

CRICKET NSW YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA *Effective 1 February 2025*

METROPOLITAN MALE COMPETITIONS

Part 1 Purpose and application

- (1.1) This document sets out the eligibility criteria to participate in the Cricket NSW Youth Championships competitions.
- (1.2) For the purpose of determining eligibility in the Cricket NSW Youth Championships, competitions such as A W Green Shield and Chappelow Cup are not considered NSW Premier Cricket or Sydney Shires Cricket.

Part 2 Player Eligibility

- (2.1) Players are **automatically eligible** to play in the Cricket NSW Youth Championships competitions if they:
 - (a) have an active and fully paid registration for a club within the Association they wish to represent prior to Round 1 of the upcoming season (2025/26);
 - (b) nominate their chosen Association (prior to trials) by submitting their nomination to Cricket NSW using the prescribed form; and
 - (c) trial for the Association nominated in accordance with (b) above in accordance with the Trial Rules set out in Part 3 of this Policy;
- (2.2) Players are ineligible to play in the Cricket NSW Youth Championships competitions if they:
 - (a) they do not meet the criteria set out at clause 2.1;
 - (b) cease playing for a club affiliated with the Association nominated in accordance with clause 2.1;
 - (c) are not, or become unfinancial at any point during the season;

- (d) register for a different Association that is nominated in accordance with clause 2.1(b) at any time during the Regular Season.

Note: Players who breach clause 2.2, including moving clubs after the CNSW Youth Championships season concludes will be ineligible to play in the next season.

- (2.3) Players in Combined Competitions are only eligible to play in the CNSW Youth Championships for the Association where their Club is primarily affiliated.

Note: Playing in a Combined Competition does not impact eligibility in accordance with clause 2.2(d).

- (2.4) The Associations permitted to enter teams in the Cricket NSW Youth Championships – Metropolitan Male Competitions are set out at Schedule A.

- (a) Cricket NSW Youth Championships management retains full discretion over all teams permitted to enter in Cricket NSW Youth Championships – Metropolitan Male Competitions.

- (2.5) A Player seeking exemption to the eligibility requirements may apply to Cricket NSW for dispensation on the following grounds:

- (a) a medical condition existed that impacted compliance with clause 2.1 as evidenced by appropriate medical evidence from the Player's treating medical practitioner; or
- (b) that exceptional circumstances exist that require, in all of the circumstances, to dispense with clause 2.1; and
- (c) Cricket NSW will determine the application in its absolute discretion.

- (2.6) For the purpose of clause 2.5(b), exceptional circumstances may include:

- (a) change of residential address, evidenced by 100 points of identification;
- (b) other cricket commitments (such as those directed by the Player's school), evidenced by documentation to CNSW's satisfaction;
- (c) the requirement for a substitute player due to the illness or injury of another player, evidenced by appropriate medical evidence from the injured Player's treating medical practitioner.

- (2.7) A player who:

- (a) played the majority of their prior season with Premier Cricket or Shires Cricket; or
 - (b) has registered to play with Premier Cricket or Shires Cricket for the current season;
- must nominate for the Association they last played for, or qualified, with.

Part 3 Trial Rules

- (3.1) In addition to the Player Eligibility matters set out above, the following rules apply to trials for the Cricket NSW Youth Championships:
- (a) Players can only trial for one (1) Association per season;
 - (b) Prior to attending a trial, all players must formally nominate their chosen Association by submitting their nomination to Cricket NSW using the following form: [CLICK HERE](#)
 - (c) Once a player participates in a trial, they are committed to that Association (for Youth Championships matches) for the duration of the season.
 - (d) Should a player trial at more than one (1) Association, their eligibility to play in the Cricket NSW Youth Championship will be restricted to either:
 - (i) The first nominated Association; or
 - (ii) The first Association they trialed at, if not the nominated Association.
- (3.2) Cricket NSW Youth Championships management retains full discretion over all eligibility trial matters.
- (3.3) There is no right of appeal or review against management decisions pursuant to this criteria document.

Part 4 Finals & Team Eligibility

- (4.1) Players are eligible to play in the finals of the Cricket NSW Youth Championships – Metropolitan Male Competitions only if they play three (3) or more matches in the age group & division they wish to represent.
- (4.2) A Player seeking exemption to the eligibility requirements may apply to Cricket NSW for dispensation from the requirements in clause 4.1 on the following grounds:
- (a) a medical condition existed that impacted compliance with clause 4.1 as evidenced by appropriate medical evidence from the Player's treating medical practitioner; or
 - (b) that exceptional circumstances exist that require, in all of the circumstances, to dispense with clause 4.1; and

Cricket NSW will determine the application in its absolute discretion.

