

Baseball NSW Australian Youth Championship (AYC) Eligibility Policy

1. Purpose

This policy outlines the eligibility criteria for players seeking to trial for Baseball NSW Australian Youth Championship (AYC) teams.

2. Age Eligibility

- **U16:** Players must be 15 years old or under as of 31 December of the year preceding the tournament.
- **U18:** Players must be 17 years old or under as of 31 December of the year preceding the tournament.

3. Eligibility Criteria for Metro and Country Trials

A player's residential address listed in the Game Day Passport determines their eligibility to trial for a specific AYC team.

- **3.1 Metro Eligibility**
Players residing within the published Metro Associations are eligible to trial for Metro AYC teams.
- **3.2 Country Eligibility**
Players residing within the published Country Associations are eligible to trial for Country AYC teams.

4. Metro Player Secondment

Metro-based players not selected for the NSW Metro U16 or U18 AYC teams may be seconded as friendship players to Country NSW or other State AYC teams, subject to availability and approval by BNSW.

Note: Country NSW teams have priority access to unselected Metro players. Seconded players may be recalled to Metro up to four weeks before the tournament.

5. Recognised Associations for AYC U16/U18 Trials

Metro Associations	Cronulla Greater Western Hills	Macarthur Manly Ryde
Country Associations	Central Coast Coffs Harbour Far North Coast Hastings Illawarra	Newcastle Northern Rivers Tamworth Shoalhaven Wagga Wagga

Note – Residents of the ACT are excluded from both Metro & Country AYC 16/18 trials.

6. Review and Endorsements

This policy is subject to periodic review.

The Board of Management of Baseball NSW endorsed this policy in May 2025.