



## **HK&HDCA Junior Mixed Representative Rules and Playing Conditions**

**2026-2027**

### **Eligibility to trial:**

Players who have not registered on-line by the stated date will not be allowed to trial.

The Cricket New South Wales Metro Youth Championships player qualifications require a player to have paid registration and play for an affiliated club of that Association in 2026/2027 season. Playing with a club is defined as being where they played most of their regular competition cricket during the prior summer season.

HK&HDCA requires in addition to this that a player must be registered and have played in the current competition for an HK&HDCA affiliated Club prior to any representative games.

All players registered with, and who have played at least three games for an HK&HDCA affiliated Club during the 2025/2026 and did not play any games during the 2025/2026 season for any other club affiliated with another Association are eligible to trial for selection to an HK&HDCA Representative team for the 2026/2027 season unless they have been excluded by the Representative Secretary and/or the Representative Committee.

HK&HDCA will accept an application to trial for representative selection from a player who did not play for an HK&HDCA affiliated club during the 2025/2026 season or played any games for any club affiliated with another Association, on the following basis.

1. The player commits to register and pay registration fees in full with an HK&HDCA affiliated club for the 2026/2027 season.
2. The player commits to not play any games for any club affiliated with another Association.
3. The player plays in at least one game for the HK&HDCA affiliated club prior to the commencement of the following representative season. The player must fully participate in that game, not simply have their name on the team list.
4. The player plays in at least a further two games for that club during the club season. The player must fully participate in those games, not simply have their name on the team list.
5. If the player played for an HK&HDCA Affiliated Club in the 2024/2025 season and injury, illness or parents work relocation prevented them for playing in the 2025/2026 season, then with supporting documentation, the Representative Committee may allow the player to be eligible for selection to the relevant team.



**All players selected for NSW Youth Championship teams must be registered with an HK&HDCA Affiliated Club and have played in both innings in at least one complete scheduled 2026/2027 intra Association competition game prior to the commencement of the NSW Youth Championships (T20 games, or nonattendance for the complete duration of both innings do not meet the required criteria). Failure to do this will cause the omission of a player from Representative Cricket until they have met this requirement.**

**U10 to U14 players must play in the HK&HDCA Junior Competition, U15 and U17 players may play in either the HK&HDCA Junior Competition or the HK&HDCA Senior Competition. The Junior Representative Secretary may give players in the U14 age group dispensation to play only in the HK&HDCA Senior Competition.**

**All players must fully participate in at least an additional two intra Association competition games during the 2026/2027 season. Failure to do this will cause the omission of a player from Representative Cricket selection for 2026/2027.**

#### **Game Limitations:**

To ensure that players selected for Representative teams can perform to their potential, parents are requested to restrict the involvement of their children on the Saturday immediately prior to any Sunday Representative match, to one cricket match on the Saturday, not exceeding 100 overs.

If a player elects to play in more than one match, or in a match exceeding 100 overs on the day preceding any Representative match, they may be omitted from the Representative team by the Representative Secretary, if, in the opinion of the Representative Secretary, the team coach or team manager, the player is tired, distressed or unfit to play.

On weekends when Sunday Representative matches are scheduled, parents are required to advise their team manager by 8pm on Saturday evening, if their child has played in more than one match or in a match exceeding 100 overs on Saturday.

If a parent is dissatisfied with the decision to omit their son from a Representative team, they may lodge an appeal with the Executive Officer of the Association, which will be considered by the Disputes and Disciplinary Committee of the Association.

#### **Player age groups:**

Players will only be allowed to trial for, and be eligible to play in, their correct age group. No player is allowed to play up an age group, excluding the U10 team who will participate in the U11 Division 2 Competition. Female players are eligible to try out for and play in both their correct age group, or one age group younger.

HK&HDCA has Junior Representative teams in the U11, U12, U13, U14, U15 and U17 age groups.



### **Player withdrawing:**

Players withdrawing after selections have been finalized will not be eligible to trial the following year.

### **Player missing compulsory practice:**

All training sessions once an age group's teams have been announced are compulsory, excluding training sessions within school holidays.

Any player who cannot attend a compulsory training session must seek permission from the team manager prior to the training session. In the event of illness, injury or family crisis, an email sent to the team manager as soon as possible is required.

Team managers are to notify the Representative Committee of any players who have not attended two or more compulsory training sessions.

For repeated nonattendance at compulsory training, the relevant player may be omitted from the relevant HK&HDCA Junior Representative team.

### **Players missing trial games:**

All trial games are compulsory. Non-attendance at trial games without a reason accepted by the team manager at least five (5) days prior to the trial game may lead to the omission of the player from the relevant HK&HDCA Junior Representative team. If a trial game is held within the school holidays and the player will be away, then the team manager needs to be notified at least five (5) days in advance, and the reason will be accepted.

If a player falls ill, is injured or has a family crisis within this five-day period, then the team manager must speak to them in person or via a phone call as soon as possible (SMS and email are not acceptable). Supporting documentation will be required to ensure the player is not omitted from the relevant HK&HDCA Junior Representative team.

If an illness or injury does not prevent a player attending the game as a spectator, they are expected to attend.

Team managers are to notify the Representative Committee immediately of any players who either cannot or have not attended a trial game.

### **Players missing competition games:**

All competition games are compulsory. Non-attendance at a competition game may lead to the omission of the player from the relevant HK&HDCA Junior Representative team.

If a player falls ill, is injured or has a family crisis, then the team manager must be spoken to in person or via a phone call as soon as is possible (SMS and email are not acceptable). Supporting documentation will be required to ensure the player is not omitted from the relevant HK&HDCA Junior Representative team.



Team managers are to notify the Representative Committee immediately of any players who either cannot or have not attended a game. If an illness or injury does not prevent a player attending the game as a spectator, they are expected to attend.

**"Rep Shopping":**

CNSW player eligibility rules stipulate that a player may only register and trial for one association. A player is precluded from selection for a CNSW Youth Championship team if they trial for more than one Association.

**Player removal:**

If a player is omitted from HK&HDCA Representative trials, an HK&HDCA Representative squad or an HK&HDCA Representative team, then one of two things may happen:

1. They are made a reserve for the relevant trial, squad, or team, or
2. They are omitted from HK&HDCA Junior Representative Cricket

In either case the player will be ineligible to trial for HK&HDCA Junior Representative Cricket for the following season, and any fees paid will be forfeited. Determination of player omission is made by the Representative Secretary and/or the Representative Committee.

**Working with Children:**

All adults filling a mentoring role within HK&HDCA Representative Cricket, who have not already obtained and supplied a Working with Children Check Number, must do so before they will be allowed to fill a mentoring role. A mentoring role includes Coaching, Assistant Coach, Manager or Assistant Manager. Parents are not excluded from this requirement. All parents who assist the team coach at practice or at games, as well as parents who assist the manager with things like scoring etc. are required to have a WWC Check Number. To obtain a Working with Children Check Number go to:

<https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/working-children-check>

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