs. The process which will enable this to occur consists of two parts:

Part A (for players born between 01 September 2012 and 31 August 2014 inclusive)

Players who meet the birth dates above, and who have **not been selected in an ZCC team**, and who are desirous of entering the Zone representative pathway (Junior Development Program), are invited to **register** their interest by completing an online expression of interest form available via this link

<https://forms.office.com/r/BxG3aGZaek>

- Please note- younger players can register and **may** be considered.
- This expression of interest opportunity will **open** on Sunday 18 February 2024 and **close** on Sunday 03 March 2024.
- Soon after the closing date, those who have expressed interest will be individually advised of the next step in the process.
- Please note that this will be the **only** window of opportunity for **non-ZCC players** to enter the DD&SWQ Junior Development Program.

Part B (for older players)

- Older players who have **not** been selected in an ZCC team, and who are desirous of entering the Zone representative pathway (Junior Development Program), may also have an opportunity to do so.
- Details of the process to facilitate this opportunity are still being finalised.

3. Zone Challenge Cup

- At the time of reading, it is likely that round one of the ZCC for both males and females will have been completed and enjoyed by more than 100 DD&SWQ young players. Parents and officials, thank you for your commitment to providing our young players with this development opportunity. Round two is scheduled for Sunday 03 March 2024.
- The DD&SWQ cricket community is again reassured of the Zone's commitment to implementing the DD&SWQ Junior Development Plan and the Junior Representative Procedures Policy, which articulates the ZCC as the entry point to Zone Representative Pathway.

4. Future Zone Communication

- South East Country and South West Country players' parents should remain in touch with their **Regional Coaching Coordinators** regarding ZCC details.
- As is always the case, all DDSWQ players' parents are welcome to contact the **Zone Pathways Coordinator** via email.
- As more details become available, the Zone cricket community will be advised.

Kind regards

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