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Sunshine Coast Scorchers Selection Criteria 2024.25

Aim/s for Scorchers Premier Cricket Club:

1. Where cricketers are encouraged, educated, developed & supported to achieve their full potential.
2. Where talented & committed cricketers are prepared to meet the increased demands of a higher level of competition within a performance environment.
3. Opportunities for local players and coaches to continue an enduring love of the game.
4. To provide an opportunity to play for the Sunshine Coast Scorchers Premier cricket sides and foster a desire to achieve higher 'First Class' honors both at a State and International level.

To get the right cricketers we encourage:

- Skill appropriate competitions & programs
- play, creativity & decision-making leading to independent thinkers of the game
- development of good character
- athlete focused development combined with a growth mindset from the player
- retention of the cricketer for as long as possible

Characteristics we look for:

- High standards of conduct
- Being good custodians of the game
- Positive players who can win games of cricket both with bat and/or ball
- Multi skilled players who can fill multiple roles, inclusive of fielding, that balance a team
- Players with character; have the necessary skills, a strong performance record & display a positive attitude, leadership skills and team ethic.

Athlete Selection Criteria

The selection process is viewed as ongoing whenever possible, therefore, attendances at 'trial days' (relevant to younger squads only) are viewed as one aspect of the process. Previous observations of players during junior representative cricket, programs and in local competitions are also taken into consideration. Each squad will have a selection panel that may involve coaches, independent selectors and players.

The subjectivity of selection is an unavoidable element, with the following framework used:

- Player aligns with criteria listed above
- Ability to compete successfully in the current and/or in the future.
- A history of successful past performances & assessed competencies in core skills
- Demonstrated coachability & team player behaviours
- Demonstrated self-drive & applied behaviours
- Demonstrated desire to represent the Sunshine Coast Scorchers Premier sides



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The following traits are strongly considered when players are selected to represent our state at a High-Performance level. We, as the Sunshine Coast Cricket Association, support these traits when selecting Sunshine Coast Scorchers squads.

1. Sees cricket as a game to enjoy and to be played in the true spirit of cricket and sportsmanship
2. Strives to become a better player as they seek to achieve excellence
3. Shows passion and perseverance towards long term goals and aspirations
4. Who empathizes with their team-mates, shows persistence and self-control when things aren't going their way and the courage to back themselves through adverse conditions
5. Is technically sound and skillful and strives to implement these skills
6. Is knowledgeable, willing to assess new information and wants to be a partner in a learning environment
7. Possesses a coachable work ethic
8. Lives values on and off the field
9. Is a leader in the team, responsible and a self-reliant cricketer
10. Is well prepared, and understands the physical and mental requirement of their game

The overall objective is to develop a self-determining player who shows the above player traits.



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Age Eligibility (relevant for 'Youth' squads only)

To be eligible to play in a Scorchers Youth team for the 2024-25 season, the following dates apply:

Division	Age cut off (2024/25 Season)
Under 16 female (Paul Pink)	Born on or after 1 st September 2008 and no later than 31 st August 2012
Under 17 (Lords Taverners)	Born on or after 1 st September 2007 and no later than 31 st August 2010
Under 19	Born on or after 1 st September 2006 and no later than 31 st August 2010

Player Eligibility

Players seeking to be considered for selection in a Scorchers team must comply with all the following to be eligible for selection:

- Must be registered to the Sunshine Coast Scorchers QC Premier Cricket Club
- Must attend all selection days/events listed in their entirety unless an exemption is granted
- Must not be aligned/registered to another Qld Premier Cricket club and non-approved affiliated club

Exemptions

Exemptions from attending part/s of the selection process or pre-season program may be granted at the discretion of the Director of Cricket in consultation with coaching staff and, where necessary, the Scorchers Committee and/or the SCCA Management Committee. Upon receiving a written exemption request (prior to the missed event/matches) from the athlete concerned the abovementioned will consider each case on its merits. Legitimate reasons could include such situations as:

- Being unable to attend pre-season, training or play matches because of injury (medical evidence and the prognosis may be requested).
- Inability to gain release from a sport program or academic event (at a higher level).
- Playing cricket in a competition at a level that requires high levels of skill and commitment.
- Family emergency

Prior knowledge and performance of the player/s will be taken into consideration for selection if an exemption is successfully granted and the athlete complies with all other relevant selection criteria.