

Competition criteria

1. Eligible Clubs

- (a) An *eligible club* for the U14 Development competition is any BNJCA-affiliated club which has a minimum of 30 under 14 players AND has entered two under 14 teams (full season or half season) in the Association's junior (Saturday) summer competition.
- (b) *Eligible clubs* may, if they wish, enter more than one team in the U14 Development competition. However, a club may only enter one team for every 30 'under 14' players registered with the club.
- (c) Where there is more than one *eligible club* in a 'catchment' (see 2 (e)), then each eligible club in that catchment can enter a team in the U14 Development competition.
- (d) As a condition of registration in the U14 Development competition, *eligible clubs* must agree to include a minimum of 2 nominated players from a non-eligible club within their catchment (see 2b), or within an adjacent catchment (see 2c). This is designed to ensure no single club monopolises team selections.
- (e) *Eligible clubs* and/or catchments must nominate for the U14 Development competition no later than the closing date for nomination of junior teams to the BNJCA.

2. Participation of players from *non-eligible* clubs

It is recognised that not all BNJCA affiliated junior clubs will be an *eligible club* under the criteria. Therefore, to facilitate opportunities for players:

- (a) If there is no *eligible club* within a catchment, clubs in that catchment are encouraged to combine to make a joint application to the BNJCA to enter a team in the U14 Development competition. However, such application must outline which club (and person) is taking the organising role and the number of registered under 14 players in each club in the catchment.
- (b) Where a club is not eligible to enter a team in the U14 Development competition but has players of a suitable standard for the u14 Premier competition, it should nominate those players to the *eligible club* within its catchment. (see 1 (e))
- (c) Where a club is not eligible to enter a team in the U14 Development competition but has players of a suitable standard for the competition, and the clubs in its catchment do not wish to make a joint application to the BNJCA to enter a team, the club can nominate those players to an *eligible club* in an adjacent catchment for inclusion in that eligible club's team. (Adjacent catchments are shown on the list below). The adjacent catchment is encouraged to accommodate those players.
- (d) Where the clubs in a catchment (eligible or otherwise) indicate they do not wish to organise a team to participate in the Under 14 competition, the BNJCA may deem

that catchment as 'spare' and facilitate a team to participate in its place. In such a situation, the Association will call upon existing catchment to nominate players to participate in this new team. The Association will only validate an additional team if:

- (i) it is convinced there are sufficient players from existing catchments to sustain a team throughout the competition
 - (ii) an existing catchment is able to provide a coach and manager to oversee the new team throughout the competition and guarantee any payments the team will be required to make as part of its participation.
 - (iii) catchments nominating players to the new team agree that these players will not be selected in their original catchments' team for the duration of the season.
 - (iv) the additional team does not create a 'bye' in the competition draw.
- (e) Clubs are grouped into 'catchments' as follows:
1. Sandgate-Redcliffe, Redcliffe City and Bald Hills-Lawnton
 2. Toombul, Bracken Ridge and St Patricks
 3. Wilston Norths
 4. Albany Creek, Pine Rivers and St Pauls School
 5. Ferny Districts and Everton Districts
 6. Valleys

3. Eligible Players

- (a) Players must participate in the BNJCA (Saturday) competition to be eligible for selection in a club's U14 Development competition.
- (b) Players must not be over 14 years of age at 31 August in the season in which the competition is being held.
- (c) Players who are eligible for the under 13 age group can participate in the u14 Development competition, in line with 4 (b) shown in the 'Teams' section.
- (d) No players who are eligible for age groups younger than under 13 may participate in the under U14 Development competition.

4. Teams

- (a) Teams will consist of 12 players, all of whom are permitted to bat and bowl. (However, there should be no more than 11 fielders at any time.) 11 wickets will constitute the end of an innings.
- (b) Teams entered in the U14 development competition may include a maximum of two players who are eligible for the under 13 age group.
- (c) Teams must be nominated to the BNJCA no later than the specified by BNJCA.