

5 JULY - 6 JULY 2024 TOWNSVILLE

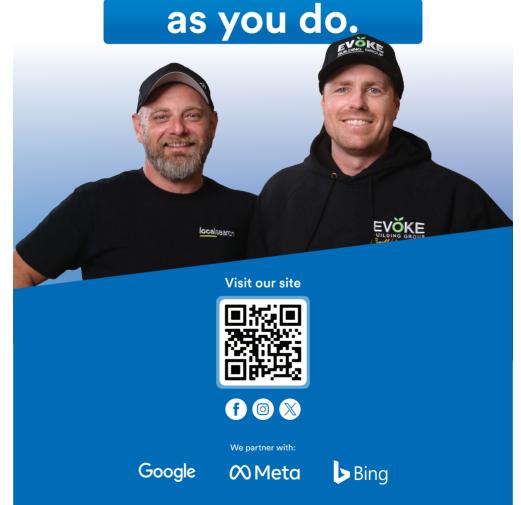




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WELCOME

On behalf of the North Queensland Toyota Cowboys, we are proud to welcome you all to the 2024 Laurie Spina Shield, proudly sponsored by Localsearch.

Named in honour of the club's inaugural captain – Laurie Spina, the 27th staging of this iconic event sees 68 teams travelling from across North Queensland, Torres Strait, Central Queensland and the South East to participate in the two-day carnival.

We both have fond memories playing in the carnival as juniors, and it is great to see just how well our sport of rugby league is supported right throughout our community.

The Cowboys would like to thank the following organisations and individuals for their continued support of the Laurie Spina Shield:

- Localsearch
- · Laurie Spina
- · Cowboys Leagues Club
- StreetSmarts
- · SKINS
- YETI
- · Townsville City Council
- National Rugby League Game Development Officers
- · Queensland Rugby League
- Townsville and Districts Rugby League Referees Association
- · Townsville Touch Football
- · Stadiums Oueensland
- Volunteers

Most importantly, a big thank you also goes to you – the teams, players, coaches, managers, first-aiders, parents and supporters. The carnival has become what it is today because of the passion and enthusiasm you all bring each year.

We hope everyone enjoys the 2024 Laurie Spina Shield – good luck!

Reuben Cotter & Tom Dearden
North Queensland Toyota Cowboys Co-Captains

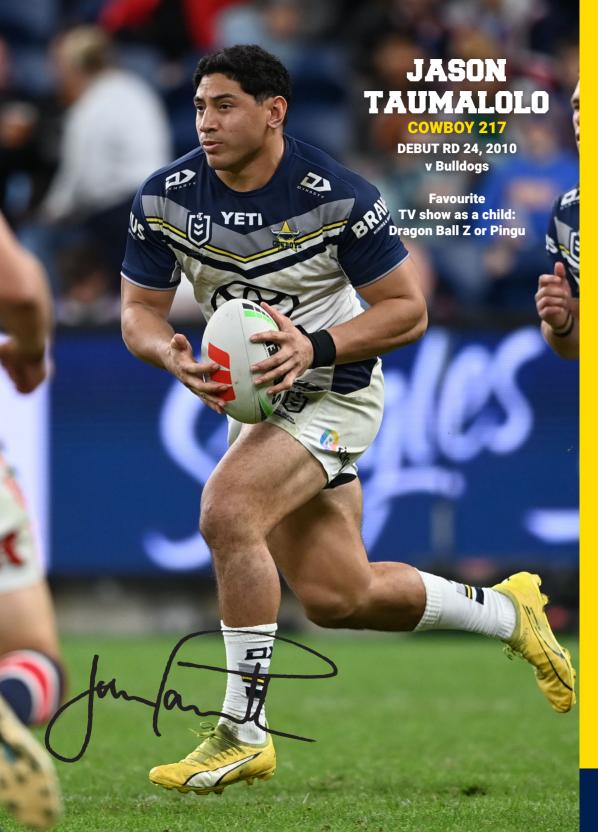
The North Queensland Toyota Cowboys acknowledge the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia.

We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.









