



TRIAL INFORMATION AND SELECTION GUIDELINES



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Tennis, 18 Years & Under

The School Sport Australia (SSA) 18 Years & Under Tennis Championships will be held in **Menora, WA** from **Saturday, 2 May to Friday, 8 May 2026**.

Age Eligibility:

- All representative players' ages must be in conjunction with Tennis Australia age eligibility rules
- 18 years and under as of the end of the month the tournament finishes i.e., 18 years and under as of 31 May 2026.

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.

Trial Progression:

- Eligible players are invited to register via the Tennis Victoria website - [2026 Team VIC Pizzey Cup Trials – Tennis Victoria](#)
- The top 4 verified UTR ranked female and male players will be offered an automatic selection place on the team at the time of registrations closing.
- The next 16 verified UTR ranked female and male players will be invited to participate in a selection trial.
- **Selection Trial – Stage 1** – Players will be seeded into pools of four using UTR rankings. Results will be taken after the set is finished.
- **Selection Trial – Stage 2** – The first and second ranked players in each pool of Stage 1 will progress to Stage 2 which will be played as a Monrad format draw. Students will continue to play, win or lose, to a ranking from 1 to 8.
- Please note that trial participation and team selection is dependent upon meeting the criteria in Tennis Victoria's By-Laws.
- If the trial is unable to proceed or is cancelled for any reason, there will not be a back-up trial date offered. The top 8 verified UTR ranked female and male players will be offered an automatic selection place on the team. If a player declines to take up the place offered, the next verified UTR ranked player will be offered the place.

State Selection:

- To be considered for selection, a student must meet the requirements in the selection guidelines.
- A maximum of **16** players will be selected for the team – 8 female and 8 male players.
- Up to **4** non travelling emergency players may be selected 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.

STATE TRIALS

Friday, 20 February

8:00am – 4:00pm

Frankston Centenary Tennis Club

240 Centenary Park Dr, Frankston North VIC 3200

**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 2025 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. \$800.00 – \$1500.00)
- 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.
- 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 Team Vic Invitation 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.
- Team balance is critical to selection of the final squad.

Selectors are looking for:

- Ability to play singles, doubles, and mixed doubles
- Ability to umpire games accurately and fairly
- Court awareness
- 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



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- 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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