



2027 CALOUNDRA JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM INFORMATION



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Junior State Age 2027 – Parent Information Sheet

This information sheet provides parents and players with **clear, detailed information** regarding the Junior State Age program. Please read carefully and keep for future reference.

Event Details:

Event: Junior State Age 2027

Dates:

- Senior Girls: 3rd-6th July
- Senior Boys: 5th -6th July

Venue: Sunshine Coast Netball Association, Fisherman's Road, Maroochydore

Rep Convenor: Jackie McCosker

Rep Assistant: Tracey Unold

Player Expectations:

CDNA has strict eligibility requirements for selection to our Junior State Age teams. Please ensure you review the criteria before nominating. To participate in the trials for the 2027 Junior State Age teams players must:

- Be a financial member for the year they are trialling (2026) and the year they are representing the Association (2027)
- Players must be an active registered member to a Club/Team in 2027 at CDNA Saturday Competition and meet the playing eligibility requirements (minimum of 7 games).
- Complete and submit all the appropriate nomination and application forms.
- Attend all selection trials unless granted leave of absence by the Rep Convenor and Coaching Convenor. A written request for exemption must be sent to the Rep Convenor detailing the reasons for non-attendance at trials a week before the first trial.

Trials & Team Selection Process:

Trial 1	17 th November	4-8pm (times for age groups TBC)	Caloundra Stadium
Trial 2	24 th November	4-8pm (times for age groups TBC)	Caloundra Stadium
Squad Announcements	26 th November	Email sent to players invited back to join Squad	
Squad Training	1 st December	4.30-6.00pm (TBC)	Caloundra Stadium
Squad Training	8 th December	4.30-6.00pm (TBC)	Caloundra Stadium
Squad Training	13 th February 2027	8.30-10.00am (TBC)	Caloundra Stadium
Squad Training	20 th February 2027	8.30am-10.00am (TBC)	Caloundra Stadium
Team Announcements	24 th February 2027	Email sent to players regarding team selection	

- There will be two (2) trials.
- At the trials will be the coaches and an independent selector.
- Players will be given the opportunity to play several games over the two trials in their preferred positions.

- Players may be asked to play in a position they do not play to help accommodate the number of players trialling. This will be noted (playing out of position) to the selectors trial sheets.
- Squads will then be announced after the November 24th trial.
- Players in each age group will then train with the coaches on December 1st and 8th, 2026 and February 13th and 20th, 2027.
- Teams will then be announced on February 24th, 2027.

Official Team Training in 2027 starting date and times is to be confirmed.

You will receive an email on the 24th of November if you were successful to move to the squad phase. You will have to:

- Accept the position via email within 24 hours, and
- Pay a **\$200 deposit**, which will be deducted from total fees.

Please note that if a player withdraws after the squad teams have been announced, the deposit is **non-refundable** and the player may not be eligible to trial for CDNA for a period of 12 months.

Training Expectations:

- Squad training will be December 1st and 8th, 2026 and then February 13th and 20th, 2027.
- Squad training will run for 1 ½ hours.

Official training to be confirmed.

Official Training will be held every **Tuesday** and will run for approximately **two hours per session**. Training proceeds in the rain and will only be cancelled in cases of extreme weather or stadium closure.

Travel Arrangements:

Transport to and from the courts will be provided by bus. A meeting point will be organised so the players can travel to and from the courts together with their coaches and managers.

***Accommodation:**

As previously announced, players will not be staying together as a junior cohort; they will stay with parents.

Meals & Catering:

- Morning tea and afternoon tea will be provided either at the courts or at the accommodation. (dips, biscuits, meats, cheese fruit)
- Available all day- cruskits, avo, vegemite, fruit
- Lunch will be provided at the courts. (chicken, ham, salad, wraps, fried rice, pasta)

All dietary requirements will be catered for to ensure players are eating well throughout the event.

Costs & Payments:

The estimated cost TBC

The following costs are included in player fees:

- Court hire - training
- Carnival entry fees
- State Age entry and administration costs
- Accommodation
- Bus travel during State Age
- All meals during State Age
- Physiotherapy support at State Age
- Umpire costs for carnivals and State Age- including accommodation and food
- Team photos and presentation costs
- Coach and manager expenses
- Administrative costs
- Equipment

A **payment plan** will be put in place. All fees must be **paid in full prior to State Age**. Players with outstanding fees will be unable to attend.

Team Bonding:

Teams will have opportunities outside of scheduled training sessions to spend time together and build strong team connections. These costs are additional to the fees set by CDNA.