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FRIDAY 5 JULY

COACHES + MANAGERS MEETING

(Pre-carnival meeting - compulsory)

Clubhouse Veranda 7.15am - 7.45am

DAY 1 - CARNIVAL

(Round games)

Queens Park, Townsville 8.00am - 6.00pm

PLAYER SIGNING SESSION

(Players and 2 team officials only)

Townsville Sports Precinct 11.00am - 12.00pm

SATURDAY 6 JULY

COACHES + MANAGERS MEETING

(Pre-carnival meeting)

Clubhouse Veranda 7.15am - 7.45am

DAY 2 - CARNIVAL

(Round games)

Queens Park, Townsville 8.00am - 2.10pm

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LAURIE SPINA SHIELD EXHIBITION GAMES

(Selected teams only)

Queensland Country Bank Stadium

5.00pm Meet at Gate F 5.30pm Gates open

5.45pm Start Games 1 & 2

6.10pm Start Games 3 & 4

6.30pm Localsearch Presentation

7.35pm Cowboys v Sea Eagles

FASTEST FEET TEAM RELAY

Halftime of main NRL game (8 players, 2 officials each team)

Dress: Team kit, socks, football boots, team football

Queensland Country Bank Stadium

7.45pm Meet teams at HBC Training Field

8.15pm Enter Stadium

8.20pm Start race

8.25pm Finish race

PROFILE

The Laurie Spina Shield is a two-day rugby league carnival coordinated by the North Queensland Toyota Cowboys and open to players under 11 years of age, with a focus on participation, fair play and enjoying the 'greatest game of all'. At the Carnival, we'll see 1,080 players participate in 224 games of Rugby League.

2024 CARNIVAL 5 JULY - 6 JULY, TOWNSVILLE (Rd 18 Cowboys v Sea Eagles)

HISTORY - LAURIE SPINA SHIELD

The Laurie Spina Shield was established in 1997 and is named after the North Queensland Cowboys inaugural captain Laurie Spina.

Laurie played his junior rugby league in the Herbert River district, playing 169 NRL games for North Sydney Bears (1983-84), Sydney Roosters (1985-89), Cronulla Sharks (1990) and North Queensland Cowboys (1995).

Laurie has also been a tireless contributor to the development of junior rugby league in North Queensland. In recognition of his efforts and achievements, a shield is presented in his honour.

FUN FACTS

- · Running from 1997-2019 & 2021-2024 (27th year)
- · Contributes approximately \$1.3M to the Townsville economy
- · Over 2,000 parents and family members attended in 2023

PREVIOUS PLAYERS



JAKE CLIFFORD
Tully Tigers



TOM DUFFY
Centrals ASA Rugby League



KYLE FELDT

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REUBEN COTTER
Sarina Crocodiles



TOM DEARDEN

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TOM CHESTER
Townsville Brothers



ROBERT DERBY
Cairns Brothers



JAXON PURDUE

Norths Devils Mackay



EXHIBITION GAME REWARD CRITERIA

The Laurie Spina Shield has a focus on participation, fair play and enjoying the 'greatest game of all'. One team from each pool will be selected to participate in the 2024 Laurie Spina Shield Exhibition games, played at Queensland Country Bank Stadium before Cowboys v Sea Eagles, in recognition of their overall sportsmanship during the Carnival. During the Carnival, teams will be assessed on the following criteria:

CRITERIA 1

· On field team performance as well as attitude and behaviour of players towards match officials and opposing players.

CRITERIA 2

· Performance and attitude of coaching staff.

