



TRIAL INFORMATION AND SELECTION GUIDELINES



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Netball, 15 Years & Under Girls

The School Sport Australia (SSA) 15 Years and Under Girls Netball Championships will be held in **Melbourne, VIC** from **Saturday, 25 July to Friday, 31 July 2026**.

Age Eligibility:

- 15 Years and Under on 31 December 2026 (born in 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.

Trials Progression:

- Trial participants are required to participate in all stages of the selection trial process.

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 TRIAL	
Session 1: Students with an A – K Surname Sunday 15 February 9:00am – 12:00pm Venue: State Sports Centre – Parkville, 10 Brens Dr, Parkville, VIC 3052 <i>*Note: Courtside to be kept clear of spectators.</i>	Session 2: Students with an L – Z Surname Sunday 15 February 1:00pm – 4:00pm Venue: State Sports Centre – Parkville, 10 Brens Dr, Parkville, VIC 3052 <i>*Note: Courtside to be kept clear of spectators.</i>
STAGE 2 TRIAL	
Sunday 22 February 1:00pm – 4:00pm Venue: State Sports Centre – Parkville, 10 Brens Dr, Parkville, VIC 3052 <i>*Note: Courtside to be kept clear of spectators.</i> Netball Victoria Talent Academy players are invited to begin their trial process in Stage 2. This separate registration link will be provided to Academy families by Netball Victoria.	
STAGE 3 STATE TRIAL	
Sunday 15 March 1:00pm – 4:00pm Venue: State Sports Centre, 10 Brens Dr, Parkville, VIC 3052 Netball Hockey Centre <i>*Note: Courtside to be kept clear of spectators.</i>	

**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, 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 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.

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



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- Defence 1-on-1: 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 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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