



CRICKET NSW

CNSW YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS – METRO FEMALE ELIGIBILITY

POLICY INFORMATION

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PLAYER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

METROPOLITAN FEMALE COMPETITIONS

Part 1 Purpose and application

- (1.1) This document sets out the eligibility criteria to participate in the Cricket NSW Youth Championships competitions.

Part 2 Player Eligibility

- (2.1) Players are **automatically eligible** to play in the Cricket NSW Youth Championships competitions if they:
- (a) nominate their chosen Association by submitting their nomination to Cricket NSW using the prescribed form; and
 - (b) trial for the Association nominated in accordance with the Trial Rules set out in **Part 3** of this Policy; and
 - (c) meet **at least one** of the criteria in accordance with clause 2.2.
- (2.2) Players are eligible to play for an association in the Cricket NSW Youth Championships competitions if they:
- (a) play for a club that is affiliated to, or participates in the competitions of the association/zone they wish to represent, or;
 - (b) are registered to play cricket with a school team that is affiliated with the Association they wish to represent, and where that participation forms their primary cricket connection to that Association, or;
 - (c) have previously represented the association in the Metro Youth Championships.
- (2.3) 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 adherence to the qualifying criterion(s) in clause 2.2;
 - (c) register for a different Association that is nominated in accordance with clause 2.1(b) at any time during the Regular Season.
- (2.4) Players who are eligible to play for multiple associations as a result of meeting multiple criteria in clause 2.2 are able to represent one (1) association of their choice during the Cricket NSW Youth Championships season through a nomination prior to trialling.
- (2.5) The Associations permitted to enter teams in the Cricket NSW Youth Championships – Metropolitan Female 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 Female Competitions.
- (2.6) 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.
- (2.7) For the purpose of clause 2.7(b), exceptional circumstances may include:
- (a) other cricket commitments (such as those directed by the Player’s school), evidenced by documentation to CNSW’s satisfaction;
 - (b) 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.

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:

Nomination Form

- (c) Once a player participates in a trial, they are committed to that association (for Youth Championships matches) for the season.
 - (d) Should a player trial at more than one (1) association, their eligibility to play in the Cricket NSW Youth Championships will be restricted to either:
 - (i) The first nominated association; or
 - (ii) The first association they trialed at, if not their 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 Female 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) A player is eligible to play both Margaret Peden Shield & Mollie Dive Shield in the same Cricket NSW Youth Championships season.
- (a) They will need to meet the criteria for finals eligibility in accordance with clause 4.1. 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 Female 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 13 Female competitions (known as the Mollie Dive Shield) • Under 15 Female competitions (known as the Margaret Peden 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 Female Youth Championships.
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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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. Sydney Cricket Association
18. Central Coast Cricket Zone
19. Cricket Illawarra
20. Highlands District Cricket Association
21. Newcastle Cricket Zone



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