CRITERIA 3

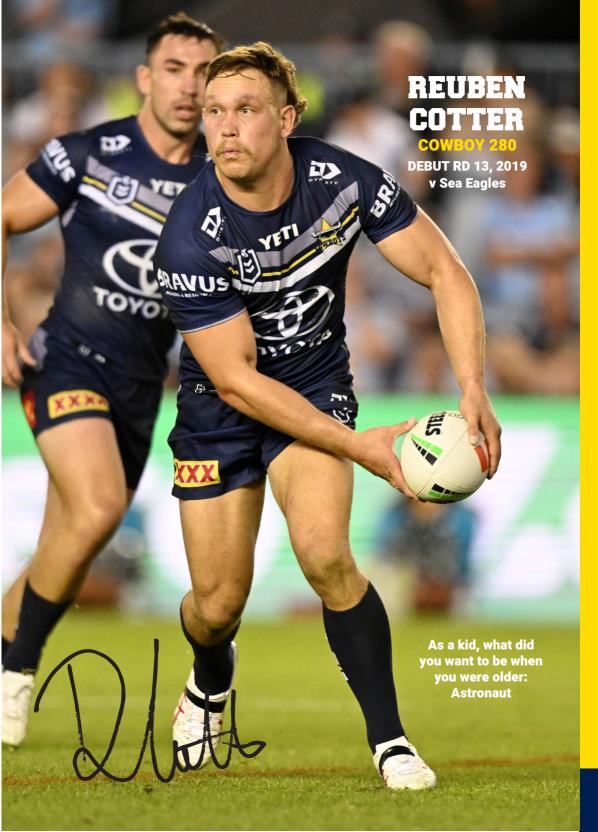
· Performance and attitude of parents and supporters.

SCORING

- · Criteria 1 will be given a rating from 1 to 10 (1 being poor, 10 being exceptional).
- · Criteria 2 and 3 will be given a rating from 1 to 5 (1 being poor, 5 being exceptional).

Teams will be advised of selection by lunchtime on Day 2 of the Carnival.

On Saturday night, the overall winning team will receive \$1,000 for their Club, thanks to Localsearch!



TEAMS

Atherton Roosters

Baralaba Panthers

Barcaldine Sandgoannas

Blackall Magpies

Blackwater Crushers

Bowen Seagulls Black

Bowen Seagulls Red

Brahmans Blue

Brahmans Green

Brothers Bulldogs Blue

Brothers Bulldogs White

Brothers Townsville Blue

Brothers Townsville Green

Brothers Townsville Paddys
Brothers Townsville White

Burdekin Roosters

Burpengary Jets

Cairns Brothers

Capricorn Coast Brothers

Central Cape Suns

Centrals Black

Centrals Gold

Centrals White Cloncurry Eagles

Edmonton Storm

Emerald Brothers

Emerald Junior Tigers

Emu Park Emus

Herbert River Crushers

Innisfail Junior Leprechauns Blue Innisfail Junior Leprechauns Green

JCU Saints

Magpies Mackay

Magpies Mackay Black

Malanda Eels

Middlemount Panthers

Moranbah Miners

North Devils Mackay

Norths Devils Blue

Norths Devils Gold

Norths Devils Red

Norths Devils White

Norths Knights Blue

Rockhampton Brothers

Rockhampton Tigers

Runaway Bay Seagulls

Sarina Crocs

Southern Suburbs

Southern Suburbs Tigers

Souths Bulls

Souths Sharks Mackay

Souths Sunnybank

Springsure Junior Mountain Men

Tannum/Boyne Seagulls

Tigerhawks

Toowoomba Valleys

Tully Tigers

Upper Ross Rams

Walkerston Wanderers Gold

Walkerston Wanderers Green

Wallaby's Gladstone

Western Lions Pride

Western Tigers Black

Western Tigers Gold

Winton Diamantina Devils

Yeppoon Seagulls

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POOLS

POOL I

Cairns Brothers
Norths Knights Blue
Moranbah Miners
Burdekin Roosters
Centrals Black
Tannum/Boyne Seagulls
Blackall Magpies
Middlemount Panthers
Norths Devils White

POOL 2

Tully Tigers
Rockhampton Brothers
Magpies Mackay Black
Bowen Seagulls Red
Brothers Townsville Green
Toowoomba Valleys
Springsure Jnr Mountain Men
Norths Devils Gold
Mackay Souths Sharks

POOL 3

Southern Suburbs Tigers Brothers Bulldogs Blue Malanda Eels Brothers Townsville Blue Barcaldine Sandgoannas Runaway Bay Seagulls Magpies Mackay Norths Devils Blue

POOL 4

Innisfail Leprechauns Green Yeppoon Seagulls North Devils Mackay Zenadth Kes Stingers Centrals Gold Cloncurry Eagles Western Tigers Black Souths Bulls

POOL 5

Southern Suburbs
Baralaba Panthers
Brothers Bulldogs White
Atherton Roosters
Brothers Townsville White
Burpengary Jets
Sarina Crocodiles
JCU Saints