Uniform Requirements:

Uniforms are purchased through the **CDNA Uniform Shop** on allocated days.

FROM 2027 NEW STYLE UNIFORMS - JACKETS, BIKE PANTS AND SOCKS ARE TO BE WORN

Training Uniform - Compulsory

- Training singlet
- **Black bummers or shorts**
- CDNA hoodie or jacket
- **CDNA backpack** (best ordered as soon as teams are announced)

Carnivals & State Age (Compulsory Items)

- CDNA dress (hire or purchase option)
- CDNA socks – NEW STYLE
- CDNA jacket – NEW STYLE
- CDNA bummers/bike pants – NEW STYLE
- CDNA bucket hat
- Travel shirt
- CDNA backpack
- Training singlet

Optional Items

- CDNA hoodie
- CDNA shorts

COMPULSORY ITEMS	
ITEM	COST
Dress Hire	\$90 (\$50 returned)
Dress Purchase****	\$120
Travel Shirt	\$45
Training Singlet	\$45
Socks (short & crew)	\$15
Bike Pants	\$42
Jackets	\$95
Backpack	\$96 (includes initials)
Bucket Hat	\$32
NON COMPULSORY ITEMS	
ITEM	COST
Hoodie	\$75
Training Shorts	\$65

******Purchasing the dress to own does not guarantee a position in a CDNA Representative Team in future years**

Communication:

All team communication will be managed through the **Heja app**. Both parents and players will be included, with parents having control over their child's interactions. Important updates and required forms will also be sent via email.

Carnivals:

Carnivals form part of the Junior State Age preparation. These are to be confirmed. There will be 3 to 4 in total. Carnivals are usually held on a Sunday from 8am-3pm.

Parents are responsible for transporting players to and from carnivals. Players are required to bring their own food on carnival days.

We ask that all families assist with **tent set-up and pack-up**. **A volunteer will also be required to assist with towing the trailer to carnivals.** If you are interested in assisting, please see me.

Parents are also asked to score at carnivals and State Age. A roster will be sent out to the parents before each Carnival and State Age.

Fundraising:

Fundraising activities, including **Saturday BBQs**, will be held at the beginning of the season. Helping for an hour or baking items contributes to fundraising efforts and helps reduce overall fees. For every hour you work on the BBQ you receive \$25 off your fees and for every dozen cupcakes donated you receive \$15 off your fees.

There will also be raffles - Car Park for Saturday fixtures, Christmas and Easter. These raffles go towards purchasing new equipment and reducing the cost of fees.

Player Agreements & Forms:

All players and parents are required to sign a **Player Agreement**, which outlines responsibilities, codes of conduct, and medical information. Agreements must be returned at the **first official training session**.

Medication Forms:

- Medication forms are required for carnivals **only if medication is needed**.
 - **All players must complete a medication form for State Age**, regardless of whether medication is taken (including vitamins).
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What to Expect at State Age:

State Age is a four-day netball event, with teams potentially playing up to 19 games throughout the tournament. Each game consists of two 10-minute halves, making it an exciting but physically and emotionally demanding experience.

State Age can be a roller coaster of emotions for players, coaches and managers. The intensity of competition, fatigue, excitement and pressure can all contribute to heightened emotions. This is completely normal and is part of the experience.

We strongly encourage parents to speak with their child before State Age about what to expect, including the length of the event, time away from family and the commitment involved. If your child feels anxious about being away from you, please reassure them that this is okay. State Age is not for everyone every year, and there is always an opportunity to try again the following season.

Players will have opportunities to see their parents during designated times throughout the day and again before leaving the courts. However, parents are not permitted in team tents at either carnivals or State Age. Please also understand that your child may not wish to spend extended time with you during parent time. This is not necessarily a sign that something is wrong; they may simply be enjoying time with their teammates, building friendships and fully immersing themselves in the experience. We encourage parents to respect this time and allow players to develop their independence, strengthen team connections and enjoy the experience with their teammates.

We ask all parents to discuss the rules and expectations for both carnivals and State Age with their child before attending. Players are expected to follow all directions and respect the requirements set by CDNA, coaches and team managers. Where rules or expectations are not followed, consequences may apply.

It is important that players, parents, coaches and managers understand and support these expectations so we can work together to provide a positive, safe and enjoyable experience for everyone. State Age is about more than netball. It is an opportunity to develop resilience, independence, sportsmanship, friendships and team spirit while representing CDNA with pride — *The Caloundra Way*.