



Sutherland Sharks Football Club Nursery Local Player Only Policy

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Introduction

Sutherland Sharks Football Club (SSFC) has been licenced by Football NSW to conduct Nursery programs for elite level football for children aged between Under 9 and Under 12 years. As such, SSFC have applied a zero tolerance to out of areas players being eligible for selection to positions within these age groups.

Policy Purpose

The policy is intended to ensure the junior football talent breeding within the Sutherland Shire geographical boundaries is afforded every possible opportunity to avail itself of elite football playing, coaching and competition.

Policy

The age groups of Under 9 through Under 12 will only be eligible with proof of residency for an address within the geographical boundaries of the Sutherland Shire.

Age constraints are placed that any player turning the age of the age group during the calendar year spanning 1 January to 31 December will be deemed eligible for their respective age group.

For example: a player born on 9 January 2003 will be eligible for the Under 10 age group in 2013.

No person or persons residing externally to the boundaries of the Sutherland Local Government Area will be deemed eligible for selection in the SSFC Nursery programs and or Under 12 in the Premier Youth playing structure. SSFC will not apply a radius external to the Sutherland LGA boundaries that assumes players living close to the LGA border can be deemed exempt.

The present licencing agreement requires boys and girls to participate in the program. The licencing agreement is established by Football NSW, as such, SSFC will apply the current restrictions placed upon its licence annually to prevail over this policy.

Eligibility

Any player selected in the Under 9, Under 10, Under 11 or Under 12 age groups will be required to provide proof of residency in the first term of selection. Persons moving outside the boundaries of the Sutherland Shire during a player's tenure will be ineligible for these age groups in the ensuing Outdoor seasons where residency is not current.

Falsification of residency will result in immediate expulsion from the program. Expulsion will include the forfeiting of all fees paid to that date, and incur the requirement to remit all fees to SSFC prior to being deemed eligible to play for another club within the Skills Acquisition Program or the Premier Youth system.

From Under 13 upwards, in the present system, players from outside the Sutherland Shire are permitted to trial for the Premier Youth. This policy position may be subject to revision in the future where sufficient quality playing stock is established from within the boundaries of the Sutherland Shire LGA..