

Central Coast Oztag Association

2025 Junior Nationals Selection Policy

Eligibility

In order for players to trial they must have been registered in the 2024/25 Summer or 2025 winter competition and must play a minimum of seven matches in these competitions to be eligible to play at the tournament.

Players are eligible to trial for the age group they turn in 2025 e.g. players that are born in 2010 may trial for U/15s and players born in 2015 may trial for the U/10s. Players who turn 8 in 2025 may trial for the U/9s.

Selections

Squads of twenty players will be named on the Central Coast Oztag website on Thursday 22 May.

Should a division have significant numbers to the initial trial, coaches and selectors will have the discretion to hold an invitation only second trial.

Players who do not accept their position and attend training sessions risk forfeiting their place in the team at the discretion of the Central Coast Oztag Committee.

Shadows will be selected for each team and expected to attend training sessions. In the event that players do not attend training, the coaches can select from outside these shadow positions from players who attend the trials. Should Shadows be attending training they will be selected if a position becomes available due to a player in the team withdrawing.

Selection Process

Teams will be selected by the coach and a minimum of two independent selectors (having no relation trialing in the age group). Where the coach does not have a relative in the age group, they may be classed as an independent selector.

Should the coach have a child in the age group, the selection of their son/daughter will be at the sole discretion of the independent selectors.

Exemptions from trials

Any players that are injured and cannot participate in trials, must still attend the trials, failure to do so will result in the player being ineligible for selection. Players may be asked to present a medical certificate in order to be considered.

Should players not be able to attend due to extenuating circumstances, players must request an exemption prior to the trial via [Application for Exemption Form](#) in order to be considered for selection. No exemptions will be approved after the trials.

Players who have work or local training for another sporting code will not be granted an exemption from the trial.

Senior Eligibility

Players wishing to trial for Senior National teams, must fulfil their commitment to playing with Central Coast Junior teams in order to trial for 20s or Opens teams.

Date: 26 April 2025