



# SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

## TEAM VIC INVITATION POLICY



School Sport Victoria recognises that there are circumstances where student athletes are not able to follow the prescribed pathway for SSV competitions. This policy allows parents/carers/schools to apply for an invitation for these student athletes as long as they meet one of the invitation criteria mentioned in this policy.

1. This policy applies to all trials conducted by School Sport Victoria for the purposes of selecting representative teams to compete in School Sport Australia Championships with the exception of the below:
  - 1.1. 10, 11 and 12 years Cross Country the competitor must meet the criteria set out in the SSV Invitation Policy – Interscholar Sport as selection of this cohort is selected from the State Championship event.
  - 1.2. No selection trials are held (i.e. selection is time based or rank based)
  - 1.3. Where selection takes place through a single level of trial
2. Individuals will only be considered for an invitation once per sport in each calendar year where the Invitation Criteria are met in 4 below.
3. A request to miss more than one level of trials will not be granted.
4. Invitations will be considered where all the following conditions are met:
  - 4.1. the individual has registered to trial using the process prescribed on the SSV website;
  - 4.2. the individual has attended any previous level of trials or can attend any future level of trials, unless eliminated or not required to participate;
  - 4.3. meets at least one of the Invitation criteria in 5 and supporting documents have been provided; and
  - 4.4. where space in the team is available.
5. Invitation criteria are:
  - 5.1. A student has been involved in official school assessment;
  - 5.2. The student is unable to attend the previous level of trials as they will be attending a compulsory school camp/excursion at that time;
  - 5.3. A student has not attended the previous level of trials because they have been representing Victoria or Australia in a sporting competition;
  - 5.4. A student has not attended the previous level of trials because of their participation in a sporting event or competition considered to be of greater status than that level of competition;
  - 5.5. An 'official error' has caused the student to not attend one of the selection trials (note that errors made by school-based staff may not be deemed an 'official error');
  - 5.6. A student is injured or ill at the time of the previous level of trials. The student must provide a medical certificate indicating an injury/illness and verifying the fitness of the student to participate in the requested level of trials. If the illness is COVID related a letter from the school principal or GP is required.

Note: Family holidays and personal commitments are not grounds for an invitation
6. It must be possible to include invitation competitors, at any level, without disadvantaging an individual who has progressed through the qualifying levels of trials.
7. Invitation requests for Team Vic trials must be lodged via the [online form](#) per timelines below:
  - 7.1. Prior to the trial for 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4
  - 7.2. Within 72 hours of the completion of the trial for 5.5 or 5.6.
  - 7.3. All required supporting documents must be uploaded at the time of application (wherever possible).

**Note:** requests must be received by the timeframes above to be considered.
8. Requests must include relevant supporting documents. This may include:
  - 8.1. A letter from the School Principal supporting the request and where applicable, verifying which of the school-based invitation criteria in 5 applies for missing the trial;
  - 8.2. Evidence of registration to an event of higher status;
  - 8.3. A medical certificate;
  - 8.4. Player history over last 12 months for the sport in which the application is being submitted.
9. All invitations are at the discretion of the National Programs Manager.
10. SSV reserves the right to grant an invitation for exceptional circumstances. These invitations are approved by the SSV CEO.