



2025 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT REPORT



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GIRLS PLAYER DEVELOPMENT 2025

GIRLS PLAYER TALENT SUPPORT PROGRAM (TSP)

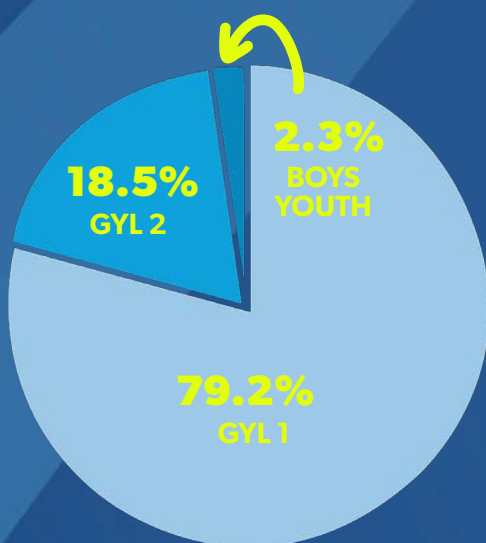
The Girls Talent Support Program (TSP) continued to deliver genuine best-versus-best opportunities for Football NSW's most promising players. The program evolved with the involvement of A League Academies Western Sydney Wanderers and Central Coast Mariners. The program catered to 2009, 2010 and 2011 born players.

Twenty-four NPL Youth clubs were represented within the program, with players selected from Girls Youth Leagues 1 and 2 as well as a handful of players who were identified playing in the boys competitions. This reflects the inclusive nature of the Football NSW talent pathway and highlights the 119 club visits conducted during the 2025 season.

Player engagement increased significantly, with 117 total contacts recorded across the year. These included regular Tuesday night fixtures, tournament matches, and special events including a Football Queensland tournament for 2011s.

Football NSW TSP coaches also expanded their talent identification efforts, with close 500 new player assessments completed this season.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS



PLAYERS INVOLVED



494

Player Assessments



1,311

Assesments (3 yr)



119

Club matchday visits



117

Additional games for TSP players



FUTURE SAPPHIRES PROGRAM (FSP)

The inaugural year of the Future Sapphires Program was a huge success, marking an exciting new chapter in the development of emerging female football talent to complement Club Youth programs. The program proudly featured 2009, 2010 and 2011 born players representing nine NPL clubs and one association club, reflecting the depth and diversity of talent across the state. The program prominently focussed on improving and developing the technical profile of our players. With a total of 140 training sessions and 16 high level matches against boys teams, we achieved an increased number of high-level contacts for this talented group of players.

Strong and reliable communication with clubs was a key pillar of the program’s success, supported by detailed club reports that ensured alignment and transparency throughout the program.

A total of 20 players were identified for national team selection, emphasising the program’s effectiveness in assisting our players prepare for the next level in collaboration with their Club Youth program. With a strong technical focus, competitive matches against boys’ teams, and engaging educational workshops, the Future Sapphires Program provided a holistic development environment that not only enhanced on-field performances but also fostered personal growth and resilience.



48

Players



16

High Level matches



140

Training sessions



20

Selected in national team involvement



EMERGING MATILDAS CHAMPIONSHIPS

State Team Achievements

The Football NSW Girls State Teams achieved outstanding results at the Emerging Matildas Championships. We were afforded the opportunity to send two metropolitan teams in the Under 15s (2020/2011) and maintained sending one team in the Under 16s (2009). All three teams achieved strong finishes, with the Under 15s Navy securing third place, Under 16s finishing as runners up and Under 15s Sky lifting the championship trophy. A total of 12 clubs were represented across the three teams.



U15 CHAMPIONS

Football NSW
Under 15's Sky



U15 PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT

Mary Dal Broi



U15 GRAND FINAL MVP

Jada Taylor



U15 TOP GOAL SCORERS

Madena Moussa
Jada Taylor

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT OUTCOMES

The Football NSW Girls Talented Player Pathway (TPP) programs continue to demonstrate strong alignment with the national player pathway. A total of 44 players who graduated from TPP programs moved into the A League Academy environment this season from the 2009, 2010 and 2011 age groups. There were a total of 65 players afforded the opportunity across metropolitan and regional. A further 24 players were identified for the Junior Matildas for both camps and tournaments in 2025. Of the 23-player squad selected to represent the Junior Matildas at the AFC U17 Women's Asian Cup Qualifiers, 13 were from Football NSW equating to 56.5% representation.

