



TRIAL INFORMATION AND SELECTION GUIDELINES

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Football (Soccer), 18 Years & Under Girls

The School Sport Australia (SSA) Girls 18 Years & Under Football (Soccer) Championships will be held in Canberra, ACT from **Sunday 10 September – Friday 15 September**.

Age Eligibility:

- 18 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:

- Participants will be **invited to trial** by SSV Team Officials and Football Victoria (FV)
- Trialists will receive a Talent Identification letter with further information about trial details and expectations of players selected for the team
- Trialists will be talent identified through National Premier League Women's (NPLW) Under 19 and Under 17 age groups during March to July 2023
- SSV are working in conjunction with FV & NPLW clubs to identify players for the SSA Football (Soccer) Championships to represent Team Vic
- The trial program will work closely with the Talent Identification and Development Centre (TIDC) program and technical staff at FV/SSV

State Selection:

- A maximum of 16 players will be selected for the team
- Up to 4 emergency players **may** be selected and offered the opportunity to train with the selected team

STAGE 1 – STATE TRIAL 1		STAGE 2 – STATE TRIAL 2	
Date (approx. June/July) TBC	Time and Venue TBC	Date (approx. June/July) TBC	Time and Venue TBC

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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.



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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 (if applicable)
- 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 [SSA Championship Attendance Policy](#)
- 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 [COVID-19 guidance to protect yourselves and others](#) and comply with any health advice that is issued.

Guidelines for selectors:

- Consideration of team composition so players from the same school or team are not advantaged over individual representatives.
- Where there may be a perceived or actual conflict of interest such as: trial coordinators assessing the selection of a friend or relative, this must be communicated to SSV and a plan to manage the conflict will be developed and implemented.
- Trial coordinators /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.

Selection Process:

The coaching staff / team officials may attend a number of National Premier League Women's (NPLW) Under 19 and Under 17 age groups during March to July 2023, **SSV Premier League Football games as well SSV State Championships** to identify prospective players. From these events eligible students may be asked to register to **TRIAL**. This does not mean automatic selection.

During the trials players may be put through skill sessions, small games and match situations and rated on a number of factors including; technical skills, tactical skills, decision-making skills, physical capacity, game sense, character and game strategies. Players may be cut from the squad at any trial.

After the trials, a selected team (16 players and up to 4 emergencies) will be required to train as a squad for the remaining training sessions and training games.

**PLEASE NOTE

Due to very short time constraints all players' ability is subjectively assessed. The methodology used by an experienced Coach contains specific key indicators in the selection processes. The appointed coach will select players' on their current ability and not as a prospective star. The Coach selection is final.



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Selectors are looking for:

During the trials the Coach is looking for a number of factors as outlined below. Objective judgements are made when possible rating the following areas as below average, satisfactory or advanced.

V = Vital techniques (Outfield players)

- Passing (maintaining possession, accuracy of passing, weight of pass)
- Control (good first touch, can control ball with all part of body)
- Communication (ability to communicate effectively on the field, cooperate with teammates/officials)
- Shooting (on target, power, execution at appropriate time)
- Two footed (ability to use both feet for passing, shooting)
- Dribbling (deception, running with the ball and controlling it, ability to take on and beat players)
- Balance/Coordination/Agility (when defending and when in control of the ball)
- Heading (controlled heading, powerful and correct choice of header)
- Tackling (solid, tenacity, know when and how to tackle)

V= Vital Techniques (Goalkeepers)

As per field player with the following additions

- Strong sense of positioning
- Secure at handling the ball at different angles and weights
- Strong overhead (ability to cleanly catch crosses coming in to penalty area)
- Effective distribution with feet and hands (passing and throwing)
- Ability to maintain possession with pass backs/goalkicks.
- Sharpness/ Agility (ability to stop shots with optimal reaction time)
- Clear instructions and organisational skills (at set pieces)
- Brave and commanding in his area (both physically and vocally)
- Willing to follow instructions and follow advice with respect

I = Intelligence

- Game sense (tactical awareness of when to attack and when to defend, good understanding of positions and systems of play)
- Concentration and focus for entire session/match
- Can follow instructions and improvise where appropriate
- Sound decision making skills

C = Character

- Leadership qualities
- Strong sense of team spirit/ good sportsmanship
- Disciplined with respect to ability to control emotions / Application to training and competition
- Tenacious and highly competitive
- Positive on field

S = Speed and Strength

- Ability to keep up with quick opponents or to outpace opponents (speed, power and endurance)
- Strength (to maintain possession under pressure and not be bumped of the ball)
- Fitness (ability to maintain a high work rate for 90 minutes, day after day for five days)



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Team Balance

Sixteen players per squad are usually selected. This means “The Coach” is limited to a number of players per positions. In many cases they will look for players who are adaptable and able to play in more than one position. The team also requires the balance of having a set number of forwards, midfielders, defenders and up to two goalkeepers per squad as well as left and right flankers and players who can fit into the team pattern of play. Players who show resilience, dependability and a team orientation are going to be selected ahead of those who don't display those characteristics.



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