- (4.3) Any Association with two (2) or more teams in the same age group and division must submit a team list at the commencement of the season and will be unable to swap

players between the teams. There is no ability to seek exemption to this requirement.

- (4.4) Any Player who plays more than two (2) matches in a higher division or age group cannot return to the lower division or age group. There is no ability to seek exemption to this requirement.

Part 5 Breach of Eligibility Criteria

- (5.1) Any breach of the Eligibility Criteria will be dealt with by CNSW Management in its absolute discretion.
- (5.2) If a breach is established, CNSW Management may:
- (a) Deduct competition points from the offending team;
 - (b) Remove the Association from the list of Approved Associations at Schedule A;
 - (c) Refer the matter to the CNSW Integrity Unit for further investigation in accordance with the CNSW Integrity Framework;
 - (d) Adjust, reverse, amend or overturn the results of any match.
- (5.3) In determining a breach and/or penalty in accordance with this Eligibility Criteria, CNSW Management may conduct its investigation and make its determination in its absolute discretion, subject to the requirements of procedural fairness for the offending team. For this purpose, any other team affected by the offending team's conduct has no right to be heard.
- (5.4) There is no right of appeal against the decision of CNSW Management in respect of any matter in accordance with the Eligibility Criteria.

Part 6 General

- (6.1) It is the responsibility of each association to ensure all players that are selected and participate in Cricket NSW Youth Championships matches meet the qualification requirements as set out in this document.
- (6.2) Any breach of the requirements of the Eligibility Criteria may result in the Association being removed from Schedule A in future seasons.
- (6.3) Cricket NSW management may prevent or restrict a Player's participation in Cricket NSW Youth Championships competitions if it determines that a Player's relative ability and experience is considered to be unfair, or a risk to the health and safety of other Players, or a risk to the competition generally.

- (6.4) All requests for exemption to the Eligibility Criteria must be put in writing by an office bearer or executive from an Association and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis by Cricket NSW Youth Championships management.
- (6.5) There is no right of appeal or review against management decisions pursuant to this criteria document.

Part 7 Definitions

- (1) In this Policy, all defined terms have the meaning as set out in the table at Schedule A unless otherwise indicated.
- (2) Defined terms not otherwise defined in this Policy have been defined in, and have the meaning given to them in, the CNSW By-Laws.

Term	Meaning
Association	Means the approved Associations & Zones listed in Schedule A.
Club	Means a club affiliated with a Cricket Association that is contained in Schedule A.
CNSW Male Youth Championships	The competitions owned and managed by Cricket NSW for competitive play in metropolitan Sydney for male players and includes the following competitions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under 12 male competitions (known as the Cawsey & Foster Shield) • Under 13 male competitions (known as the Gee & Creak Shield) • Under 14 male competitions (known as the Moore Shield) • Under 15 male competitions (known as the Weblin Shield) • Under 17 male competitions (known as the Watson Shield)
Combined Competitions	Competitions run by two or more Associations set out in Schedule A and includes a competition run under an agreement with Cricket NSW.
Dispensation	A decision made by Cricket NSW to enable a player to compete in the CNSW Youth Championships competition outside of the eligibility criteria set out in the policy
Player	means a participant in a team approved to play in the CNSW Male Youth Championships.
Premier Cricket	The NSW Premier Cricket competition operated by the Sydney Cricket Association and does not include Metropolitan Cup, A W Green Shield and Chappelow Cup competitions.
Regular Season	Means the cricket season traditionally run in New South Wales commencing around September and concluding around March of the following year. It does not include one off tournaments such invitational Twenty20, school holiday competitions, etc.



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Shires Cricket	They Sydney Shires Cricket competition operated by the Sydney Cricket Association and does not include Metropolitan Cup, A W Green Shield and Chappelow Cup competitions.
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Schedule A: Associations

1. Blacktown CDCA
2. Bankstown DCA
3. Camden DCA
4. Canterbury Wests DCA
5. Fairfield Liverpool CA
6. Hawkesbury DCA
7. Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hills DCA
8. Inner West Harbour JCA
9. Manly Warringah JCA
10. North Shore JCA
11. Northern District CA
12. Parramatta DCA
13. Nepean DCA (Penrith-Nepean)
14. South Eastern JCA
15. St George DCA
16. Sutherland Shire JCA
17. Central Coast Cricket Zone
18. Cricket Illawarra
19. Highlands District Cricket Association
20. Newcastle Cricket Zone



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