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Scorchers Junior Representative Selection Criteria 2021/22

Aim/s:

1. Opportunities for community, players, coaches, parents & guardians to establish an enduring love of the game.
2. Where cricketers of all abilities are encouraged, educated, developed & supported to achieve their full potential.
3. Where talented & committed cricketers are identified, confirmed & prepared to meet the increased demands of a higher level of competition within a performance environment.

To get the right cricketers we encourage:

- stage-appropriate competitions & programs
- play, creativity & decision-making
- positive behaviour and habits
- individualizing athletes needs as early as possible
- retention of the cricketer for as long as possible

Characteristics we look for:

- High standards of conduct
- Being good custodians of the game
- Positive players who can win games of cricket both with bat and/or ball
- Multi skilled players who can fill multiple roles, inclusive of fielding, that balance a team
- Players with character; have the necessary skills, a strong performance record & display a positive attitude, leadership skills and team ethic.

Athlete Selection Criteria

The selection process is viewed as ongoing over time whenever possible. Therefore, attendances at the trial days are viewed as one piece of the puzzle, along with previous player reports and viewings of players at other selection trials and competitions. Each age group will have a three -person selection panel that will select all teams required to be selected for that particular age group with one person allocated as the 'Chair of Selectors'.

The subjectivity of selection is an unavoidable element, although the following criteria is worked to:

- Meet the eligibility criteria listed above
- Ability to compete successfully in the current and/or in the future.
- A history of successful past performances
- Demonstrated coachability & team player behaviours
- Assessed competencies in core skills
- Demonstrated self-drive & applied behaviours



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The following traits are strongly considered when players are selected to represent our state at a High-Performance level.

1. Sees cricket as a game to enjoy and to be played in the true spirit of cricket and sportsmanship
2. Strives to become a better player as they seek to achieve excellence
3. Shows passion and perseverance towards long term goals and aspirations
4. Who empathizes with their team-mates, shows persistence and self-control when things aren't going their way and the courage to back themselves through adverse conditions
5. Is technically sound and skillful and strives to implement these skills
6. Is knowledgeable, willing to assess new information and wants to be a partner in a learning environment
7. Possesses a coachable work ethic
8. Lives values on and off the field
9. Is a leader in the team, responsible and a self-reliant cricketer
10. Is well prepared, and understands the physical and mental requirement of their game

The overall objective is to develop a self-determining player who shows the above player traits.



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Age Eligibility

To be eligible to play in an age division for the 2021-22 season, the following dates apply:

Division	Age cut off
Under 12	Born on or after 1 st September 2009
Under 13	Born on or after 1 st September 2008
Under 14	Born on or after 1 st September 2007
Under 15	Born on or after 1 st September 2006
Under 16	Born on or after 1 st September 2005

Player Eligibility

Players seeking to be considered for selection in a Scorchers junior representative team or program must comply with all the following to be eligible for selection:

- Must be registered & playing members of a club affiliated to the Sunshine Coast Cricket Junior Competition
- Must comply with the age eligibility requirements for their specific age group
- Must attend all selection days/events listed in their entirety unless an exemption is granted

Exemptions

Exemptions from attending part/s of the selection process may be granted at the discretion of the Junior Director of Coaching (Male or Female program). Upon receiving a written exemption request (prior to the missed event/matches) from the athlete concerned the JDOC Male or Female program, will consider each case on its merits and a decision made by the 'Scorchers Committee' (Junior Rep). Legitimate reasons could include such situations as:

- Being unable to trial or play matches because of injury (medical evidence and the prognosis must be provided).
- Inability to gain release from a sport program or academic event (at a higher level).
- Members of the 'Emerging Scorchers Squad' will be given exemption from phase 1 of the process but are expected to make themselves available for phase 2.
- Playing cricket in senior male or female competition on the Sunshine Coast at a level that requires high levels of skill and commitment

Prior knowledge and performance of the player/s will be taken into consideration for selection if an exemption is successfully granted and the athlete complies with all other relevant selection criteria.

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