



SACA State Academy Application Process

Information for Prospective Cricketers

Successful applicants will be provided with an opportunity to prepare and progress to a higher level of cricket.

The aim is for players to successfully transition from Youth Pathways & Premier cricket into First Class cricket and to contribute to South Australia winning games of First Class & List A cricket.

Ultimately the success of this program will be driven by the players desire to succeed at the next level.

Five key elements will combine to underpin the fundamentals of the SACA State Pathway Academy program.

Technical	Access to private 1 on 1 and/or small group coaching sessions
Tactical	Access to a mentor coach who can assist the player become better equipped at understanding the nuances of the game and how they can become First Class players who can contribute to team success
Physical	Access to a suite of Sports Science / Sports Medicine programs such as Strength & Conditioning, Physiotherapy & Dietary
Psychological	Access to Performance Psychology support
Play	Various playing opportunities in challenging conditions throughout the year. *Selection in any games is derived from Premier Cricket performances

Selection Criteria

The selection of players into the SACA State Academy program considers the following criteria:

1. A maximum of ten (10) players are to be selected.
2. To be eligible for selection in the SACA State Academy, players are required to be of the equivalent age as a State Rookie contracted player (as mandated by Cricket Australia). For example, as of 30/06/2026 an eligible player must be under 23 years of age.
3. Selected players must be able to demonstrate performance and character traits required to enable them to have the best chance of developing into future first-class players capable of contributing to South Australia winning games of cricket.

Players are expected to.

- ✓ Demonstrate a willingness, desire, and commitment to develop their own skills and knowledge of the game.
- ✓ Provide a positive role model for others in their approach to learning and behaviour on and off the field.

Application Process:

1.	Complete the SACA State Academy application form (see below)
2.	Provide a written reference from a cricket coach who is familiar with you and/or has coached you. (The player)
3.	Provide ID and proof of Date of Birth (DOB)
4.	Submit your application form, reference, and relevant ID prior to the due date (Friday 15 May 2026) via email to John Palmer at jpalmer@saca.com.au
5.	Applications will be reviewed, and successful applicants (only) will be contacted by SACA Cricket Department staff prior to COB on Friday 22 May 2026
6.	Players who have applied and have not been selected in the SACA Academy can seek feedback by contacting the SACA Head of Development (John Palmer) directly should they wish
7.	Induction: 15 June 2024 (TBC)
8.	Skills & S&C Program Commences: Monday 15 June 2026 (TBC)
9.	India Tour (if selected) Commences 18-30 July 2026 (TBC)
10.	Further in-season training and playing program: (TBC)



SACA State Academy Application Form

Given Name	
Surname	
Date of Birth	
Gender	
Street Address	
Suburb	
Postcode	
Email	
Phone	
Current School	
Current University	
Current Work	
Allergies	
Current Club	
Parent/Guardian (Emergency Contact)	
Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email	

- ✓ I understand that by signing this document and declaration that this constitutes my full commitment to being involved in the SACA State Academy program should my application be successful.
- ✓ I declare that the information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and complete. I recognise that, should statements in this application prove to be false or misleading, any decision made as a result of this application may be reversed.

Signed by:

Print Name:

Date:

In the presence of (witness)

Print Name:

Date: