



SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

COMPETITION PATHWAY AND PROGRESSIONS

THE RATIONALE

As per the Rogers Report on the 'Review of the Structure of School Sport in Victoria', rules and guidelines must provide the opportunity for all Victorian schools from all sectors to participate in all aspects of the primary and secondary school sport program and must be equitable for country students and schools.

Any school team or individual student from anywhere in Victoria should be able to progress through the competition pathway, providing they meet all other rules and conditions of competition, to reach the State Championships. This policy relates to interschool sport competitions only

THE POLICY

School Sport Victoria (SSV) provides a competition pathway for Full and Associate member schools and individuals from Full and Associate member schools to participate in a competition structure that has a defined pathway across Victoria.

This Policy is to be read and implemented in conjunction with the SSV General Conditions of Competition and relevant Sport Specific Rules.

For Primary Schools, the Competition Pathway is:

District → Division → Region → State

For Secondary Schools, the Competition Pathway is:

Division → Region → State

School Teams and individuals must compete at each level of competition to reach the State Championships. Teams or individuals may only miss a level of competition if an invitation is granted having met the Invitation Policy Criteria or have been advanced as part of the Appeals and Grievances Policy.

APPENDIX A: PROGRESSION THROUGH THE SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA COMPETITION PATHWAY

Progression through the SSV Competition Pathway described above is by the number(s) determined by the SSV Operations Team, ratified by the SSV Chief Executive Officer. This is reviewed each year and updated Progression Numbers will be circulated to all member schools.

The Progression Numbers can be found in Appendix A. Where some flexibility exists for Primary Districts and Secondary Division to determine their own progression numbers, a suggested number is provided for their information.

Multi Class students in mainstream schools must follow the same pathways and progressions as their able body peers.

For levels above Primary District and Secondary Division, numbers can only be varied by the SSV Operations Manager or a meeting of the SSV Operations Team.

APPENDIX B: PROGRESSION THROUGH THE SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA COMPETITION PATHWAY FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING SPECIALISED SCHOOLS

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The Progression Numbers can be found in Appendix B, however, flexibility exists for more students to be invited to attend higher levels of competition. Invitations are determined by the SSV Operations Manager or a meeting of the SSV Operations Team.

CHANGES TO THE COMPETITION PATHWAY OR PROGRESSIONS

Changes to the Competition Pathway or Progression Numbers can be proposed by:

1. SSV Operations Team
2. Any Region

Proposed changes must be received by the SSV Operations Manager no later than 30 June

These proposed changes will be presented to the August Region Forum for voting. For a change to be implemented there must be:

1. Three quarters (3/4) of the number of Regions in favour of the change
2. Approved by the SSV Chief Executive Officer

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This policy reflects current practice.
2. The policy can be found on the SSV website
3. All schools and all coordinators will be notified of any changes via the SSV website, Social Media and the SSV eNews

ENDORSEMENT

This policy was endorsed by the School Sport Victoria Chief Executive Officer in **January 2023**

REVIEW

This policy is to be reviewed yearly.

APPENDIX A: PROGRESSION NUMBERS:

PRIMARY				
G = GIRLS		BM = BOYS/MIXED		
SPORT	DISTRICT TO DIVISION	DIVISION TO REGION	REGION TO STATE QUARTER/SEMI FINALS	STATE QUARTER/SEMI FINALS/REGION TO STATE
AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL	1G 1BM	1G 1BM	1G 1BM	1G 1BM
BADMINTON	NA	NA	NA	NA
BASEBALL	NA	NA	NA	NA
BASKETBALL	1G 1BM	1G 1BM	NA	1G 1BM
BOWLS	NA	Division competitions, if held, conducted by Bowls Victoria	NA	1 Team of 12 players per Region Region competitions and State Championships conducted by Bowls Victoria
CRICKET	1G 1BM	1G 1BM	NA	1G 1BM
FOOTBALL (SOCCER)	1G 1BM	1G 1BM	NA	1G 1BM
HOCKEY	1G 1BM	1G 1BM	NA	1G 1BM
NETBALL	1G 1BM	1G 1BM	NA	1G 1BM
RUGBY LEAGUE	NA	NA	Conducted by VRL	Conducted by VRL
SOFTBALL	1G 1BM	1G 1BM	NA	1G 1BM
TABLE TENNIS	NA	NA	NA	NA
TEE BALL	1G 1BM	1G 1BM	NA	1G 1BM
TENNIS TEAMS	1G 1BM	1G 1BM		1G 1BM State Championships conducted by Tennis Victoria
VOLLEYBALL	1G 1BM	1G 1BM	NA	1G 1BM
SPORTS DELIVERED BY STATE SPORTING ORGANISATIONS				
CYCLING	NA	NA	NA	NA
GYMNASTICS	NA	NA	NA	NA
ROWING	NA	NA	NA	NA
RACQUETBALL	NA	NA	NA	SSO Event
TABLE TENNIS	NA	NA	NA	SSO Event
TOUCH FOOTBALL	NA	NA	NA	SSO Event
VOLLEYBALL	NA	NA	NA	SSO event for non SSV state finalist

INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

PRIMARY

PER AGE GROUPS CONDUCTED AS PER SSV RULES

SPORT	DISTRICT TO DIVISION	DIVISION TO REGION	REGION TO STATE
CROSS COUNTRY	District decision	9-13 year olds Minimum 10 to a maximum of 12 Individuals	9-13 year olds Top 12 Individuals
DIVING	NA	Direct entry via online registration to Region/State event. One age group 10-12 years	From Region competition in the morning, Region winners and further divers to make a final of 10
GOLF	NA	56 GV Quals (6-8 to progress)	10 GV Regions (3-5 progress to state) conducted by Golf Victoria
SWIMMING	District decision	Max 2 per event where # divisions is less than 5 or 1 per event if 5 or more divisions	One (1) per event
TENNIS	Two (2) Individual Boys and Two (2) Individual Girls	Two (2) Individual Boys and Two (2) Individual Girls	Two (2) Individual Boys and Two (2) Individual Girls
TRACK AND FIELD	District decision	Max 2 per event	Two (2) per event
SPORTS DELIVERED BY STATE SPORTING ORGANISATIONS			
GYMNASTICS	NA	NA	NA
ORIENTEERING	NA	NA	SSO event
SURFING	NA	NA	NA
TRIATHLON/AQUATHALON	NA	NA	SSO Event

SECONDARY

NUMBER OF TEAMS PROGRESSING ARE PER AGE GROUP AS PER SSV RULES

G = GIRLS B = BOYS B/M = BOYS/MIXED

SPORT	DIVISION TO REGION	REGION TO STATE QUARTER/SEMI FINALS	STATE QUARTER/SEMI FINALS/REGION TO STATE
AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL (Year 7 and Year 8)	1B/M 1G	1B/M 1G	1B/M 1G
AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL (Intermediate and Senior)	1B 1G	1B 1G	1B 1G
BADMINTON	1B/M 1G	NA	1B/M 1G
BASEBALL	1B/M	NA	1B/M
BASKETBALL	1B/M 1G	NA	1B/M 1G
BOWLS	Direct entry to region	NA	1 OPEN (direct from region to state)
CRICKET (ALL BOYS AGE GROUPS, GIRLS INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR)	1B/M 1G	1B/M 1G	1B/M 1G
FOOTBALL (SOCCER)	1B/M 1G	NA	1B/M 1G
HOCKEY	1B/M 1G	NA	1B/M 1G
NETBALL (Year 7 and Year 8 Girls and Junior Boys)	1B/M 1G	NA	1B/M 1G
NETBALL (Intermediate and Senior)	1B 1G	NA	1B 1G
SOFTBALL	1G	NA	1G
TABLE TENNIS	1B/M 1G	NA	1B/M 1G
TEE BALL	NA	NA	NA
TENNIS	1B/M 1G	NA	1B/M 1G
VOLLEYBALL	1B/M 1G	NA	1B/M 1G

SPORTS DELIVERED BY STATE SPORTING ORGANISATIONS			
CYCLING	NA	NA	SSO event
EQUESTRIAN	NA	NA	SSO event
HANDBALL	NA	NA	SSO event

INDOOR ROWING	NA	NA	SSO event
GYMNASTICS	NA	NA	SSO event
LACROSSE	NA	NA	SSO event
ROWING	NA	NA	SSO event
RUGBY LEAGUE	NA	NA	SSO event
SQUASH	NA	SSO event	SSO event
TOUCH FOOTBALL	NA	NA	SSO event
WEIGHT LIFTING	NA	NA	SSO event
Opportunity exists for A and B levels to be conducted in Basketball and Netball at Division and Region			

SECONDARY		
PER AGE GROUPS CONDUCTED AS PER SSV RULES		
SPORT	DIVISION TO REGION	REGION TO STATE
CROSS COUNTRY	12-19 year olds. Top 15 individuals runners + any winning School team runners (eg runner #3 and/or #4) outside the top 15	12-19 year olds Top 12 individuals runners + any winning School team runners (eg runner #3 and/or #4) outside the top 12
DIVING	Direct entry via online registration to Region/State event. One age group 10-12 years	From Region competition in the morning, Region winners and further divers to make a final of 10
GOLF	Conducted by Golf Victoria	Conducted by Golf Victoria
SWIMMING	Division decision. As a guide, max 2 per event where # divisions is less than 5 or 1 per event if 5 or more divisions	One (1) per event
TRACK AND FIELD	Division decision. As a guide, max 2 per event where # divisions is less than 5 or 1 per event if 5 or more divisions	One (1) per event Two (2) for 1500, 3000, Walk (standards for 3000 and Walk)
SPORTS DELIVERED BY STATE SPORTING ORGANISATIONS		

GYMNASTICS	NA	SSO event
ORIENTEERING	NA	SSO event
SURFING	NA	SSO event
TRIATHLON	NA	SSO event

APPENDIX B: PROGRESSION NUMBERS FOR SPECIALISED SCHOOLS

INDIVIDUAL SPORTS – MULTI CLASS			
SPECIALISED SCHOOLS – PRIMARY AND SECONDARY MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH EAST SPECIAL SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION (SESSSA) OR MEMBERS OF THE NORTH WEST SPECIAL SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION (NWSSSA)			
PER AGE GROUPS CONDUCTED AS PER SSV RULES			
SPORT	DISTRICT COMPETITION	LOCAL COMPETITION TO REGION	REGION TO STATE
CROSS COUNTRY	NA	Region competitions conducted by SESSSA or NWSSSA Primary and Secondary, Progression numbers decided by SESSSA and NWSSSA respectively	State Championships conducted by SSV Primary and Secondary- Top 12 Individuals in each age group Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV
SWIMMING	NA	Region competitions conducted by SSV Primary and Secondary - Max 2 per event Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV	State Championships are conducted by SSV Primary and Secondary -One (1) per event Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV
TRACK AND FIELD	NA	Region competitions conducted by SSV Primary and Secondary - Max 2 per event Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV	State Championships are conducted by SSV Primary - Two (2) per event Secondary – One (1) per event Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV

INDIVIDUAL SPORTS – MULTI CLASS

**SPECIALISED SCHOOLS –PRIMARY AND SECONDARY
COUNTRY SPECIALISED SCHOOLS OR SPECIALISED SCHOOLS NOT MEMBERS OF SESSSA OR
NWSSSA**

PER AGE GROUPS CONDUCTED AS PER SSV RULES

SPORT	LOCAL COMPETITION TO DIVISION	DIVISION TO REGION	REGION TO STATE
CROSS COUNTRY	NA	Region competitions conducted by SSV Primary and Secondary Maximum 12 per age group Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV	State Championships conducted by SSV Primary and Secondary Top 12 Individuals in each age group Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV
SWIMMING	Division competitions conducted by SSV Local decision in consultation with SSV Division Coordinator Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV	Region competitions conducted by SSV Primary and Secondary - Max 2 per event Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV	State Championships are conducted by SSV Primary and Secondary - One (1) per event Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV
TRACK AND FIELD	Division competitions conducted by SSV Local decision in consultation with SSV Division Coordinator Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV	Region competitions conducted by SSV Primary and Secondary - Max 2 per event Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV	State Championships are conducted by SSV Primary - Two (2) per event Secondary – One (1) per event Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV