



Representative Team Selection Policy

Capricorn Coast Football Club offers the opportunity for players in each age group the opportunity to trial for a representative playing squad. Squads are selected based on the availability of coaches and available carnival opportunities for the upcoming year.

CCFC calls for expressions of interest for representative squad coaches at the end of the previous season. Should enough coaches be available representative squads will be selected by independent selectors no earlier than January of the new year depending on the carnival and representative calendar.

Being a member of the representative squad is an honour and a privilege that should not be taken for granted. Players selected for the squad must commit to the training sessions and conduct themselves in an appropriate manner as detailed in the agreement signed by both players and parents before trialling for the squads.

Throughout the year the representative teams will be selected from the squad for carnivals. As carnivals vary in the numbers of players required not all players will be selected for each carnival. The selection of the carnival teams will be made on the best fit team for each specific carnival.

Principles

In selecting representative training squads each season, our club follows these principles:

Registration

All players must register by Registration Day to be eligible for selection in the representative training squad. Players who register late may be selected to join a representative squad should a place exist. Should there be more players than spaces a waiting list may be created.

Representative Team Selection criteria

Players are primarily assessed on skill. Other valued attributes include commitment to team training and games, punctuality and a positive team attitude. Team balance (e.g. a good mix of offensive and defensive skills) is also considered.

Assessing the ability of a player is subjective. The selectors may not agree with you, or each other on who is the 'better' player. Coaches' input is important, but coaches are often only familiar with the players they have coached and do not assess the other players in the age group.

Reasons why a less skilled player may have been placed in a higher team than a more skilled player include:

- the less skilled player is more skilled in certain attributes which the team needs e.g. keeping, defending, attacking, positioning, team leadership etc
- confidence/performance/development issues with either player
- the less skilled player is more coachable, has more potential or is on a steeper improvement curve than the more skilled player
- two or more parents of similar-ability players want to coach their child (coaches' selection is also a factor in team selection).

Team Training Times and Days

Once selected players must attend training sessions. These will be determined based on the coach and field availability. Coaches may take into consideration the majority of the team's availability when selecting the training time and location.

Team selection over multiple seasons

Remember that team selections are not indefinite selections. They are a placement for a single season only. Each season players are reassessed.