



## **MWJCA Representative Trials Selection Policy, Selection Process & FAQ's (Applicable for Boys and Girls rep teams)**

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**MWJCA Representative Selection Policy.** The fundamental basis of this policy is to produce "home grown" cricketers from clubs within the Manly Warringah Junior Cricket Association (MWJCA) as part of the Manly Warringah Pathway.

MWJCA conducts representative selection trials to identify and select not only the best players to represent the MWJCA in age group competitions but also those who will contribute to and create an inclusive environment which enables the player and their peers to fulfil their potential and embrace the culture of Manly cricket.

MWJCA enters teams into both boys' and girls' representative competitions in the NSW Youth Championships competitions from u11 to u17. See [NSW Youth Championships](#) for more information including season dates, competition rules and playing conditions.

To register for MWJCA representative selection trials, a player must meet the following required criteria:

- Have played (actively participated) in a minimum of six matches in the previous season for a club in a MWJCA competition (name on match sheet only doesn't qualify).
- Be registered to a MWJCA club for the current season. NOTE: For players registering for u17 rep cricket, an active registration with a senior club within the MWCA, or registration with Warringah Cricket Club (WCC) or Manly Warringah District Cricket Club (MWDCC) is sufficient. These players should have previously played in the MWJCA in younger age groups.
- Must reside within the boundaries of MWJCA clubs (usually the Northern Beaches LGA).
- In the year of selection NOT applied / trialled for any other association's representative team.
- Not play in any other association outside of the MWJCA competition unless already actively engaged in playing with an MWJCA team with primary focus to that team.

The player must also;

- Attend MWJCA representative team trials
- Confirm availability for the full representative season (including trial matches, training and carnivals) at the time of registering for the trials.
- Be under the prescribed age at midnight on 31 August of the cricket season in question.
- Play in the correct age group (boys – u10 may trial for u11, note girls need to play in u13s girls club cricket competition or older in the coming season)

If a player is ineligible to register to trial for MWJCA under these criteria for example recently moved into the area or could not meet the minimum match requirements due to injury, school or Manly pathway commitments, an exemption/dispensation can be requested.

Any player requesting an exemption of this policy must apply in writing to the MWJCA Representative Committee at [reps@mwjca.com.au](mailto:reps@mwjca.com.au) and clearly explain the reasons why an exemption should be granted.

The exemption shall only be granted if 75% or more of the MWJCA Representative Committee or an agreed Selection Committee approve the request.

The Chairman of the MWJCA Representative Committee has the authority to annul a Player's selection in a MWJCA representative team at any time if that Player has

trialled; or been selected; or committed to play; or played for a team that is not associated with the stakeholders of the Manly Warringah Pathway Program (i.e. MWJCA, MWDCC, WCC, MWCA) and that team plays in the same competition as any one of the stakeholders of the Manly Warringah Pathway Program in the same cricket season.

The selection policy is subject to change at the discretion of the MWJCA exec committee.

**MWJCA Representative Cricket Committee, Edition; 2026.**

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## MWJCA Representative Trials; Selection Process

Online registrations for MWJCA rep cricket open in February 2026 and dates can be found via the [website](#) and our Facebook page. Information will also be circulated to the clubs within the MWJCA.

A player must both:

- Meet the MWJCA Representative selection policy requirements (see previous page and under Resources in the menu of the [website](#)) and
- Have registered to trial **before** attending MWJCA Rep trials

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 club level statistics for non rep players.
- Team balance
- Players who will embrace the culture of MWJCA 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, training, 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](mailto: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 Reps website.

The MWJCA Representative Cricket trials are held in 2 parts

- **Stage 1 Trials - March**
- **Stage 2 Trials - Usually held in August/September**

### **Stage 1 Trials**

- All players who have registered to represent MWJCA attend their age group trials.
- 2-3 trials are typically held, dependent on numbers trialling.
- **For Boys U11 only**; The purpose of the Stage 1 trial is to select a number of players for Stage 2 trials. These players are judged as having the ability to play at the Representative level. For guidance and subject to ability, we aim to select around 50 players from Stage 1 trials to progress to stage 2 trials.
- This trial will be managed by independent selectors.

- **For boys trialling for ages 12 to 15**, it is the intention to hold 2 or 3 Stage 1 trials and to select 28 people for Stage 2 trials. During Stage 2 trials, this group of 28 will form the Div 1 and Div 2 teams, and shadow players.

