



MWJCA Representative Trials Selection Process – Boys Teams



MWJCA's primary objective is to provide representative cricket opportunities to players who are committed to club cricket in the MWJCA competitions.

Online registrations for rep cricket *open in February* and *close around 2 weeks later*, see reps.mwjca.com.au for the actual dates plus information via your club.

A player must meet the MWJCA Representative selection policy requirements/criteria (reps.mwjca.com.au under Resources in the menu) and have registered to trial before attending MWJCA Rep trails.

MWJCA conducts representative selection trials to identify and select players to represent the MWJCA in age group competitions. Selection is based on a combination of subjective and objective data including the following criteria but not exclusive to:

- performance during the trials
- performance from previous rep season and at club level
- statistics
- team balance
- players who will embrace the culture of Manly cricket
- players who will contribute to and help create an inclusive playing environment

Players must attend the selection trials and be available for ALL trial matches and competition matches unless in exceptional circumstances. If a player is unable to attend a trial due to injury/illness or is seeking to be excused (eg family reasons) they must make a request in writing to the Rep committee via reps@mwjca.com.au and provide a reason for absence for consideration prior to the trial.

MWJCA's intention is to advise final trial dates and times at least one month prior to the actual trials, see Rep season key dates schedule on the website.

The MWJCA Representative Cricket trials are held in 2 parts

- **Stage 1 Trials - March**
- **Stage 2 Trials - usually held in August**

Stage 1 Trials

- All players who have registered to represent MWJCA attend their age group trials.
- 2 trials are typically held, dependent on numbers trialling (plus wet weather backup)
- The purpose of the trial is to select a squad of players that are judged as having the ability to play at the Representative level.
- This trial will be managed by independent selectors.
- The 'squad' selected from Stage 1 trials will proceed to Stage 2 trials

Stage 2 Trials

- The purpose of these trials is to reduce the 'squad' from Stage 1 into the final teams, teams consist of 12 players per team plus shadow players
- Three trials will be held (plus an additional date set aside for bad weather).
- The squad can be reduced after each of these trials.
- Ideally trials will involve two net sessions and a centre wicket (when available).
- MWJCA Rep committee appoints the selectors.
- The trials will be managed by a minimum of 3 independent selectors (the majority).
- An independent selector is one that does not have a child or relative in the trial squad.
- An independent coach from the prior season can be an independent selector.
- NOTE: It is noted that while there is a strong preference for independent selectors, sometimes having a parent or relative involved is unavoidable, or may even be in the best interests of the broader group of players trialling (knowledge of the players, skill set, experience etc). As such, there is not a total prohibition on non-independent selectors, however it is intended to aim for such selectors to not carrying a majority vote in any given case. They must also abstain from any vote on their child/relative.
- Whilst MWJCA's goal is to appoint independent selectors there can be issues with availability of selectors and volunteers, the MWJCA Rep Committee must retain a discretion re the appointment of selectors so as not to be hampered administratively.
- The Selectors will pick both the first and second teams as well as a maximum of four shadow players.
- Once sides have been selected, they will be ratified by the MWJCA Rep committee - are players current with fees, any behaviour issues, are players registered to MWJCA clubs for the coming season etc
- Following ratification, the selected teams will be posted on the MWJCA website.
- Individual selection rationale is confidential and is not discussed outside of the Selectors or MWJCA Rep committee
- Parents are not to approach selectors or MWJCA rep committee members about selections during trials. Doing so could jeopardise their child being considered for selection.