POOL 6

Innisfail Leprechauns Blue Rockhampton Tigers Brahmans Blue Blackwater Crushers Centrals White Wallaby's Gladstone Winton Diamantina Devils Western Tigers Gold Upper Ross Rams

POOL 7

Central Cape Suns
Capricorn Coast Brothers
Bowen Seagulls Black
Brothers Townsville Paddys
Emerald Tigers
Souths Sunnybank
Walkerston Wanderers Green
Norths Devils Red

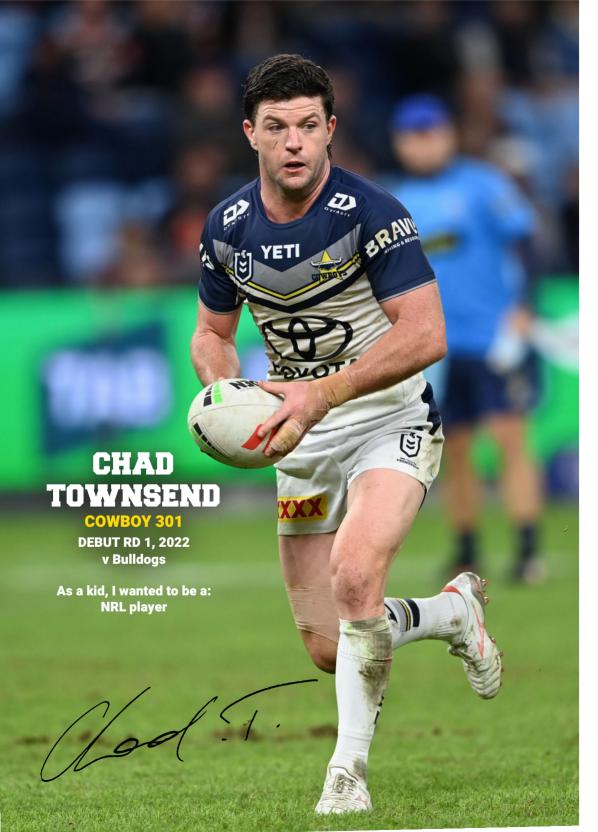
POOL 8

Edmonton Storm
Emu Park Emus
Brahmans Green
Tigerhawks
Herbert River Crushers
Western Lions Pride
Emerald Brothers
Walkerston Wanderers Gold

LAURIE SPINA SHIELD DRAW >>

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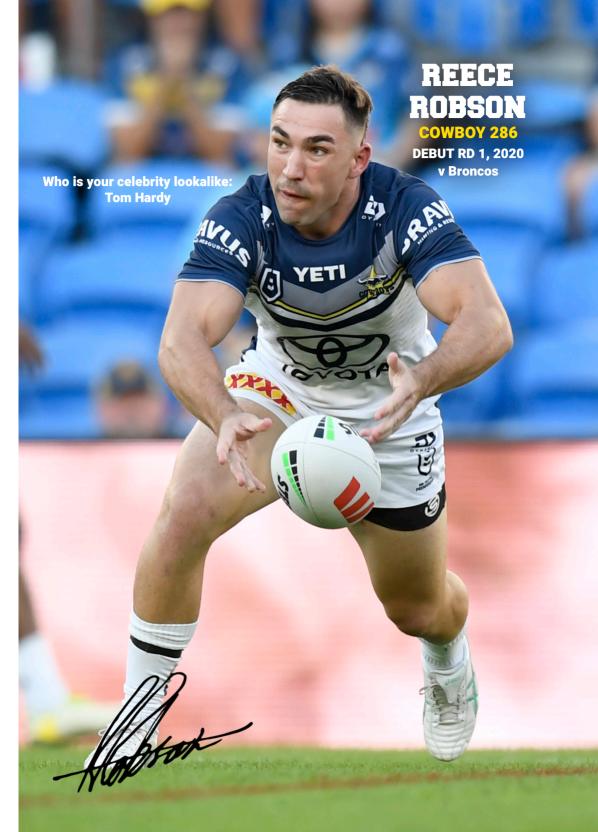
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MON - SAT 9am - 9pm SUN 8am - 9pm







CARNIVAL INFORMATION

PARKING

Free parking is available around the fields and adjoining streets. Teams are not to park in the car parks designated for the childcare centre in Kennedy Place, or at the Townsville Sports Precinct. We encourage teams to car pool and follow any directions given by traffic management personnel.

