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Australian Football, 15 Years & Under Boys

The School Sport Australia (SSA) 15 Years and Under Australian Football Championships will be held in Ballarat, VIC from Saturday 22 – Saturday 29 July 2023.

Age Eligibility:

• 15 years and under as of 31 December 2023.

SSV Member Schools:

- Trialing for Team Vic is only possible if your child's school is a financial member of School Sport Victoria (SSV) for 2023
- SSV will contact you if the school your child attends is not a financial member

Trials Progression:

- Players are required to trial only at one Stage 1 Trial
- Players must indicate at time of registration which Stage 1 Trial you will attend
- Trial times will be communicated to all registered participants
- Participants will be notified if they have progressed to the next Stage

State Selection:

- A maximum of 25 players will be selected for each team
- Up to 4 8 emergency players may be selected and offered the opportunity to train with the selected team
- Selection is not confirmed until school's endorse their student's participation in the SSA Championships as a representative of their school and SSV

STAGE 1 TRIALS	
South-East Metropolitan Monday, 10 April 2023 9:00am arrival	Regional Tuesday 11 April 2023 9:00am arrival
Venue: Heatherbrae Recreation Reserve - Oval #1 12 Bellerive Ace, Officer 3809	Venue: City Oval 1431 Mair St, Lake Wendouree 3350
North-West Metropolitan Thursday 20 April 2023 9:00am arrival Venue: Williamstown Football Club Morris Street, Williamstown 3016	Central Metropolitan Friday 21 April 2023 9:00am arrival Venue: Eastern Ranges FC 95 Colchester Rd, Kilsyth 3137
STAGE 2 TRIALS	
Day 1 (Successful Trialists – Stage 1) Sunday 30 April 2023 Venue: Eastern Ranges FC 95 Colchester Rd, Kilsyth 3137	Day 2 (Successful Trialists – Stage 2 Day 1) Sunday 14 May 2023 10:00am – 1:30pm Venue: Yarra Valley GS Kalinda Rd, Ringwood VIC 3134
STAGE 3 – STATE TEAM TRAINING	
Day 1 , July 3, 10:00am – 4:00pm Day 2: Game 1, July 4, 10:00am – 4:00pm Day 3: Game 2, July 5, 10:00am – 4:00pm Venue: TBC	

















SELECTION GUIDELINES

School Sport Australia Championships consists of both educational and sporting components. Being a member of a School Sport Victoria Team Vic representative team provides the opportunity to be involved in all educational and sporting excursions and aim for national selection.

Team Officials run a selection process that is fair and transparent. This process involves the design of guidelines and trial activities, assessment of players and ensuring students, parents and teachers are made aware of this process.

Team members are expected to abide by the following responsibilities:

- Attend all sessions (i.e., including but not limited to initial briefing, training, practice matches, jumper presentation, team photo etc.,) as deemed compulsory by Team Officials including the State Camp
- Must be accompanied by a parent/carer to the 2023 Championships. Parent/carer is responsible for the travel, meals and accommodation for themselves and their child
- Purchase the compulsory uniform
- Complete and return all team documentation to the Team Manager by the due date
- Pay all team membership invoices by the due date
- Attend all SSA Championship sessions, including the opening and closing ceremonies and the educational excursion activity as per the <u>SSA Championship Attendance Policy</u>
- Recognise that the SSA Championships are school activities, and the decision-making regarding each team member's participation in those activities or in preparation for those activities, is the responsibility of the Team Officials
- Be respectful of the role of the Team Officials in making decisions regarding each team member's participation in SSA Championship activities or other preparation activities
- Follow <u>COVID-19 guidance to protect yourselves and others</u> and comply with any health advice that is issued.

Guidelines for selectors

- Comparable playing time for all players
- Opportunity to trial in a variety of positions
- Consideration of team composition so players from the same school or team are not advantaged over individual representatives.
- Where appropriate, concentrate on selecting players with generic skills rather than players for specific positions
- Where possible, use independent selectors i.e., not a relative or friend of trial participants. In cases where this situation does occur, the umpires or selector's position should be declared publicly.
- Team Officials reserve the right to not require a player to participate in any trial stage if they deem it to be unnecessary
- Team Officials reserve the right to select a player who is injured or unavailable due to an approved reason during the trial process for reasons applicable to the Team Vic Invitational Policy.
- Team balance is critical to selection of the final squad.

Selectors are looking for:

- Strong passing skills, strong ball control, safe hands / feet
- Agility, balance, poise
- Solid attacking / defensive / tackling skills
- Knowledgeable positional / tactical play
- Concentration / focus during play
- Positive on and off field behaviour
- Strong sense of team spirit / good sportsmanship















TRIAL INFORMATION AND SELECTION GUIDELINES







- Ability to communicate / cooperate with team mates / team officials
- Understands rules of the game
- Adequate fitness level
- Ability to follow instructions
- Ability to control emotions
- Leadership skills
- Carry out above skills under pressure













