



TRIAL INFORMATION AND SELECTION GUIDELINES

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Netball, 12 Years and Under Boys

The School Sport Australia (SSA) 12 Years and Under Boys Netball Championships will be held in **Darwin, NT** from **Saturday 12 September to Friday 18 September 2026**.

Age Eligibility:

- 12 Years and Under 12 Years and Under as of 31 December 2026 (Born 2015 or 2014)
- Students who are born in 2013 or 2016 are not eligible to trial.

SSV Member Schools:

- Trialling for Team Vic is only possible if your child's school is a financial member of School Sport Victoria (SSV) for 2026.
- SSV will contact you if the school your child attends is not a financial member.
- For more information about your child's school region, please [click here](#).

Trials Progression:

- Trial participants are required to begin their selection trial process at the Stage 1 - Region Trials
- Participants will be allocated to the most suitable trial venue based on their school location.
- Participants will be notified if they have progressed to the next Stage.

State Selection:

- To be considered for selection, a student must meet the requirements in the selection guidelines.
- A maximum of **12** players will be selected for the team.
- Up to **4** non travelling 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 – SCHOOL REGION TRIALS

Eastern Metropolitan Region and South Metropolitan Region Trial Thursday, 7 May 2026 8:30am – 11:45am Melbourne Sports Centres Parkville, 10 Brens Dr, Parkville, VIC 3052	Hume Region and Gippsland Region Trial Thursday, 7 May 2026 12:30pm – 3:45pm Melbourne Sports Centres Parkville, 10 Brens Dr, Parkville, VIC 3052
Northern Metropolitan Region and Western Metropolitan Region Trial Friday, 8 May 2026 8:30am – 11:45am Melbourne Sports Centres Parkville, 10 Brens Dr, Parkville, VIC 3052	Loddon Malle Region and Greater Western Region Trial Friday, 8 May 2026 12:30pm – 3:45pm Melbourne Sports Centres Parkville, 10 Brens Dr, Parkville, VIC 3052
Note: Up to a total of 20 may progress to the next stage. These numbers are subject to the discretion of SSV and may be altered without notice.	



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STAGE 2 - STATE TRIAL

Thursday, 14 May 2026

9:00am – 3:00PM

Melbourne Sports Centres Parkville, 10 Brens Dr, Parkville, VIC 3052

***Note - SSV reserves the right to adjust trial dates, times and venues**

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 required to abide by the following responsibilities:

- Attend all sessions (i.e., including but not limited to training, practise sessions, uniform presentation, team photo, online professional learning sessions etc.,) as deemed compulsory by Team Officials.
- Must be accompanied by a parent/carer to the 2026 Championships. Parent/carer is responsible for the travel, meals and accommodation for themselves and their child.
- Purchase the compulsory uniform (approx. \$300.00 - \$450.00)
- Complete and return all team documentation to the Team Manager by the due date.
- Pay all team fees by the due date (approx. \$800.00 - \$1300.00)
- Attend all SSA Championship sessions, including the opening and closing ceremonies and the championship team experience 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 and comply with any health or safety advice that is issued.

Guidelines for selectors

- Appropriate playing time to assess each trialist - selection is based on trial performance.
- Trialists must participate in at least one stage of the selection trial process to be considered eligible for selection
- Team officials / Trial coordinators / Team selectors 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 State Teams Trial Exception Policy. Players who are part of this process may be required to provide a statutory declaration and / or medical certificate and may also be required to attend the trial process.



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- 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.
- Consider 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.
- Team balance is critical to selection of the final squad.

Selectors are looking for:

- Ability to identify and create space using preliminary movements
- Can balance the court including vision, communication
- Attacking uses a variety of movements to receive the ball away from defender/s
- Change of direction (dodge, double dodge, lead and drop), clear, change of speed, hold
- One-on-one defence / deny and intercept
- Footwork to contest a clean line to the contest
- Makes an attempt on the intercept and recovers to 3 feet with strong high hands over the ball
- Dictate and recover to hands
- Strong ball control, safe hands / feet
- Agility, balance, poise
- Solid attacking / defensive skills
- Knowledgeable positional and tactical play
- Concentration and focus during play
- Positive on and off court / field behaviour
- Strong sense of team spirit / good sportsmanship
- Ability to communicate / cooperate with teammates / Team Officials
- Understands rules of the game
- Adequate level of fitness
- Ability to follow instructions
- Ability to control emotions
- Leadership skills
- Carry out above skills under pressure
- Ability to listen to advice
- Team player



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