



CRICKET  
VICTORIA

COMMONWEALTH BANK  
CRICKET PATHWAY PROGRAM

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## 1. What is the Commonwealth Bank Cricket Pathway Program?

The Commonwealth Bank Cricket Pathway Program consists of a series of programs and competitions for talented male and female cricketers starting at Under 13 and moving through to senior cricket. It allows players, parents, coaches and administrators to understand the road from junior cricket through to representing Australia.

Victoria is divided into 16 regions, eight metropolitan based and eight country based. All regions are represented in every age group meaning players can participate in pathway programs irrespective of where in Victoria they live. It takes into account male and female cricketers and leads into Victorian selection for the National Championships at U15, U17 and U19 age groups.

The development of young cricketers from across the State underpins a strategic aim of Cricket Victoria to "make Victoria the most successful State in interstate competition and in developing Australian representatives". A snapshot of the following Victorian players who have in recent times been involved in the Commonwealth Bank Cricket Pathway Program:

Jon Holland, Michael Hill, Aaron Finch, Cameron White, Peter Siddle, James Pattinson, Meg Lanning, Elyse Villani, Renee Melton and Jess Cameron.

## 2. In Partnership with the Commonwealth Bank

A note from Richard Porter - Commonwealth Bank Regional General Manager - Melbourne Region.

Our partnership with Cricket Victoria has encouraged the growth of local cricket for young people across the community in Victoria. The program owes so much to the Regional Cricket Managers who have brought their expertise and fun to the program for thousands of young players over many years. It is a testament to them that the program continues to grow and also attract the support of many parents who all help to make the season competitions such a success year after year.

## 3. What are the Five Objectives of the Commonwealth Bank Cricket Pathway Program?

1. Deliver a state-wide cricket development program for young male and female cricketers.
2. Promote Premier cricket to players and families as the stepping stone to State and State U23 Futures League representation.
3. Identify talented cricketers (male and female) for progression to CV Premier Competitions and Victorian underage teams.
4. Provide access to coaching and facilities by CV's Regional Cricket Managers with strong connections to Premier cricket clubs, other Game Development staff and High Performance Coaches.
5. Ensure players, parents, coaches and administrators are aware of the road from junior cricket right through to representing Australia.

## 4. What is the process for a young player to be selected in a team for the State Championships?

- Leading into the cricket season, each region will invite players to 'trial' for the regional team – the process differs slightly from country to metro however the role of the local Association in promoting their best junior players to these squads is vital in ensuring the best players are invited.
- Following the trial process (which will generally involve indoor training and outdoor trial matches), each of the 16 regions select teams of 13 to represent their region in the State Championships. Players who miss out on selection have the opportunity to represent their association in a different January competition; the Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union (VMCU), the Victorian Country Cricket League (VCCL) and the Victorian Sub-District Cricket Association (VSDCA) all conduct underage competitions which feed into the Commonwealth Bank Cricket Pathway Program.
- At each age group, the selected teams make up the best 208 players in the State – and all 208 players will play off against each other in the State Championships which consist of five days (plus a final) in the male competition and three days (plus a final) in the female competition.
- During the State Championships, Cricket Victoria staff will be involved in the process of selecting initial squads for the underage Victoria teams. Post Championships, these players will be invited to the winter training program for the underage State team.

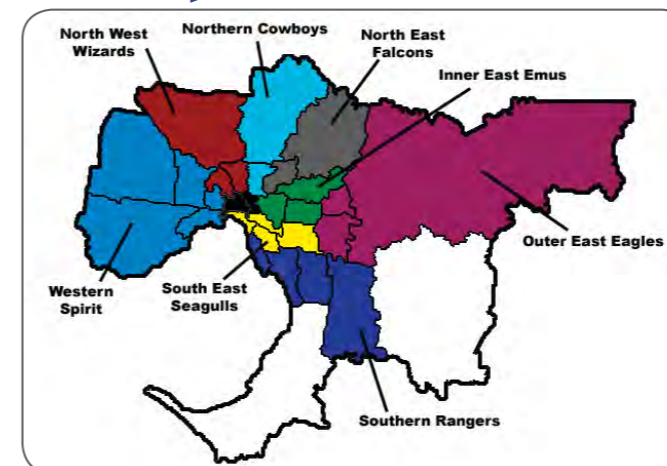
## 5. How am I eligible to play for a region?

- There is a distinguishing eligibility factor between country and metro regions. Within the eight metropolitan regions players' alignment to a region is via where they live (home address). Within the eight country regions a players' alignment to a region is via the cricket association they participate in at a community cricket club level.

Below is a diagram stating the difference in region eligibility:

### METRO PATHWAY

Player → Address



### COUNTRY PATHWAY

Player → VCCL Association



- In the occasional situation where a player is on a metropolitan / country region border or is attending boarding school, a process is followed internally at Cricket Victoria. If your son or daughter is in this type of situation please contact Cricket Victoria on 9653 1100 or visit the website at [www.cricketvictoria.com.au](http://www.cricketvictoria.com.au).

## 6. Future Opportunities via the Commonwealth Bank Cricket Pathway Program

- Once the State Championships have been completed, a number of Premier Clubs will invite players to be involved in their pre-season training program or if appropriate invite a player to attend their development squad. There is no 'zoning' of Pathway players to Premier Clubs – a player is free to play for any of the 18 Premier Clubs.
- However, once you have played for a Club, this 'ties' you to that Club. You then must apply for a clearance if you wish to move to a different Premier Club.
- The High Performance program at Cricket Victoria includes the Cricket Victoria Academy which focuses on further development of our underage Victoria representatives and the development of players who have performed well in Premier Cricket.

## 7. Changes to Region Boundaries in 2011/12

Beginning in the 2011/12 season, some metropolitan region boundaries will adjust slightly, as a result of Melbourne's change in population over the past 10 years. The boundary changes are inclusive of all club and community cricket, as well as a player's Pathway region eligibility. Specific information will be communicated to the regions affected, however if you have any questions relating to region boundaries please contact Cricket Victoria on 9653 1100.





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