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2027 CALOUNDRA JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE BOYS PROGRAM INFORMATION

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Junior Boys 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 Boys State Age 2027

Dates: 5th & 6th July 2027

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

Rep Convenor: Jackie McCosker

Rep Assistant: Tracey Unold

Player Expectations:

There is no compulsory requirement for junior boys participating in the Caloundra District Netball Association's 2027 Representative Program to play in another CDNA competition.

However, in 2027, CDNA will extend male player participation in our Saturday Junior Competition to include boys up to 14 years of age (born in 2013). Participation in Saturday Juniors and/or other CDNA Mixed and Boys programs is desirable and strongly encourage to support your ongoing development, gain valuable game experience and encourage continued participation within our netball community.

- 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.
- Attend trainings on a Tuesday. Times TBC with coaches.

Trials & Team Selection Process:

Development 1	11th November	4:30-6:00pm	Caloundra Stadium
Development 2	18th November	4:30-6:00pm	Caloundra Stadium
Trial 1	1st December	4.30-6.00pm	Caloundra Stadium
Squad Announcements	27th November	Email sent to players regarding squad selection	
Squad Training / Final Trial	13th February 2027	8:30am to 10am	Caloundra Netball Courts
Team Announcements	24th February 2027	Email sent to players regarding team selection	

Development & Trials are $35.00

- There will be two (2) development sessions prior to trials.
- At the trials there will be the coaches and an independent selector.
- The development sessions will assist our male players refine their skills, build confidence and gain valuable experience with representative-level coaching in preparation for the representative trials.
- Players will trial in their two (2) preferred positions but may also play in other positions to help accommodate the number of players trialling. This will be noted (playing out of position) to the selectors trial sheets.
- Junior Boys squad announcement 27th November 2026 and Teams will be announced on the 24th February 2027
- Players selected to the team will then train as a team on dates and times TBC with coaches
- Official training will begin 13th April 2027. Prior to this date Coaches will communicate any additional training.

You will receive an email on 24th February 2027 if you are successful in making the 2027 Junior Boys team. 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 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 & Final Trial will be February 13th, 2027.
- This session will run for 1 ½ hours.

Training after Team Announcements will be confirmed by the Coach.

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.

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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. (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
- Bus travel during State Age
- All meals during State Age at courts
- Physiotherapy support at State Age
- Umpire costs for carnivals and State Age
- 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, AND SOCKS ARE TO BE WORN

Training Uniform - Compulsory

- Training singlet
- **Black shorts- NO pockets or logos**
- CDNA hoodie or jacket
- **CDNA backpack** (best ordered as soon as teams are announced)

Carnivals & State Age (Compulsory Items)

- CDNA Boys playing Singlet (hire)
- CDNA socks – NEW STYLE
- CDNA jacket – NEW STYLE
- Black shorts – NO pockets or logos
- CDNA bucket hat
- Travel shirt
- CDNA backpack

Optional Items

- CDNA hoodie

COMPULSORY ITEMS	
ITEM	**COST**
Singlet Hire	$70 ($40 returned)
Travel Shirt	$45
Training Singlet	$45
Socks (short & crew)	$15
Jackets	$95
Backpack	$96 (includes initials)
Bucket Hat	$32
NON COMPULSORY ITEMS	
ITEM	**COST**
Hoodie	$75

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. Our aim is to attend 2-3 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).

What to Expect at State Age:

State Age is a two-day netball event for our Junior Boys, with teams potentially playing up to 15 games throughout the tournament. Each game consists of two 8-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.*