

REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM 2026

Thank you for your interest in the Junior and Senior Representative Programs at Southport Carrara Netball Association (SCNA).

SCNA Representative Eligibility Requirements

Senior Representative : Our senior representative teams fall into the age ranges 15 Years – 18/U Years. Players must be turning the age referenced in the age group in the calendar year in which the program is delivered (17yrs and 18yrs are a combined age group).

To be eligible to trial for selection as an SCNA Representative Player in the Senior Program, the player must have:

- (a) been an SCNA member in 2025; and
- (b) have played in at least 50% of games in an SCNA competition in the previous season. This includes the Monday, Tuesday or Thursday competitions in season 1 of 2025, or the 2025 Saturday season.

(SCNA By-laws clause 11(a))

To be eligible for the senior representative program at SCNA players must play in an SCNA competition in the calendar year in which the program is delivered. Prior representative players who have not completed competitions in the requisite calendar year (as a consequence of withdrawal following completion of State Age commitments) may not be eligible to trial in the following year.

Junior Representative : Our junior representative teams fall into the age ranges 12 Years – 14 Years. Players must be turning the age referenced in the age group in the calendar year in which the program is delivered.

To be eligible to trial for selection as an SCNA Representative Player in the Junior Program, the player must:

- (a) have been an SCNA member in 2025; and
- (b) have played in at least 50% of games in an SCNA competition in the previous season. This includes the Monday, Tuesday or Thursday competitions in season 1 of 2025, or the 2025 Saturday season *(SCNA By-laws clause 11(a))*.

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To participate in the 2026 Junior Representative Program a selected player must play in the 2026 Saturday Junior Competition (*SCNA By-laws clause 11(v)*).

EXEMPTION REQUESTS: *Any player seeking to join the senior or junior representative program who does not meet the eligibility criteria may seek an exemption by submitting an email to the attention of the Rep Convenor at scna@scna.org.au. Exemptions must be received **no later than five (5) days prior to the date nominated for closure of the trial link** and are at the sole discretion of the SCNA Executive.*

Representative Trials for 2026

Trials for Representative Teams will be held over nominated trial dates, to be advised.

Players must attend all trials and requests for dispensation for absences must be submitted in writing via scna@scna.org.au for consideration by the SCNA Executive.

Players must nominate 2 preferred positions. Players may be trialled, selected or required to play alternate positions at the discretion of the selectors.

After the first 2 trials, a final squad for each age group will be named with numbers being decided by the SCNA Executive.

Any variations to the above is at the discretion of the SCNA Executive (noting that numbers of participants may impact the number of trials required).

Ineligibility

1. Players who are registered to trial at SCNA and are named in a representative squad or team at another association will automatically become ineligible for selection at SCNA.
2. Players named in an SCNA representative team (irrespective of whether team lists have been published beyond the SCNA community) who withdraw from the named team will be ineligible to trial in the following calendar year.

Player Commitment

Players who trial are, at the time of trialling, making a commitment to SCNA and acknowledge that they:

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1. are required to register to, and play in, a 2026 SCNA competition and complete the whole season of the competition;
2. will be available for all representative training sessions, held on Wednesday evenings;
3. are aware that SCNA will register representative teams to participate in a twilight round robin with neighbour associations on up to five Friday evenings in February/March and at least two (2) day carnivals which typically occur on a Sunday (but may occur on a Saturday) and that the commitment to their team and the representative program requires them to attend those round robin games and carnivals;
4. are available for State Age as follows:
 - a. (Seniors) Senior State Age which in 2026 is being held at Townsville Netball Association, Townsville over four days from 11 - 14 April;
 - b. (Juniors) Junior State Age which in 2026 is being held at Hinterland District Netball Association, Mudgeeraba over four days from 4 – 7 July;
5. will be required to travel and room with their teams, SCNA coaching staff and officials, for the duration of the State Age events (including travel for Senior State Age to Townsville).

Withdrawals/Team Changes

In the event a player is injured, unavailable or withdraws, a suitable player from the lower division representative team may be invited to replace that player.

The selection of the elevated player will be determined upon consultation by the Rep Convenor and Coaching Convenor with the relevant team coaches. All player elevations are required to be approved by the SCNA Executive.

If a player of a suitable standard in the specific playing position required cannot be identified, selectors may invite a replacement player of their choosing. This player must be approved by the SCNA Executive.

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Player Fees

Player fees are calculated when all expenses relating to the current season have been finalised. Fees include travel, accommodation, coach and umpire expenses, gala, carnival registrations. Total fees depend on the location of carnivals and State Age and can vary significantly from year to year due to those factors.

On being named in a team or squad, all players will be required to pay a deposit as set by SCNA Executive. This confirms acceptance of their position in the representative program.

Invoices for the balance of fees will be issued to players upon commencement of the representative program in 2026 and entry into any payment arrangements requested are at the discretion of the SCNA Executive.

SCNA Uniforms

All representative players are required to wear SCNA uniforms for trainings, carnivals, round robins and State Age. There are a number of compulsory and optional items.

A full listing will be distributed to players upon selection.

SCNA Player Policy

All players selected will be provided with, and required to sign and return, an SCNA Player Policy and adhere to the SCNA Codes of Conduct. Players under the age of 18 years at the time of signing will be required to have a parent or guardian sign on their behalf.

By signing, both the player and parent confirm their commitment to the SCNA representative program and the ability to meet all associated responsibilities including attendance at training, competition dates and payment of fees.