



# Gold Coast Cyclones Eligibility Criteria 2021

## U12' (Development), U13's, U14's and U16's

Thank you for your interest in trialling for the Gold Coast Cyclones, U12 (development), U13, U14 or U16 age groups to contest at the State Championships in Toowoomba on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

The following are the rules around eligibility of players in 2021 and form part of the Eligibility Criteria in 2021.

1. Players must be fully registered to a Gold Coast club.
2. Players must have played and continue to play for their respective team prior to the trial day and throughout the 6 week training period. The GCDRU will be monitoring players during this period and ensuring they are continuing to be on team sheets and playing for their clubs in the Saturday competition. The GCDRU have, at its sole discretion, the ability to remove players from the Cyclones Squad and Team if they do not comply with this condition.
3. Age Grades and ages of players –

U12's – Players born in 2009 and 2010 – turning/turned 11 or 12 in 2021

U13's – Players born in 2009 and 2008 – turning/turned 12 or 13 in 2021

U14's – Players born in 2008 and 2007 – turning/turned 13 or 14 in 2021

U16's – Players born in 2006 and 2005 – turning/turned 15 or 16 in 2021

4. Dispensated Players in 2021 –

Dispensated Down an Age Grade during the 2021 season - Ineligible for Cyclones consideration for any age grade.

Dispensated Up two Age Levels during the 2021 season – Due to the nature and strength of the State Championship competition, Players who are dispensated up two age levels in the regular club competition are deemed eligible to compete at the State Championships in their actual age grade – example – a player dispensated from U16's to U18's at Club Level, is eligible to trial for their actual age group being U16's.

Non Dispensated Players playing up one year at Club Level –

Players playing up at Club level are still eligible to trial for their actual age group. For example, an U12 player is Playing U13 at their club, they are eligible to trial for U12 Cyclones however no player can trial for more than one age grade

5. Mandatory Size for Age Dispensations -

Mandatory Age for Size dispensated players can only trial for the Age grade that they have been dispensated for. Example – a 12yo player has been identified to be outside the Size for Age guidelines, assessed and compulsorily moved to the U13 age grade can only trial for the U13 age grade Cyclones.

Players only get one chance to trial and if not selected for the age group they are trialling for, will not be considered for any other age group.

Disclaimer – The GCDRU understand that there are always exceptions to the rules regarding players and player eligibility. All requests for player dispensations to different age grades other than their own, is on a case by case basis and is at the sole discretion of the Cyclones Committee and GCDRU Board for approval and that the decision is final.