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### **Stage 2 Trials**

- The purpose of these trials is to reduce the selected players from Stage 1 into the two final teams (Div 1 and 2) with 12 players each, plus (up to 4) shadow players.
- 2-3 trials will be held and ideally, they will involve a combination of 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.
- 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.
- 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. Non independent selectors must abstain from any vote on their child/relative.
- 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. Any player that withdraws from the process once teams are selected will need an exemption/dispensation to trial again in the future.
- 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. MWJCA is not obligated to provide feedback on trial performance.



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for Trials

### **What do I wear and what do I bring?**

Please bring your full playing kit including a labeled cricket ball, (a white ball is preferred).

No Manly representative uniforms are to be worn during trials (this includes caps, shirts, shorts, performance tops, hoodies, etc.). Please bring healthy snacks, water, and sunscreen.

### **What is the pitch length and size of the cricket ball.**

- For boys trialing for ages 11, 12 and 13, a 142g ball will be used, over an 18m pitch
- For all boys trialing for ages 14 plus, a 156g ball will be used, over a 20m (full length) pitch.
- All Girls will trial with a 142g ball, U13 will trial on an 18m pitch and U15 on a full length 20m pitch.

### **What If I have time conflicts with some of the dates and timings or injuries?**

You should email [reps@mwjca.com.au](mailto:reps@mwjca.com.au) providing as much detail as possible. A rep committee/selection committee reviews all dispensations. Please note that you must attend your OWN AGE group trials, and it is expected that you attend your allocated slot (A-K, L-Z where relevant). Requests to attend alternate trial sessions due to person schedule conflicts will only be considered in extenuating circumstances and may be rejected by the rep committee.

### **What happens If I don't meet the MWJCA rep qualification criteria?**

You should email [reps@mwjca.com.au](mailto:reps@mwjca.com.au) providing as much detail as possible. A rep committee/selection committee reviews all dispensation requests

### **I have reviewed the potential rep season timetable, and I have some concerns about my availability. What should I do?**

You should email [reps@mwjca.com.au](mailto:reps@mwjca.com.au) providing as much detail as possible

### **Are parents allowed to watch?**

We prefer parents to keep a distance from kids during trials. Anyone actively seen to be coaching kids during trials could be asked to leave.

### **What If I have trailed before and didn't make it, should I trial again?**

Yes! Every year we have cases where kids are injured or perhaps have moved out of the area. This means there are likely to be opportunities at each age group. We encourage kids to discuss with their clubs and attend trials. Kids also develop at different stages, and their sporting priorities can change over time and teams naturally evolve; last season there were (on average) more than 3 changes per team.

### **Who does the grading/trials?**

We have a pool of over 25 graders; most are active and experienced coaches. Note, graders are not allowed to grade age groups where there are potential conflicts, family members being an example.

**I currently play in the u15 rep team, what are my options?**

This season we re-entered the u17 Watson Shield competition, and the season was a tremendous success. The eligibility requirements for this competition have changed each year for the last 3 years, making planning difficult. If you are age eligible and are interested, please submit a registration/request to trial and we will be in touch during the off season. We will aim to keep all interested players informed via email.

**Is the winter program compulsory and does performance/attendance impact which team a player is allocated?**

It is strongly recommended that players attend the winter program if selected. The program will be run by external coaches who **do not** have an input on squad/team selection. From time to time, selectors will attend some sessions to observe how players are preparing and performing.

There will be final trials in August/September to establish the Division 1 and 2 Teams plus a Shadow squad. Shadow squad players are invited to train with the teams during the season and can be called upon/selected when injuries arise.

**Why is there a schedule/process change and why isn't it the same for all age groups.**

There are many reasons for a schedule change. Getting more trials completed and squads selected in March allows us to plan more effectively for the season. We believe it is also fairer for parents and kids to know as soon as possible if they are selected or not. August trials are difficult for kids as they are often heavily involved in winter sports finals; we also have school holidays to navigate at this time. The less we have to do in August, the better for all. Please note, August trials will not be removed, but we hope to reduce the burden at this time.

- The proposed schedule change means that we hope to name the squads of 28 players at the end of March for boys 12, 13, 14, and 15.
- The exact process for Girls is to be agreed/decided once we have a view on trialist numbers.
- U17 is per the above note.
- For U11, we expect over 100 trialists, so doing trials in March and September is essential; At the end of March we hope to have reduced the number of trialists by half. The U11 season doesn't start until November, which allows for suitable time for trials and pre-season prep in September.

**Please note, all of this has been planned based on the previous Cricket New South Wales Timetable. If that timetable changes, all the above could also be subject to change.**

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