

North Shore Junior Cricket Association

U12 – U15 Boys Representative Cricket
Guidelines and Eligibility

All Enquiries please email: reps@nsjca.asn.au

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Overview

The aim of NSJCA representative cricket is to provide opportunities for committed and talented NSJCA players to have an enjoyable and positive experience participating in a higher standard of cricket.

Subject to numbers, two teams will be selected in each age group of between 12 & 14 players per team. All teams will be selected on merit with the strongest possible team in each age group expected to compete in the Division 1 competition of the CNSW Metro Youth Championships (MYC) and the other team to compete in Division 2 competition of MYC. Where there is no relevant MYC Division 2 competition, the 'second' team will compete in the IDCA President's Cup competition.

Selectors are appointed by the NSJCA Representative Sub Committee. The selectors are responsible for recommending the teams to the NSJCA Representative Sub-Committee. The NSJCA Representative Sub-committee will review and verify the recommendations before sending to the NSJCA for final approval and publishing on the NSJCA website. Publication of the teams on the NSJCA website is expected 3~4 weeks after the final trial.

Please note, the NSJCA reserves the right to make changes to the teams after they are published.

Managers and Coaches will be appointed by the NSJCA Representative Cricket Sub-committee as soon as practical following announcement of the teams. It is important to note that the NSJCA relies on volunteers and without parents' support for the roles of coach and manager it would not be possible to run representative cricket for our children.

Parents that would like to be involved can note their interest when completing the Rep Trial Registration process for their child. Please refer to the NSJCA representative cricket Coaches & Managers Policy and the NSJCA representative cricket Code of Conduct available under the Representative Cricket tab on the NSJCA web site for further information.

Eligibility

Only players who have played at least 3 matches in an NSJCA competition in the current season will be eligible to represent the NSJCA in the following season. For players trialling for Under 14 and Under 15 representative teams only: matches played for an NSJCA team in the MYC or IDCA /Presidents Cup competitions in the current season can count towards the 3 matches. Any exception will require approval of the NSJCA Representative sub-committee. Exceptions will be granted on changes of circumstances such as house moves and starting boarding school in the NSJCA area. Note that playing in a non-NSJCA competition (eg Shires or grade) for a club that also enters teams in the NSJCA competitions does not count as part of the 3 matches.

Exceptions will need to seek dispensation via email to the NSJCA Rep Cricket Convenor (reps@nsjca.asn.au) for consideration by the Representative sub-committee. Players who wish to trial and are not currently registered to play with an NSJCA club must contact the NSJCA Rep Convenor (reps@nsjca.asn.au) prior to the trials to determine eligibility.

Any player who has not played 3 NSJCA competition games and is granted an exception for the NSJCA trials, or has played the majority of their 2023-24 season club cricket in another association, are required by CNSW to notify CNSW Youth Championship management that they intend to trial with NSJCA by 1 March 2023 (see <https://www.nswyouthchampionships.com.au/>)

Any player selected to play in MYC must satisfy CNSW's requirement to have played a majority of their club cricket in the preceding season in the NSJCA, or seek an exemption from CNSW on the basis of having played Shires, Premier or private school cricket (this does not include Green Shield, Metropolitan Cup or Tim Creer Cup). Exemption applications should be lodged via the team manager before the start of the season.

Any player selected to play in the IDCA/President's Cup competition must satisfy the IDCA requirement to play at least one club game in an NSJCA competition before playing in the IDCA competition (ie the club game must be in the same season as the IDCA competition).

All selected players must be registered (or plan to register) to play club cricket in the NSJCA competition for next season. Should a selected player fail to register next season for an NSJCA club they will be deemed ineligible and replaced. This is a requirement of the MYC and IDCA representative competitions.

Selected Rep players are expected to make every effort to play club games when not playing representative cricket.

A player's age group for representative cricket is based on their age as at 31 August before the start of the relevant Rep season. These are the same age qualification rules as for the NSJCA Club competition. All players must trial in their correct age group except in U11s and U12. That is, "underage" players are only permitted in U11s (which plays in the IDCA comp and is considered a development age group) and U12s (the youngest MYC age group). Underage players selected in U12 will need to remain in U12 until they are the correct age.

The following table is provided as a guide.

Age at 31 August 2022	Team – 2022-23
10	U11
11	U12
12	U13
13	U14
14	U15

About the trials

Please refer to the NSJCA website (<http://www.nsjca.asn.au>) for the U12 – U15 Boys' Representative trial schedule.

All parents / guardians need to register players online before the first trial. The link can be found in the news item announcing the trials on the NSJCA website.

Most trials take place over two sessions, known as week 1 and week 2. The week 2 trial is for invitees only (based on performance from the week 1 trial).

All players should be available to attend both trials (noting that only invitees can attend the week 2 trial). Any requests for exemption should be made to reps@nsjca.asn.au prior to the trials.

Please bring an appropriately sized red leather cricket ball (i.e. 142g for U12 & U13 and 156g for U14 & U15).

Players must not wear NSJCA rep cricket gear or other rep cricket gear to the trials. Club training gear should be worn for week 1 trials and whites are encouraged to be worn for week 2 trial.

The trial co-ordinators and selectors will not be able to supervise all trial attendees as they will be 100% focused on the triallists whilst batting & bowling.

Week 1 Trials

A briefing session will occur at the beginning of the trial. This will provide an opportunity for parents/guardians to ask any questions.

All players will be assessed for batting and bowling skills. Those nominating for wicket keeping may also be assessed (depending on number and time constraints) at the end of the trial.

There will be 3 selectors (2 in exceptional circumstances) and a co-ordinator for each trial. The selectors will be independent of the age group and experienced in selecting and/or coaching at the junior representative level.

It is likely that reduced player numbers will be invited back to attend the week 2 trial. Week 2 Invitees will be advised via the NSJCA website prior to the week 2 trial date.

Week 2 Trials

Only Invitees can attend the week 2 trial. Parents/Guardians need to check the NSJCA website prior to the week 2 trial to find out who have been invited back and confirm if there has been any change to the trial venue/time.

Week 2 trials will primarily be centre wicket. Not all players will necessarily bat, bowl and/or wicket keep at the week 2 trial. This will be at the selectors' discretion.

Following Week 2, the selectors will meet to recommend two teams to the NSJCA Representative Cricket Sub-Committee for their consideration. After review and final approval by the NSJCA, the selected Teams will be posted on the NSJCA website (usually 3~4 weeks after the week 2 trial).

About Representative cricket

All selected players need to be available to play all competition matches and trial matches as required by the NSJCA.

All selected players need to be available to attend training as determined by the coach of their team. Teams will typically practice once (mid-week) during the Rep season at a location to be determined by the coach.

There are fees to play representative cricket. The fees cover the cost of ground hire, balls, gear, umpires, and other services.

Representative fees need to be paid prior to the start of the relevant competition. Information concerning payment will be emailed to all selected players.

Consistent with the MYC and IDCA rules, players must not represent other Associations in the season in which they are selected for NSJCA. Any exception is subject to approval by the NSJCA Representative sub-committee.

After the MYC, teams typically have an opportunity to play in a week-long country carnival in early January. It is encouraged that selected players make themselves available to play in the relevant country carnival.