



HRCA Representative Team Selection Policy

Official Governance Document

Policy Statements

1. Only players registered with clubs affiliated with HRCA are eligible for selection in Hastings River Cricket Association Representative Teams. Eligible players must participate in HRCA junior age group competitions from Under 10s to Under 16s. **Players are to have played a minimum of three club games to be eligible for representative finals.**
2. HRCA and affiliated clubs must advertise selection trials at least 14 days before the trial date. HRCA will determine trial dates, times and venues. Expressions of Interest for representative coach positions must be advertised at least 4 weeks prior to trials. Coach nominations must be received at least 14 days before trials, after which HRCA will appoint coaches.
3. All HRCA representative coaches must hold a minimum Level 1 Coaching Accreditation and possess a current Working with Children Check accreditation.
4. Trial formats may be conducted in nets or on a centre wicket, as determined by the appointed coach or coaches.
5. Teams or squads will generally consist of 13 players unless otherwise determined by the appointed coach or coaches. Shadow players may also be nominated where appropriate.
6. There must be a minimum of two selectors for each age group, including the appointed coach or coaches. Selectors are appointed by HRCA and, where possible, should represent more than one affiliated club.
7. At the conclusion of trials, selectors will finalise teams and squads. No team or squad will be announced on the day of trials. Selected teams will be published on the HRCA Website and Facebook page within five days of the selection trials.
8. Applications for players seeking to play in a higher representative age group must:
 1. be submitted in writing to HRCA prior to 31 August of the relevant season;
 2. include a supporting letter from a Level 2 Coach outlining the advantages and disadvantages of the player competing in the higher age group and confirming discussion with the player and parents; and
 3. if approved by HRCA, the player must attend the higher age group trials, with selection determined on merit.

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