Without our TPP programs, many of these players may not have been identified for such opportunities. Our programs not only identify but actively prepares players for these environments, ensuring they possess the technical, tactical, and psychological foundations required to succeed. These outcomes reflect the program's effectiveness in bridging the gap between state, professional, and international football.



44

Player from TPP
to APL



56.5%

National team
representative



TALENT DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (TDS)

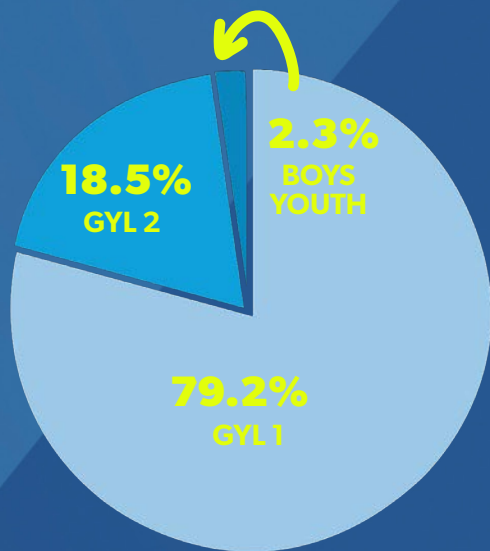
Football Australia redesigned the Talent Development Scheme (TDS) in 2025 to a two-day event including training sessions, workshops and a high-level match. One TDS event was delivered in 2025 for 2009 and 2010 born players specifically targeting the Junior Matildas age groups. The redesigned program allows for coaches within our talented player pathway programs to work alongside national team staff.

TECHNICAL LEADERSHIP

Continuing from 2024, an Emerging Matildas Championships Technical Report was developed, and it was delivered to stakeholders at the 2025 Football NSW Coaching Conference. It is a shared resource with Technical Directors across the state to provide technical leadership and insight to Football NSW clubs and the broader player development landscape. This initiative ensures that knowledge gained through national-level competition provides our stakeholders with pertinent development information and data to enhance local development practices.



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Football NSW Under 15's Sky



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BOYS PLAYER DEVELOPMENT 2025

TALENT SUPPORT PROGRAM (TSP)

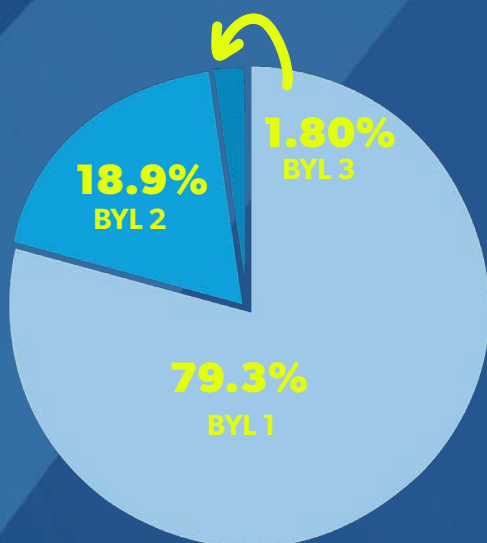
The Boys Talent Support Program (TSP) continued to evolve in 2025 with a refined focus on delivering genuine best-versus-best opportunities for Football NSW's most promising players. The program was streamlined from approximately 90 players and five teams to 54 players and three teams in each age group, currently featuring 2011 and 2010-born players. This adjustment ensured a higher standard of competition and greater individual development opportunities.

A key factor in the program restructure was the increase in match duration from 50-minute games to 70-minute games, providing players with more meaningful football experiences and greater exposure to best-versus-best environments. Nineteen NPL Youth clubs were represented within the program, with players selected from Youth Leagues 1, 2, and 3, reflecting the inclusive nature of the Football NSW talent pathway.

Player engagement increased significantly, with 182 total contacts recorded across the year. These included regular Tuesday night fixtures, tournament matches, and special events such as the inaugural A-Leagues/TSP Tournament at Valentine Sports Park in December, which featured Melbourne City, Melbourne Victory, Western Sydney Wanderers, Sydney FC, Macarthur Bulls Academy, and a TSP Select team. Additional fixtures, including a match against the New Zealand Schoolboys in April, further enhanced player development and exposure.