ICE

Each team will be able to access 2 bags of ice throughout the carnival. Please visit the Clubhouse to collect as required. Additional ice is to be purchased offsite.

FIRST AID

Sports Medicine and FAO personnel will be located near Fields 4 and 7.

We stress that the team's first responders are to assess and treat the players first. Our Sports Medicine personnel are for back-up and serious injury only.

TEAM COACHING AREAS

Each playing field will have a field manager tent. Each team's coach / trainers / FAO / manager and interchange players must sit/stand beside the tent during their game. All supporters must set up in the areas marked as supporters sections.

SHADE AND SHELTERS

Teams and clubs are to bring their own portable shades and marquees for the carnival. Drop off at location is available between 3:30pm – 5:30pm on Thursday 4 July. On arrival at the grounds, please check with Carnival officials to find out where to position your marquees/shade. To ensure all teams fit around their fields, please limit your marquees to 3x6m. All marquees need to be secured with appropriate weights, no pegs are allowed to be used.

JUDICIARY

The Laurie Spina Shield judiciary will consist of:

- · Carnival convenor
- · NRL / ORL representative
- · One other person appointed by convenor

REFEREES

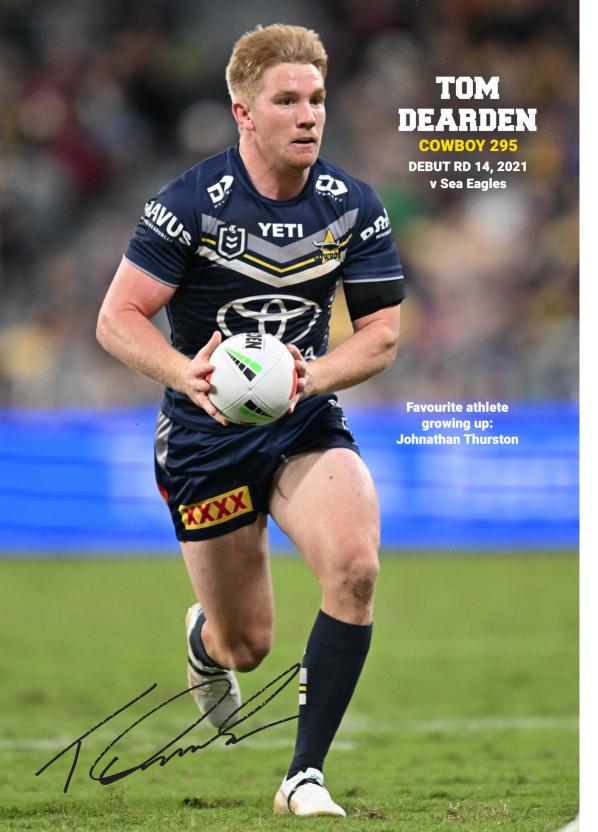
The Townsville Rugby League Referees Association have kindly assisted in providing referees. Thank you to Zeke Hansen and his team for their support.

TEAM PHOTOS

All teams will have the opportunity to have a team photo taken on Day 1 of the carnival (suitable time to be arranged by team with photographer).

MEDIA CONSENT

An official photographer will capture images of the games for use on Cowboys communication channels, including website and social media. Participation in the games assumes media consent for all players and officials.





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MONDAYS 5:30PM - 8:30PM MATCH RESTAURANT & GRILL



SUNDAYS 6PM - 9PM STAR GRAZE

MONDAYS: Receive one free kids meal with every adult meal* purchased at dinner in Match Restaurant & Grill. Adult meals include Pasta, & Rice meals, Main Courses, From the Char-grill Meals and Club Classic menu items only. SUNDAYS: Receive one free kids meal with every adult meal* purchased in Star Graze. Adult meals include Burgers, Pizzas, Share Plates for 1, Wings and Ribs.

*Further terms and conditions apply, see Club for full details.



RULES

UNIFORMS

All teams must wear the correct uniform during all games and the Fasteset Feet relay. Moulded soled football boots or runners/joggers must be worn at all times (no screw-in metal tags).

