



East Coast Orcas Policy

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All Players, Parents, Coaches, Managers and Officials should be fully aware of the below policy guidelines

Team Selection

- Squads for each age group will be selected after the preceding State Cup. Squad numbers will vary based on the division
- Squads are made up of the following players
 - Players who played at State Cup for Easts, Souths or St George
 - Players who were injured or unable to compete at the State Cup for valid reason
 - Players who could not represent their association as there was no team entered in their division
- The Orcas Committee will select preliminary squads based on the rating sheets completed by State Cup Coaches, together with dispensations (injuries, players who couldn't attend due to no team being entered)
- Squads are compiled with representation from all three areas. Squad numbers are dependent on available players for the divisions. There is no formula for how many representatives are selected from each association. This is a case by case basis, to be determined by the East Coast Orcas Committee.

Protection of Associations

- Players who play State Cup for one area, and then represent the East Coast Orcas, ARE NOT permitted to then play for another association without a release. For example;
A player who represents St George at the 2022 State Cup, and then represents the Orcas at the 2022 Nationals, will not be eligible to play for Souths in 2023, unless the East Coast Orcas approve the release.
The player must also qualify for their area (play local competition in the season prior to the State Cup). If players are NOT granted a release, they will either need to represent their current area or wait until the following State Cup. With the example above, if the player was NOT granted a release, the player would need to play for St George in 2023 or will have to wait until 2024 for Souths.
- This rule has been introduced to protect all associations. We are cognisant that together, the three areas are strong which is why we need to protect our Association at the State Cup level, to prevent players pooling to one area.

Training Guidelines

- Training schedules will be devised at the discretion of the coach. The coach MUST consider the following when planning training:
 - To ensure there are NO MORE than TWO training sessions scheduled per week
Logistically, it is difficult for families with multiple children to attend all sessions. More than two sessions a week is excessive and unnecessary
 - That the venue is alternated regularly to ensure that ALL players from ALL associations are catered for
Our boundaries are Bondi in the North to Riverwood in the South. Coaches must be mindful that ALL players need to be accommodated for. Parents must also acknowledge this.
 - That training sessions are not defined as OPTIONAL or COMPULSORY
Defining sessions this way leads to issues with team morale - particularly in the younger ages. Giving players the option because it's an "extra session" means they miss out and may feel excluded from the team

Shadows

- Shadows can pay their registration fee and order gear. If they are not brought into the team, they will have their registration refunded and will receive their gear ordered.
- If shadows are brought into the team at a later date without having their registration and gear paid for, they will pay for both at that date without guarantee that they will receive their exact uniform sizes
- Shadows can train at the discretion of the coach

Registration

- All players are required to have the Registration and gear fee paid by the due date. Player will be replaced by shadows or the next rated player if fees are not paid on the due date
- Players will receive a registration refund if they are replaced and do not leave the team short
- If a player withdraws and their uniform cannot be used for a replacement player, they will keep their gear and forfeit a refund
- If the tournament is postponed or cancelled and the team cannot compete, and gear has been produced, players will receive their gear and be refunded their registration (less an administration fee)

Any Coach, Player, Parent, Manager or associated person to be found in breach of the above or the Australian Oztg Code of Conduct, will be stood down from their role or jeopardise the position of those associated with them.