



This document consolidates the Club's representative football policies outside the Winter Competition for ease of access. Each tournament operates independently and has its own selection process.

JF Cup

The Sydney Rangers FC JF Cup squad represents the club at an event held in memory of Justin Fashanu, the first openly gay male professional footballer in a top league. The squad will be selected through a transparent draw to ensure fairness and broad representation across the club. Players may nominate if they are committed to travelling to the host city and attending pre-tournament training.

Squad composition

- Three defenders and three attackers drawn from A & B squads (aged 34 and under). These squads represent our highest all-age winter competition level, ensuring competitiveness of the team.
- Two defenders and two attackers drawn from C, D & E squads (aged 34 and under), ensuring club-wide representation across all all-age teams.
- Two defenders and two attackers drawn from players aged 35+ (from any squad). The 35+ category aligns with O35 eligibility and ensures older players in open-age squads do not take opportunities from younger players.
- Goalkeeper - coach's selection from those who nominate, as this is a specialist 90-minute position.
- Wild card - coach's selection from those who nominate, to address any positional gaps created by the draw.

Positions

For the purposes of the draw, defensive midfielders are included as defenders, and attacking midfielders/wingers as attackers. This keeps the draw simple and avoids the complexity of selecting for every specific position.

Training requirement

All selected players must attend at least 3 of the 4 scheduled training sessions. This requirement already accounts for unavoidable absences. Players who do not meet it will be replaced by reserve players in the order they were drawn, to ensure the squad has the best preparation possible



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This Policy outlines the framework for the selection, preparation, and management of the Sydney Rangers FC Australia Cup squad. This Policy ensures that representation in the Australia Cup is based on commitment, availability, and performance, and that the Club fields a team that upholds the values, reputation, and competitive standards of Sydney Rangers FC.

All players registering for grading will be invited to express their interest in being considered for the Australia Cup squad. Only players who formally express interest during the grading registration process will be eligible for selection. By expressing interest, players acknowledge and accept the requirements and obligations set out in this Policy.

Squad Selection and Eligibility

The Club Board will appoint the Australia Cup coach. The coach will not be a playing member of the Australia Cup squad. The appointed coach will be responsible for:

- Squad Selection in consultation with the Board
- Conducting all Australia Cup training sessions.
- Preparing the squad for competition.
- Managing the team on match day.

The Board may appoint assistant coaches or support staff as required.

Selection and participation in the Australia Cup squad shall be governed by the following principles:

- Commitment - Selection is earned through demonstrated willingness to participate fully in required training and preparation.
- Merit and Readiness - Selection is based on performance, fitness, attitude, and suitability for the competition.
- Transparency - Processes for nomination, selection, and squad management are clearly defined and consistently applied.
- Club Representation - The squad represents the Club as a whole; selection is not automatically linked to any internal squad (A, B, C, etc.).
- Governance Oversight - The Board retains ultimate authority over coaching appointments and squad selection to ensure alignment with Club values and strategic objectives.

To be eligible for selection, a player must:

- Be a registered player of Sydney Rangers FC for the relevant season.
- Have expressed interest during the grading registration process.
- Commit to attending all Tuesday night Australia Cup training sessions held in February, subject to a minimum attendance requirement determined by the Board (e.g., three of four sessions).
- Be available for the scheduled match day(s).
- Agree to abide by all Club policies, codes of conduct, and directives issued by the appointed coach and the Board.
- Not carrying any suspension(s) from a previous season



Squad Structure

The appointed coach in consultation with the Club Board will select:

- The 40-player training squad
- The 18-player match day squad
- The starting eleven for each match

All selection decisions are final and are made in the best interests of the Club. The Coach may replace players who fail to meet attendance, fitness, or conduct requirements.

The training squad will be selected from the pool of eligible players who have expressed interest.

Selection will consider:

- Commitment to training
- Fitness and readiness
- Positional balance
- Attitude and contribution to Club culture

The match day squad will be selected from the training squad based on:

- Attendance and performance during February training sessions
- Tactical requirements
- Fitness and availability

The starting eleven will be selected by the appointed based on tactical considerations, performance, and readiness.

Training Requirements

All members of the training squad must attend the designated weeknight Australia Cup training sessions throughout February. Failure to meet the minimum attendance requirement may result in removal from the training squad.

Should the Club progress to subsequent rounds of the Australia Cup, one training session prior to each game will be dedicated to the Australia Cup squad for the duration of the Club's participation.

Conduct and Expectations

All players selected in the training squad or match day squad must uphold the standards of behaviour expected of Sydney Rangers FC members. Any breach of the Club's Code of Conduct or failure to comply with coaching or Board directives may result in removal from the squad. Players must represent the Club with professionalism, respect, and integrity at all times.

Communication of Selections

The Board will publish the training squad and match day squad to the membership through official Club communication channels. The Club will provide a general explanation of the selection process but will not provide individualised feedback or justification for selection or non-selection.



International Tournaments

Sydney Rangers FC welcomes all current registered and former players to nominate for international tournament squads. In the event of capacity constraints, priority will be given to current playing members. All participants are responsible for arranging their own travel to the host city or country and covering all expenses associated with the tournament, including registration fees, travel, and accommodation costs. Players representing the Club internationally are expected to uphold the Club's values, maintain positive conduct, and contribute to an inclusive and supportive team environment throughout the tournament.

Where player numbers allow for multiple squads, the Club Board will determine whether teams are formed on a balanced basis or graded by competitive strength to participate in different divisions. This decision will be guided by the Club's commitment to ensuring that all travelling players have an enjoyable and meaningful experience, and that no individual or group's enjoyment comes at the expense of others who have committed significant time and resources to participate. At its discretion, the Board may consult participating players regarding the grading of teams and may appoint a committee to carry out the grading process.

This Policy may be reviewed and amended by the Club Board at any time to ensure alignment with Club objectives, competition requirements, and best practice governance standards.