

## **National Indoor Cricket Championships Player Eligibility Criteria**

### **1.0 Policy Purpose**

The intent of this policy is to determine the eligibility of all players attending Cricket Australia administered National Indoor Cricket Championships (NICC). It is also intended to assist State and Territory associations (S/T) in developing sustainable indoor cricket player pathways for registered players of affiliated centres.

### **2.0 Background**

Up until this point, there's been a lack of consistency on the eligibility of players attending the NICC and how some of those players are selected to attend. Some S/T conduct formal national selection trials only involving players who are registered to their affiliated indoor cricket centres, whilst some don't currently have any formal selection process. With this being the case, it's unknown if all other players in these teams are registered to a S/T affiliated indoor cricket centres.

### **3.0 Eligibility**

#### **3.1 Registered Players**

Any player wanting to attend a NICC must:

- a) be a registered, playing and financial member of an affiliated club/centre within an Australian S/T; and
- b) have played in an in-house or Majorleague/Superleague indoor cricket competition prior to attending a NICC in that competition year.
- c) Meet the respective S/T qualification standards for Majorleague/Superleague indoor cricket competition prior to attending a NICC in that competition year.

Players that are not affiliated with a club/centre or S/T association, will not be eligible to attend an NICC unless they receive official consent from the Cricket Australia High Performance Committee.

#### **3.2 State & Territory Representation**

Eligible players attending a NICC must represent the S/T in which their club/centre is registered. A player that is affiliated with a club/centre in multiple S/T, will have a choice of which S/T they wish to represent. S/T are responsible for enforcing their own player selection criteria once a player is deemed eligible.

Any player who has made themselves available for their registered S/T and is not selected to attend a NICC, can be selected by another S/T provided they;

- a) obtain written approval from their registered S/T and submit the approval to Cricket Australia (via a 'CA Request Form'); and
- b) are fully financial and carry no suspensions from other S/T leagues/competitions.

Note: Where a S/T has two representative teams within the same age division at a NICC, a player must be available for selection in both teams before they could be considered for a team in another S/T. For example, a NSW registered player must be available for selection in the NSW Blues & NSW Waratah's teams in the 35 & Over Men's division.

A player, whose registered S/T is not entering a NICC team in their age group, must make themselves available for selection in the nearest permitted aged team. If they are not selected for that team, they are eligible to represent another S/T in their actual or another permitted age division. For example, if Victoria is not entering an Over 40's team in the NICC but are entering an Over 35's, a 40-year-old Victorian player must make himself available for selection in the Victorian Over 35 team. If not selected in that team, the player can play for another S/T in the Over 40's or Over 35's.

### **3.3 Beastwear National Indoor Cricket League (NICL)**

For a player to be eligible to participate in an open-age team at the CA Indoor Cricket National Championships, they must have played a minimum on one (1) game for a NICL teams from their registered S/T.

Players may be able to compete for an open-age State or Territory Team without participating in the NICL if the closest NICL Team is over 150km from their home address, or in unique cases where special consideration is provided by the CA Indoor Cricket High Performance Committee.

*\* Cricket Australia retains the right to approve or refuse a player's participation in the National Indoor Cricket Championships in its absolute discretion.*