FIELDS

There will be eight fields in use at Queens Park. All fields will be clearly marked to show the sidelines. Fields are 50m wide x 70m long. All games will start on a central siren from the Clubhouse

TIME

Games will run for 20 minutes straight with no half time.

NUMBER OF PLAYERS

A maximum of 15 players can participate in each game however you are able to bring more than 15 and rotate your players game by game if you have more than 15 registered to your club team. Eleven players will take the field at any one time. Teams are encouraged to use the four replacements (total of 15 players). Unlimited interchanges in all games. Players must be turning 10 or 11 in 2024. Nine-year-olds are not permitted to play in the carnival. Players must compete the whole weekend in their nominated team – players cannot swap teams.

SCRUMS

No scrums will occur during the carnival. A change of possession / hand over will be used instead.

KICKING

No bombs as per NRL Mod rules. No kicks for touch from a penalty.

KICKS AT GOAL

No conversion kicks at goal will occur during the carnival

START OF PLAY

A kick off will be used to start the game (kicking tee may be used).

TWO-PASS RULE

The two-pass rule will apply as per the NRL Mod rules. The First Receiver (FR) and Dummy Half (DH) vests are to be worn. The first receiver wearing the FR vest can elect to run and be tackled without a changeover. This also applies to the dummy half wearing the DH vest who can elect to run and be tackled without a change over at any time during the game.

A player who has worn a vest and rotates with another player may not wear the vest again during the game. We encourage vests to be rotated from game to game to ensure full participation by all players.



GAME FOOTBALLS

All fields will have a match ball that must be returned to the field managers table at the completion of each match.

TRAINERS/LEAGUE SAFE RUNNERS

A maximum of three trainers can be used per game.

First Responder/Sports Trainer

First responders/sports trainers must at all times during a match be in a position to respond quickly and access the field of play:

- · to attend to an injured or ill player;
- · after a try has been scored; and
- · during a timeout called by the referee

First Responders shall determine (in their absolute discretion) whether a player should continue in a match and if so, when it is appropriate to resume playing. In the event of further medical care being required the First Responder is to advise the Field Manager, who will arrange further care and assistance.

LeagueSafe Trainer

Maximum of one (1) LeagueSafe trainer is allowed per team.

Only permitted access to field:

- · after a try has been scored;
- · during a timeout called by the referee: and
- · in the event of an injury, until the First Responder arrives

PROTESTS & JUDICIARY

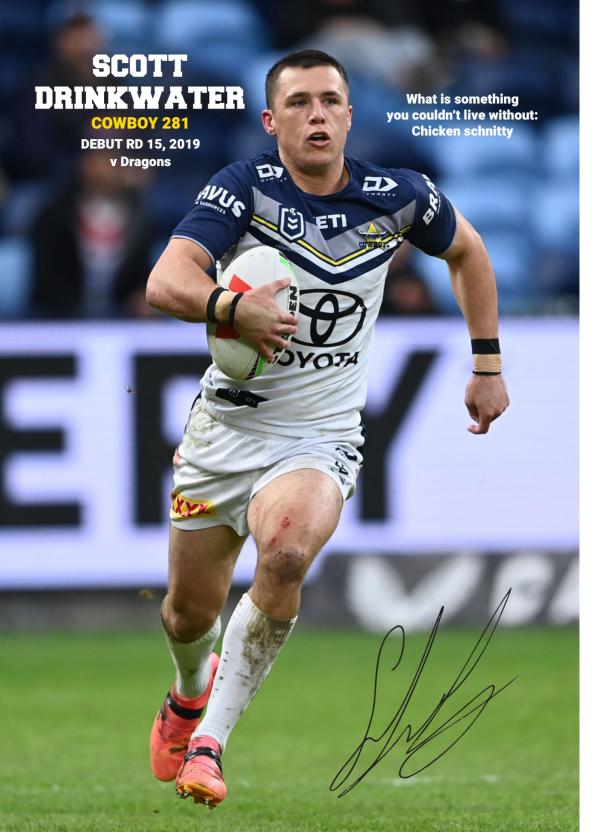
Any protest must be submitted in writing by the team manager/coach and hand-delivered to the game day office manager, Barry Buchanan.

