



SOUTH EASTERN JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Representative Selection Policy

Introduction

South Eastern Junior Cricket Association (SEJCA) representative teams are selected to provide the opportunity for players to compete for our Association against other Junior Associations in the Metropolitan Youth Championships (MYC) conducted by Cricket New South Wales (CNSW). The MYC is a prestigious competition and for some of the age groups has been running in the Sydney metropolitan region for over 60 years.

Teams are selected for the male competition in six age groups - under 11/12/13/14/15/17 and two female competitions, under 13/15. Sometimes there is the opportunity to nominate division 2 teams for the above age groups (depending on a few factors such as number and depth of triallists).

Eligibility

To be eligible to play in a Representative team, a player must be registered with a club that is affiliated with SEJCA. These clubs are Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club, Randwick Junior Cricket Club, Sydney Coastal Cricket Club and South Sydney Mount Carmel Cricket Club.

Players new to the district at selection trials, need to nominate the club team they will be playing for in the upcoming season. All players must be able to attend selection trials, or present reasonable evidence as to why they cannot attend on the date (for example, injury). There will be a backup trial date for those unable to make the designated trial date. If a triallist cannot attend either trial date due to a longer-term reason, the selectors will make an assessment that may include previous season statistics.

All players' trialing must commit to being available to play all MYC competition matches and trial matches (dates vary for Div 1 and Div 2 seasons).

All selected players must attend team training during the pre-season and MYC competition season (SEJCA understands that injuries and school commitments occur so there can be exceptions but we trust parents and players will appreciate the intention here).

There are other eligibility requirements stipulated by CNSW which sit above SEJCA and the other associations within the MYC. The most prominent requirement is that triallists may only nominate and trial for one association in the MYC. See CNSW website for up-to-date information.

<https://www.cricketnsw.com.au/nsw-youth-championships>

Selection of Squads/Teams

Neither the SEJCA Board, Executive or the Representative Coordinators have any involvement in player selections. Incumbent players from previous seasons should not make any assumption that being a player in prior years guarantees selection.

Selection trials will be overseen by experienced and suitably qualified cricketers who are to act as independent selectors for SEJCA squads and teams (where possible, higher grade players will be asked to act as independent selectors). Some attention may be given to prior or current year statistics by selectors but selectors are also to have regard to current skill and performance levels noting that growth and skill level can vary significantly each year.

If appointed at the time of selection, team coaches from previous years are also present to provide input and assistance to independent selectors. Independent selectors and team coaches are to act objectively at all times during selection with the objective of picking the most competitive and cohesive side available.

Triallists are to wear club or school clothing. Previous SEJCA team clothing or other representative clothing at trials is not allowed.

Once squads and teams are selected by the independent selectors (with input from any existing coaches), the final squads and teams will be provided to the SEJCA Board for ratification.

Representative cricket is different to club cricket. Selection in representative teams is based on merit and is not focused on equal participation. Players will be selected as batters, bowlers, wicket keeper or all-rounder's and, depending upon the game situation, will be asked to participate according to their principal skills and ability.

SEJCA Academy

SEJCA has introduced a Winter Academy for the 11/12/13/14 Male participants that is approximately 25-30 in number for each age group that are selected from the initial trials. The Academy is, however, not mandatory with the final squad selected from a second center wicket trial.

SEJCA Girls

SEJCA also has a girls representative program with two age groups, under 13's and under 15's, that is in its infancy that doesn't operate the same way as the boys system.

Selection of Coaches and appointment of Team Manager

An appropriately qualified Coach will be appointed to each Representative Team by the SEJCA Board. SEJCA Representative Coordinators will also appoint a Team Manager, usually a volunteer parent of one of the players in the respective team.

Each Coach and Manager is to hold a current Working with Children Check with Services NSW and will be responsible for ensuring that any guidelines issued by SEJCA and CNSW are adhered to at all times. The Team Coach and Manager are the officials in charge of the relevant team and report to the Representative Coordinators. The Representative Coordinators in turn report directly to the SEJCA Board.