



Part Three: Representative Regulations

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1. Representative Teams and Players

- 1.1 The policy of this Association as set out in its Constitution states "the objects for which the Association is established are to encourage and promote the game of cricket for players under the age of 17 years in the Sutherland Shire"
- 1.2 Consistent with this policy the Association seeks to foster and develop the skills of eligible club players in each age group of the competition. The Association will enter teams in any competition, or play any games that are deemed to be appropriate and consistent with the Association's aims and its affiliation with the NSW Districts Cricket Association.
- 1.3 The Association's policy is aimed at providing opportunity for club players who, through their participation in the annual SSJCA inter-club competition, meet the Association's Constitutional commitment.

2. Constitution of, and selection of Squads and Teams

- 2.1 Representative squads shall consist of no less than twelve (12) and no more than eighteen (18) players. Following approval of the Selectors' recommendations the authorised squad may not be altered without the written permission of at least three (3) of the President, the Secretary, the Competition Manager and the Representative Manager. Alterations shall be conditional upon an examination of the reasons for the proposed change and certification that those reasons are reasonable and valid.
- 2.2 The dates, times and methods for selection as a member of the appropriate age group squad shall be as determined and promulgated by the SSJCA Management.
- 2.3 SSJCA Management shall call for nominations to fill the positions of Selectors, Coaches and Managers by informing all clubs in writing and seeking the submission of written nominations by a determined date. The acceptance of any nomination is not binding on the SSJCA Management. Where, in the view of the SSJCA Management, it fails to receive a satisfactory nomination for any position, it is empowered to make a unilateral appointment or call for new nominations. The SSJCA Management's deliberations are confidential to the Committee. All Coaches must hold a current cricket coaching accreditation of at least level 1, and must provide evidence of such when nominating.
- 2.4 The makeup of selection panels shall be as determined by the SSJCA Management. The pre-selected Coach or in their absence, a person nominated by the SSJCA Management, shall be the Chairperson. Wherever possible, the selectors shall consist of independent assessors. Assistance may be sought from the Sutherland District Cricket Club in establishing selection panels. The selectors shall select squads on merit and make their recommendations to the SSJCA Management at a special meeting convened for this purpose. The Chairperson of Selectors will advise the SSJCA Management of the names of all players who have been considered for selection, those who are recommended, and those who have been passed over.

- 2.5 The SSJCA Management shall announce the successful candidates to the club delegates at the first General Meeting following the determination of the squads.
- 2.6 Prior to the commencement of the NSW Districts Cricket Association annual inter-Association competition, a final team of 12 players shall be selected and announced.

3. Player Eligibility

- 3.1 To be eligible to play representative cricket for the Association, all intending players must meet the following criteria:
- a) Be a registered player of an affiliated club within the Association, and
 - b) Must have played for their club in at least 50% of the competition games conducted for their team by the SSJCA in the previous season, and
 - c) in the current season has played at least two (2) games for their club prior to the commencement of the representative programme, and
 - d) in all instances as a selected team member (See Law 1), being at these games until the Umpire has called "Time", (Law 16) at the conclusion of each day's play, and
 - e) Show commitment to the aims of the Association by being a registered club player and by signing an Availability Form. The Availability Form, once signed confirms that the player and parents as co-signers, accept the principle that participation in the annual representative fixtures programme requires:
 - (i) being available for selection as required, and
 - (ii) attending practice sessions and representative fixture games announced for the season, and
 - (iii) attendance at all formal SSJCA functions when called upon.

NOTE: For players who have achieved 3 years combined service to any affiliated SSJCA club or clubs and are registered players with the Sutherland District Cricket Club (SDCC or Grade Club), each game as a player for the SDCC shall count as a competition game for the purposes of regulation 3.1 (b), (c) and (d) above.

Games played for the SDCC count towards SSJCA Representative eligibility only and not towards SSJCA Club Competition Final eligibility.

Exceptions to these regulations will only be entertained by SSJCA Management through consideration of a written submission forwarded through the player's club and supported in writing by that club's management.

- 3.2 The criteria for squad selection is ability as displayed at the selection trials if applicable or current and past performance as demonstrated by club and previous Representative records. Selection in any one year does not mean automatic selection in subsequent years.
- 3.3 Players transferring into the SSJCA from another Association, whether it is overseas, interstate or intra-state, may be considered at short notice for selection. To gain such consideration, they must produce a letter from the former Association detailing the number of games played in the previous years(s), the level at which the player played, including performance figures and any representative honours.
- 3.4 A representative player who, having signed the "Availability Form", subsequently fails to appear for a SSJCA commitment when called upon to do so, unless good cause can be shown, shall face the risk of disciplinary action, including possible disqualification from SSJCA fixtures and competitions.

- 3.5 Any player selected in an SSJCA representative team shall not be permitted to transfer from the Club they are registered with at the time of selection without prior approval of the SSJCA Management Committee.

Requests for transfers must be in writing to the Secretary, SSJCA providing explanation for transfer

4. Administration of Representative Teams - (Coordinator, Coaches and Managers)

- 4.1 The SSJCA Management person appointed as Representative Cricket Manager shall be the person administratively responsible for overseeing and co-ordinating the effort to provide Representative Teams. The Manager will exercise control over inter-Association contacts relating to ground allocations, matches (including practice/trial games), and all such similar matters. He/she shall be responsible for clothing/uniform issues, the ordering of stock and equipment, and the accountability of it.
- 4.2 The Representative Manager is responsible for liaison with Coaches and Managers on matters relating to the efficient and proper management of representative teams.
- 4.3 (i) A person wishing to nominate to be a Representative team Coach must be qualified (See Regulation 2.3 above).
(ii) From the commencement of the 2007/08 season persons holding the Management Committee position of Representative Cricket Manager or Assistant Representative Cricket Manager are not eligible to be appointed to a position of Coach or Manager of a Representative team
- 4.4 The Coach shall be appointed by the SSJCA Management and advised in writing of the appointment. The Coach shall not vary the squad allocated to his/her care and control without written permission from those delegated to do so (see Regulation 2.1 above).
- 4.5 The Coach alone shall, determine the composition of the team for any match. The Coach shall, in conjunction with the Team Captain, determine the match tactics and batting and bowling orders.
- 4.6 The Coach is responsible for the arrangement of dates, times, durations and methods of training sessions.
- 4.7 The Coach in an emergency (1 or 2 matches), and following consultation with the Representative Cricket Manager, or in that person's absence, a member of the Executive, shall co-opt to the team a registered player who meets the requirements of Regulation 3.1, to fill a specialist role to meet the team's needs. That player shall remain a member of that team only for the duration of the emergency.
- 4.8 The Coach, in the event of a long term replacement being required (3 or more matches) and following consultation with the Representative Cricket Manager, or in that person's absence, a member of the Executive, shall select a registered player who meets the requirements of Regulation 3.1, to fill a specialist role to meet the team's needs. That player shall then remain a permanent member of that team.
- 4.9 A Team Manager shall be appointed by SSJCA Management and advised in writing of the appointment. It is the responsibility of the Manager to look to the administrative requirements and organisation of each squad, and the selected team on competition days.
- 4.10 The safety, well-being, and control of all players at all practice sessions and match situations is the responsibility of the Coach and Manager in attendance. When both are in attendance the responsibility shall be shared.