ROTATIONS & FOUL PLAY

Offences will be referred to the judiciary committee.

UNRULY BEHAVIOUR

Unruly behaviour towards officials and other spectators will not be tolerated. Carnival officials reserve the right to ask offenders to leave the grounds and not re-enter.





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CODE OF CONDUCT

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The North Queensland Toyota Cowboys support the NRL Code of Conduct during the carnival, and we ask all teams to follow the code in play.

PLAYER

- · Be a good sport. Respect all good play whether from your team or the opposition and shake hands with, and thank, the opposition players and officials after the game win, lose or draw.
- · Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.
- · Always respect the Referee's decision.
- · Never become involved in acts of foul play.
- Honour both the spirit and letter of the competition rules and live up to the highest ideals of ethics and sportsmanship, avoid gamesmanship, and respect the traditions of the game.
- Never engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including profanity, sledging, obscene gestures, offensive remarks, trash-talking, taunting or other actions that are demeaning to other players, officials or supporters.
- · Care for and respect the facilities and equipment made available to you during training and competition.
- · Safeguard your health; don't use any illegal or unhealthy substances.
- · Recognise that many Officials, Coaches and Referees are Volunteers who give up their time to provide their services. Treat them with the utmost respect.
- Do not bet or otherwise financially speculate, directly or indirectly, on the outcome or any other aspect of a rugby league match or competition in which you are involved.

COACH

- · Actively discourage foul play and/or unsportsmanlike behaviour by players.
- Seek to maximise the participation and enjoyment of all players regardless of ability; avoid the tendency to over-use a talented player; treat all players as equals, regardless of their talent.
- Show concern and caution towards all sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician and/or sports trainer to the letter when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or playing.
- · Teach players that an honest effort and competing to the best of their ability is as important as victory.
- · Maintain appropriate, professional relationships with players at all times.



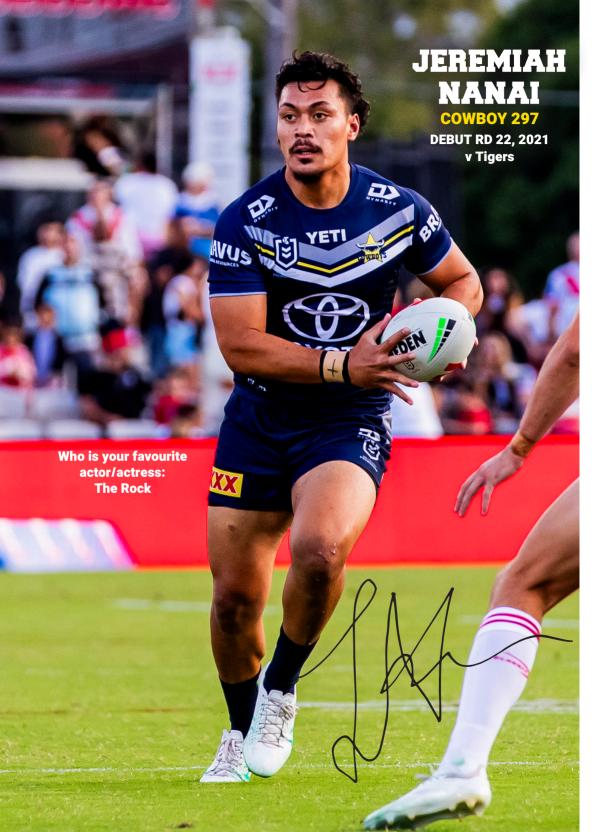
- · Maintain a thorough knowledge of the Laws of the Game and keep abreast of current coaching methods; maintain or improve your current accreditation level.
- · Always consider the health, safety and welfare of the players.
- · Teach young players to realise that there is a big gap between their play and the professional game; do not coach them as if they are professionals.
- · Ensure that your coaching reflects the level of the competition being played; do not be a "win-at-all-cost" coach.
- · As coach, conduct yourself at all times in a manner, and in all situations, that shows leadership, respect for the game of rugby league and respect for all those that are involved in the game the players, officials, the fans, the parents, the referees and the media.

