



SUNSHINE COAST CHURCHES SOCCER ASSN

2024 – The Golden Year

REPRESENTATIVE TRIALS 2025 SEASON

Welcome to the Sunshine Coast Churches Soccer Association (SCCSA) trials for the 2025 representative Program, where selections will be undertaken for Under 9 to Under 16 representative teams. We thank you and your child for attending in October 2024. 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 – 12, 19 and 26 October 2024. After the trial/s coaches will select either a representative team (14 to 16 players) or a squad (of more than 16), which will be narrowed down at a later date to a final selection of 14 to 16 as a representative team.

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.

Notes on registration to club teams for 2025 plus playing club fixtures:

1. to participate in the State Titles, players are required to participate in at least **75% of their own club fixtures** which occur before the State Titles, and
2. representative players **are not required** to play in an A grade team, or up one age group with their local club, as SCCSA only grades teams not players.
3. SCCSA has a by-law which 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 representative 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.

(DEFINITION: A representative player is a player who is selected into a representative team to represent the SCCSA. This does not apply to development squads (also known as Academy squads)."

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,
- acknowledge and accept 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 – 12 April 2025 – **all representative teams** attend.
- State Titles - Saturday 3 and Monday 5 May 2025 (tbc) – location to be confirmed – representative teams from Under 10 to Under 16 attend (i.e. **not Under 9**).
- Sunshine Coast Challenge Cup – 5 July 2025 (with possible games Friday 4 July 2025) – **all representative teams** attend.
- **County Cup++** – 20 September 2025 – location to be confirmed – Under 9, 10, 11 and 12 mixed-gender representative teams (i.e. **not U11 Girls**) attend, depending on venue capacity.
- SCCSA Champions League – location and date to be confirmed – **Under 13 Mixed, U13 Girls, Under 14 and Under 15 participate.**
- All-girls Tournament – location and date to be confirmed – **Under 11 and Under 13 Girls' teams participate.**

Nomination fees for these 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 depending on 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. The **Country Cup++** may be considered an extra tournament because it is not clear how many SCCSA teams can be included.

National Titles (in previous years Under 14, Under 17 and Under 17 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 9	\$210
Under 10 to Under 16 (except all-girls' teams)	\$280
Girls teams (Under 11, 13 and 16)	\$250

****Representative Clothing**

Training/Playing shirt	\$30		
Representative jacket:	\$75	Travel shirt:	\$35
Socks:	\$15	Shorts:	\$20
Caps (for Goalkeepers):	\$15	Bucket Hats:	\$16

***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/>

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