Football NSW TSP coaches also expanded their talent identification efforts, with over 3,500 player assessments now housed in the scouting database and 91 match-day assessments conducted across all Youth League clubs.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS



PLAYERS INVOLVED



947

Player Assessments



3,612

Assessments (3 yr)



91

Club matchday visits



182+

Additional games for TSP players

TALENT DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (TDS)

In collaboration with Football Australia, four Talent Development Scheme (TDS) matches were delivered for players born between 2007 and 2009, providing key opportunities for potential selection in the Joeys and Young Socceroos. These events also included coach development workshops, enabling national team staff to share knowledge and strengthen the broader Football NSW coaching community.

STATE TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

The Football NSW Boys State Teams achieved outstanding results at the Emerging Socceroos Championships, fielding two teams each in the 2009 and 2010 age groups. With 12 clubs represented, Football NSW secured first and third place in the 2009s and third and sixth place in the 2010s.





EMERGING SOCCEROOS CHAMPIONSHIPS



CHAMPIONS

Football NSW
2009 Sky Team



2010 PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT

Josef Sikora



2009 PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT

Aston Reid



2009 GOALKEEPER OF THE TOURNAMENT

Lachlan Allen



2009 GRAND FINAL MVP

Emile Katrib



2009 TOP GOALSCORER

Orson Conroy



2009 COACH OF THE TOURNAMENT

Drew Taylor

PLAYERS DEVELOPMENT OUTCOMES

The Football NSW Boys Talent Support Program continues to demonstrate strong alignment with the national player pathway. To date, 155 players who have participated in the program have transitioned to A-League academies. Approximately 35 former TSP players have progressed to A-League Men's competition, while a further 30 have represented Australia at junior national team level, including the Under-23, Under-20, and Under-17 squads.

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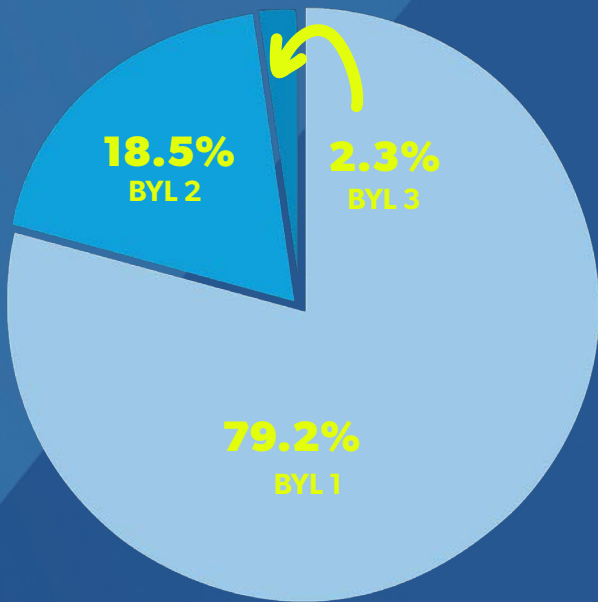


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National
Team Representation



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REGIONAL PLAYER DEVELOPMENT 2025

TALENT SUPPORT PROGRAM (TSP)

The Talent Support Program (TSP) Regional had an increased focus on lifting the games that players within TSP Regional were involved in, in addition to the training sessions in the Hubs. More matches with combined Hubs were achieved in 2025. Players were then selected for TSP Regional Squads in both girls and boys to participate in the Football NSW Elite Game Days at VSP each term. Of note, there was 16 TSP Regional Game Days and a further 18 Matches with the Hubs for 2025. There was an additional 58 games for TSP Regional Squads at FNSW TSP Game Days across boys and girls. In 2025, there were 240 players involved in TSP Regional.

Football NSW TSP coaches were also present in watching Regional BYL/GYL matches, local association fixtures and also tournaments such as Bathurst Cup, Proctor Park Challenge and the Country Cup.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS



241

Players



57

Training sessions



18

Matches





25

Emerging
Championships
Games



Emerging Matildas
Championships

**PHOEBE
GORDON**

Under 15s Top Goal Scorer



58

Additional
Tournament Games

COUNTRY STATE TEAM

The Football NSW Country State Teams were competitive at the Emerging Championships, fielding a team each in the 2009 and 2010 age groups across boys and girls. This pathway provides an avenue for regional players and coaches, to compete against the best in Australia to challenge their development. The Country State Teams finished 15th in 15 Boys, 14th in 16 Boys and 9th in 15 Girls, 11th in 16 Girls. Phoebe Gordon from NSW Country 16 Girls was the Golden Boot of the Emerging Matildas Championships.



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FOOTBALL
NSW