



# North Shore Junior Cricket Association

U12 – U16 Boys Representative Cricket

Guidelines and Eligibility

All Enquiries please email: [reps@nsjca.asn.au](mailto:reps@nsjca.asn.au)



- Overview

- The aim of NSJCA representative cricket is to provide and promote opportunities for committed and talented NSJCA players to have an enjoyable and positive experience participating in a good standard of cricket.
- One or two teams will be selected in each age group (depending on numbers). All teams will be selected on merit with 12 players in each team. It is intended (from the eligible triallists) to pick the strongest possible team in each age group to compete in the NSW DCA Shields and (optionally) a second team in each age group to compete in either the NSW DCA Shields or the IDCA / Presidents Cup competitions.
- Selectors are appointed by the NSJCA Representative Trial Co-ordinator and he or she is responsible for recommending the teams to the NSJCA Representative Sub-Committee at the completion of the trials.
- The teams will be ratified by the NSJCA Representative Sub-committee and **posted on the NSJCA website** as soon as possible following the completion of the trials. Please note that the NSJCA reserves the right to make changes to the teams after they are announced, but this can only be with express approval of the NSJCA Executive Committee.
- **Managers and Coaches** will be appointed by the NSJCA Representative Cricket Sub-committee as soon as practical following announcement of the teams. 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 supporting the teams should note this as part of their child's Rep Trial Registration and 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.



- Eligibility

- Only players who have played club cricket in the NSJCA in the current season will be eligible to represent the NSJCA in the following season. Any exception to this will be subject to approval by the NSJCA Representative sub-committee. Exceptions will be based on changes of circumstances such as house moves and starting boarding school in the NSJCA area.
- Any exception to the eligibility requirement above needs to be requested via email to the NSJCA Rep Cricket Convenor (reps@nsjca.asn.au) for consideration by the NSJCA Representative sub-committee. In particular, players who wish to trial who are not currently registered to play with an NSJCA club should contact the NSJCA Rep Convenor at reps@nsjca.asn.au prior to the trials to determine eligibility.
- All selected players must be registered (or plan to register) to play club cricket in the NSJCA competition for the coming season. Should a selected player fail to register to play for an NSJCA club then they will be deemed ineligible and replaced.
- Selected players are expected to make every effort to play NSJCA club games when not playing representative cricket for the NSJCA. It is expected that this should mean at least 6 games (per season) for an NSJCA club team.



- About the trials

- Please refer to the NSJCA website (<http://www.nsjca.asn.au>) for the U12 – U16 Boys’ Representative trial schedule. You will find the schedule under the News tab.
- **A player’s age group for representative cricket is based on his or her age as at 31 August before the start of the season. For example, if the player is 12 years old on 31 August before a season starts then he or she will be trialling for the under 13s for that season. (This is the same age qualification as the NSJCA Club competition.)**
- The trials take place over two sessions, known as week 1 and week 2.
- All parents / guardians need to complete the online representative trial registration before their child’s first trial. The link can be found in the news item announcing the trials on the NSJCA website. (Online registration is available up to 60 minutes before the trial start time).
- All players must be able to attend both selection trials (unless otherwise advised after Week 1). Any requests for exemption should be made to the NSJCA Rep Convenor at [reps@nsjca.asn.au](mailto:reps@nsjca.asn.au) prior to the trials.
- Please bring a red leather cricket ball of the appropriate size (142g for U12, 156g for U13 and older).
- **Players are NOT to wear NSJCA rep cricket gear or other rep cricket gear to the trials. Players who wear rep cricket gear to trials will be asked to change before taking part.**
- The trial coordinators and selectors will be 100% focused on the triallists whilst batting and bowling and will not be able to supervise all trial attendees. Parents are responsible for supervising their children whilst not being assessed by the selectors.



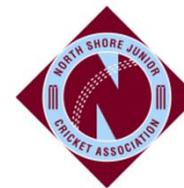
- Week 1 Trials

- A Parent / Guardian briefing session will occur a few minutes after the trials get started. This will provide an opportunity to gain further understanding of what is involved in rep cricket and a chance to ask any questions.
- All players will be assessed for batting and bowling skills.
- If time and numbers permit, those nominating wicket keeping when registering will be assessed at the end of the trial.
- There will be a minimum of 3 selectors (in exceptional circumstances 2) and at least one member of the NSJCA Representative Sub-Committee or their appointed delegate to coordinate the trial. The selectors will be independent of the age group and at a minimum had experience selecting and / or coaching at the junior representative level.
- It is highly likely that player numbers will be reduced for the week 2 trial. This will be advised via the NSJCA website prior to the second trial day.



- Week 2 Trials

- Parents / Guardians need to check the NSJCA website prior to the second week of trials to determine if all players have been invited back or only a reduced number from the Week 1 trial, and to confirm there has been no change to the trial venue/time.
- Players are encouraged to wear (non-rep) whites to Week 2.
- Week 2 trials will primarily be centre wicket. Not all players will necessarily bat, bowl and /or keep on the centre wicket. This will be at the selectors' discretion.
- Following Week 2, the selectors will meet to determine the two teams of 12 for recommendation to the NSJCA Representative Cricket Sub-Committee. These teams will be posted on the NSJCA website after review / ratification by the NSJCA Representative Cricket Sub-Committee.
- Selectors will choose teams based on their assessment of player skills (including fielding and running between wickets) and team balance.
- Performance in the trials is the primary source of information for selection decisions. Selectors may also review performances in the previous season's rep comps and seek qualitative feedback from rep coaches.
- Performances in club comps are generally not considered relevant to rep selections as triallists in any given age group will be playing in different club comps and in teams where their opportunities may vary.



- About representative cricket

- All selected players need to be available to play all competition matches and trial matches as required by the NSJCA.
- The DCA season for U12 to U14 teams also includes a week-long carnival held outside Sydney in early January. Selected DCA players are encouraged to make themselves available to play in their age group's carnival team and opportunities may be offered to Presidents Cup players to take part as well.
- All selected players need to be available to attend training as determined by the coach of the team. *(Teams will typically practice mid-week during the rep season at a location to be determined, or agreed by the coach.)*
- There is a fee to play representative cricket. The fee covers the cost of ground hire, balls, gear, umpires, and other services. Representative fees need to be paid by all selected players prior to the start of the competition. Information concerning payment will be emailed to all selected players.
- Consistent with the NSWDC and IDCA rules, players must not represent another Association in the season in which they are selected for the NSJCA. Any exception is subject to approval by the NSJCA Representative sub-committee.