TEAM + CLUB OFFICIALS

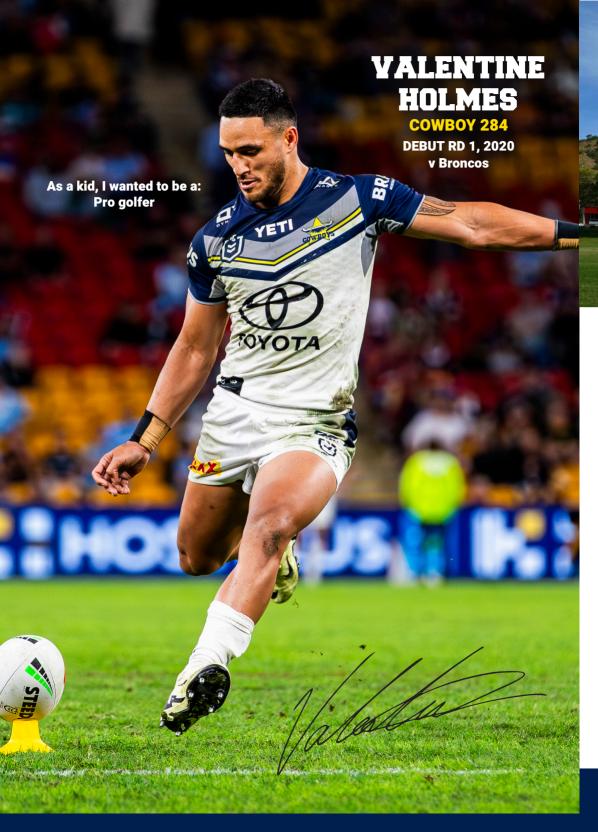
- · Uphold the integrity of the game of rugby league at all times.
- · Always act in a sportsmanlike manner, respecting opposition players, team and club officials and spectators.
- · Make decisions in the best interests of the game of rugby league.
- · Place the safety and welfare of players as the top priority.
- · Accept responsibility for all decisions made.

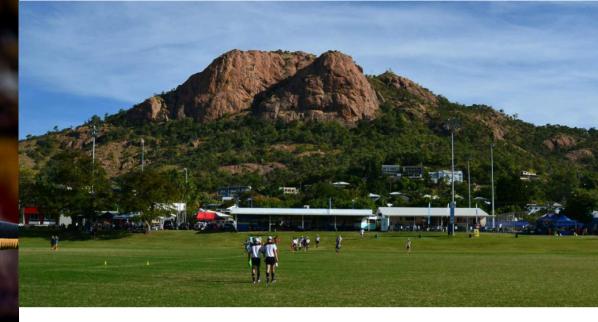
PARENT/SPECTATOR

- · Condemn all violent or illegal acts, whether they are by players, coaches, officials, parents or spectators.
- · Respect the referee's decisions don't complain or argue about decisions during or after a game.
- Behave! Unsportsmanlike language, harassment or aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated.
- Encourage players to play by the rules and to respect opposition players and officials.
- · Never ridicule or scorn a player for making a mistake respect their efforts.
- · Understand that sport is part of a total life experience, and the benefits of involvement go far beyond the final score of a game.
- · Participate in positive cheering that encourages the players in the team you are supporting; do not engage in any cheering that taunts or intimidates opponents, their fans or officials.
- Remember that all participants are involved in the game of rugby league for their own enjoyment, not yours!
- · At all times, follow the directions of the Ground Manager and/or other duty officials.
- Never arrive at a junior league game under the influence of alcohol, never bring alcohol to a junior league game and only drink alcohol, if it is available, in a responsible manner in the designated licensed area.









VENUE

QUEENS PARK TOUCH FIELDS

33A Paxton Street, North Ward Qld 4810 Driveway entrance via Paxton Street & Burke Street

VENUE RULES

- · Players, coaches, team officials, referees, trainers, medical personnel ONLY allowed on the playing fields during games.
- · In accordance with relevant legislation and our code of conduct this complex is SMOKE FREE for this event.
 - · Teams are responsible for all rubbish being placed in bins provided and their team areas left clean at the completion of the day's play.
 - · Suitable footwear to be worn at all times
 - · Barbeques and other cooking appliances are not permitted within the grounds.
 - · Only plastic water bottles are to be used during games. No metal water bottles are to be on the sidelines.

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