



SUNSHINE COAST CHURCHES SOCCER ASSN

2023 Year of Heroes

REPRESENTATIVE TRIALS 2024 SEASON

Welcome to the Sunshine Coast Churches Soccer Association (SCCSA) trials for the 2024 representative Program, where selections will be undertaken for Under 10 to Under 16 representative teams. We thank you and your child for attending in October 2023. Updates regarding the trials will be posted on our Facebook page and we recommend you 'like' the page so that you can keep up-to-date throughout the season.

There are three trial dates – 7, 14 and 21 October 2023. After the trial/s coaches will select either a representative team (14 to 16 players) or a squad of approximately 20 players. The coaches who select a squad will be assessing all players until a final representative team selection can then be made.

Players will be notified by email of the outcome of these trials. If your child is not selected please encourage them to keep up their ball skills and to be ready to try out again at the end of the next season.

Training sessions will commence as advised by the coach. All teams will train at least weekly from the end of January onwards.

Please note SCCSA **does not require** representative players to play in an A grade team, or up one age group with their local club, as SCCSA only grades teams not players.

SCCSA has a by-law that you need to be aware of, regarding number of players per representative team – in particular if you are intending to change clubs. This by-law has been put in place to maintain a fair competition. **If your child is intending to change clubs, please make the new club aware that your child is a representative player, and therefore the by-law below must be applied:**

*“Only (5) five representative players are allowed in a club team, unless all “Rep-players” have played for that **Club** for the last 3 years and/or relocated to the area or have not been registered in a SCCSA club in the preceding two (2) years.”*

Parents need to know:

Decisions made by Coaching and Management staff in regard to respective representative teams are final. Review of any decision can be requested via the SCCSA Executive, who will make their decision in consultation with the Representative Panel of the SCCSA.

All players and parents/guardians should be aware that players selected for the Representative Program are not automatically guaranteed equal playing time on the pitch during representative games, and that the decision of the Coach on this matter is final.

Players are required to:

- be committed to their club team for training and games,
- respect the fundamental philosophy of the SCCSA and Queensland Christian Soccer Association,
- adopt and understand the Code of Behaviour as a player within the SCCSA Representative Program and conduct themselves accordingly,
- abide by the SCCSA by-laws, and
- attend training & representative venues as requested by their Representative Coach.

Once a final team has been selected, the Coach will be recruiting a Manager – parents please consider offering your services. Only through the support of the volunteers are we able to provide these programs.

****Tournaments**

- Mini Representative Carnival – 13 April 2024 – all Representative teams attend,
- State Titles - Saturday 4 and Monday 6 May 2024 (tbc) – location to be confirmed – all Representative teams attend,
- Sunshine Coast Challenge Cup – 6 July 2024 – all Representative teams attend, except for Under 18,
- County Cup – 14 September 2024 – all Representative teams Under 10 to Under 13 attend.

Nomination fees for Tournaments (State Titles, and other sourced tournaments) are paid by SCCSA – this is built-in to the levy that representative players pay – the levy amount varies from age to age, and is dependent on the number of tournaments attended.

Extra tournaments may be sourced throughout the year, which would incur **extra fees**, because these are not covered by the SCCSA representative levy.

National Titles (Under 14, 16 and Under 16 Girls) are held in September or October - location to be confirmed, and additionally are not included under the representative levy. The decision on whether SCCSA will nominate teams to the National Titles depends on the location, and is made at a later date. Players will be informed later about the selection process if SCCSA decides to nominate teams to the National Titles.

Anticipated expenses

Representative levies:

Under 10 to Under 13 \$220

Under 14 to Under 16 Representative teams \$200

Shadow player of any team Under 10 to Under 16 \$25

the amount charged to a Shadow player will be taken off the representative levy if called up to the representative team

****Representative Clothing**

SCCSA is currently undergoing a review of the representative clothing requirements for players – current prices are below. Any changes to the required clothing will be advised at a later date.

Representative jacket: \$85

Travel shirt: \$45

Socks: \$17

Shorts: \$17

Caps: \$17

***Information on available tournaments and prices of representative clothing is subject to change – any changes will be advised by SCCSA.*

Information on training times, coach name and contact details will be available on this link:

<http://www.sccsa.org.au/NewsEvents/Representative-400/>

SCCSA – Administrator