



## **Sutherland Sharks FC Trial Policy & Procedures**

The following document outlines both the procedures that are followed during the clubs trial process and also the policies behind it. The goal of the Sutherland Sharks FC is to have a transparent, clear and fair trial process where all attending players are given the same opportunity in being selected for one of our representative teams.

- A) All trial dates, locations and times will be advertised no less than one month in advance of dates to be held. Trials will be advertised on all Sharks media
  - a. [www.sutherlandsharksfc.com.au](http://www.sutherlandsharksfc.com.au)
  - b. Facebook
  - c. Twitter
  
- B) All trialling players must complete and submit an application of trial. This form must be completed in full before stepping on the field and participating in any trial.
  
- C) The trial process will be either or both a skills based test and small sided games.
  - a. Players will be broken into small teams at point of registration.
  - b. There is no set team allocations, teams will be selected at random either based on time of registration or by alphabetical order. (this is done to reduce numbers of players pre selecting teams)
  - c. Players will be allocated coloured bibs to signify team allocations.
  - d. All players will be allocated an ID number that remains with them during every trial so that each player can be clearly identified during each session.
  - e. During the small sided games players may be moved between teams by the selectors to challenge the player with others at more comparable or greater skill level.
  
- D) The number of selectors will be based on the number of registered player's trialling. At all times a minimum of 3 selectors will be on the field at any time. Selectors can consist of current Sutherland Sharks coaching staff the Youth Technical Director and Committee members.
  
- E) For any player to be selected must be a unanimous decision between the selectors with majority rule. In the case that a decision cannot be reached the deciding vote will be made by the club president.
  
- F) At any time during the trial process a player maybe offered a position within the club after the above (E) has been agreed upon.
  - a. At that time the player/parent will be requested to fill in a registration form and pay a \$100 registration deposit.
  - b. Both player and parent will be requested to sign a Sutherland Sharks player/parent agreement form.

- G) If the selected player does not wish to register at that time the position will not be kept vacant. If another player is found before acceptance is made then that player may miss out if no further positions are available.
- H) If the selected player chooses to register with another club the deposit will not be refunded.
- I) Sutherland Sharks FC retains a number of players at the end of each premier league season. These selected players must still participate in all trials to maintain their letters of retention. Any player that has received such retainer and does appear for any trial can have his selection withdrawn.
- J) Any player that has been offered a position and signed a registration with the club that chooses to continue to trial with alternate clubs during the trial process can have their offer revoked by the club.
- K) If in the case an offer is revoked at any time by the Sutherland Sharks FC the registration deposit will be refunded.
- L) The Sutherland Sharks FC can withdraw a retention letter or offer of registration at any time and if any of the above criteria is not met. Any retraction of offers made by club will be submitted to and reviewed by the Sutherland Sharks committee.

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