



TRIAL INFORMATION AND SELECTION GUIDELINES

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Australian Football, 12 Years and Under Boys

The School Sport Australia (SSA) 12 Years and Under Boys Australian Football Championships will be held in **Maroochydore, QLD** from **Sunday, 3 August – Friday, 10 August 2025**.

Please notify your School Principal of your intention to register for this team. Each school can endorse up to 3 students to participate in the selection trials. If there are more than 3 students registered from your child's school, your child may not be selected to trial. A refund of your registration will then be provided. For further information, please read the [Principal Endorsement](#) guidance.

Age Eligibility:

- 12 years and under as of 31 December 2025 (born 2013 or 2014)

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 2025.
- 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 - Region Trials.
- Participants will be allocated to the most suitable trial venue based on their school location.
- 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 **23** 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 schools endorse their student's participation in the SSA Championships as a representative of their school and SSV.

STAGE 1 - REGION TRIALS

Please check local Region Trial Dates and Venues at the following link:

[2025 REGION LEVEL TRIALS](#)

Notes:

- Up to a total of 21 may progress to the next stage per region. These numbers are subject to the discretion of SSV and may be altered without notice.

STAGE 2 - CONFERENCE TRIALS

Country Regions (Loddon Mallee, Hume, Gippsland, Greater Western)

Sunday, 18 May 2025

9:00am – 3:00pm

Hudson Oval, Trinity Grammar Sports Field – 32 Rocklea Rd, Bulleen VIC 3105

Metro Regions (Eastern, Northern, Southern, Western)

Monday, 19 May 2025

9:00am – 3:00pm

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STAGE 3 - STATE TRIALS

Combine Trial

Wednesday, 28 May 2025

9:00am – 3:00pm

Hudson Oval, Trinity Grammar Sports Field – 32 Rocklea Rd, Bulleen VIC 3105

State Selection Trial

Thursday, 5 June 2025

9:00am – 3:00pm

Hudson Oval, Trinity Grammar Sports Field – 32 Rocklea Rd, Bulleen VIC 3105

***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 2025 Championships. Parent/carer is responsible for the travel, meals and accommodation for themselves and their child.
- Purchase the compulsory uniform (approx. \$250.00 – \$400.00)
- 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 – \$1200.00)
- 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

- Opportunity to play in at least two preferred positions
- Consideration of 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
- 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.
- Appropriate playing time to assess each trialist.



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- 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 State Teams Trial Exception Policy.
- Team balance is critical to selection of the final squad.

Selectors are looking for:

- High standards in the basics of marking, handballing, and kicking
- Proficiency handballing and kicking with both sides of the body
- Strong attack on the football with an ability to win possession
- Ability to read the play, positioning themselves where they are of best value to the team
- Strong defensive skills such as tackling, smothering and blocking
- Ability to play at high intensity for a prolonged period
- Developed ability to dispose of the football to the benefit of team mates
- Agility, balance, poise
- Solid attacking / defensive skills
- Knowledgeable positional and tactical play
- Concentration and focus during play
- Positive on and off 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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