



TRIAL INFORMATION AND SELECTION GUIDELINES



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Cricket, 15 Years & Under Boys

The School Sport Australia (SSA) 15 Years & Under Boys Cricket Championships will be held in **Bunbury, WA** from **Saturday, 21 February to Friday, 27 February 2026**.

Age Eligibility:

- 15 years and under as of 31 December 2026 (born 2011 or 2012).

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.

Trials Progression:

- Trial participants are required to begin their selection trial process at the Stage 1 – Conference Trials.
- Participants will be allocated to the most suitable trial venue based on their school location.
- Confirmation of trial times will be communicated to all registered participants by email from the Trial Coordinators.
- 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 **13** 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.

CONFERENCE TRIALS

Wednesday, 5 November

Western Metro & Greater Western Regions
9:00am – 11:00am or 11:30am – 1:30pm
Barwon Regional Cricket Centre
370 Moorabool St, South Geelong

Thursday, 6 November

Northern Metro & Loddon Mallee & Hume Regions
9:00am – 11:00am or 11:30am – 1:30pm
or 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Cutting Edge – Bundoora
7/19 Enterprise Dr, Bundoora VIC 3083

Friday, 7 November

Eastern Metro & Southern Metro & Gippsland Regions
9:00am – 11:00am or 11:30am – 1:30pm or 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Cricket HQ
51 – 53 Levanswell Rd, Moorabbin VIC 3189

STATE TRIALS

Wednesday, 19 November

9:00am – 11:00am or 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Junction Oval Nets – Lakeside Dr, St Kilda VIC 3182

Monday, 1 December

9:00am – 4:00pm
Camberwell Magpies Cricket Club
420 Camberwell Rd, Camberwell VIC 3124

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



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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.

Team members are required to abide by the following responsibilities:

- Attend all sessions (i.e., including but not limited to training, practice 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. \$250.00 - \$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. \$900.00 - \$1400.00).
- 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 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.
- 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.



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Selectors are looking for:

Batting:

- Solid defensive skills against all types of bowling (pace, swing, spin)
- Ability to take the game on and put pressure on bowlers where appropriate
- Multiple scoring options against all kinds of bowling
- Excellent decision making and shot selection
- Strong concentration, focus and temperament at the crease
- Proven ability to score runs and bat for long periods of time

Pace bowling:

- Ball speed
- Ability to move the ball laterally and exploit batters' weaknesses through seam or swing
- Excellent control of the stock ball
- Clever changes of pace where appropriate
- A bowling action that is repeatable
- Understanding of appropriate field settings to different types of batters in game scenarios
- Proven wicket-taking ability
- Ability to bowl at any stage of the 50-over innings

Spin bowling:

- Ability to bowl stock ball with excellent control
- Ability to bowl with variation in pace, flight, drift or extra spin
- Limiting bad balls
- Proven ability to take wickets and build pressure through dot balls
- Understanding of appropriate field settings to different types of batters in game scenarios
- Ability to bowl at any stage of the 50-over innings

Wicketkeeping:

- Excellent glovework and movement against all bowler types
- Ability to lead the fielding team with voice and direction
- Ability to confidently and effectively keep up to the stumps to spin and certain pace options

Fielding:

- Ability to throw the ball with excellent technique and accuracy within the ring and from the boundary
- Excellent attacking ground fielding skills
- Excellent and reliable catching technique
- Movement and anticipation
- Be able to effect positive fielding efforts in a range of different positions (saving runs and creating chances)

Other qualities:

- Growth mindset - prepared to learn and develop
- Play the game with great team spirit and sportsmanship at all times
- Respond positively to feedback
- Display a selfless team first approach
- Match awareness and ability to read the game
- High level of physical fitness required



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