



TRIAL INFORMATION AND SELECTION GUIDELINES

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Australian Football, 15 Years & Under Boys

The School Sport Australia (SSA) 15 Years & Under Boys Australian Football Championships will be held in **Gold Coast, QLD** from **Saturday 27 July – Saturday 3 August 2024**.

Age Eligibility:

- 15 years and under as of 31 December 2024.

SSV Member Schools:

- Trialing for Team Vic is only possible if your child's school is a financial member of School Sport Victoria (SSV) for 2024
- SSV will contact you if the school your child attends is not a financial member

Trials Progression:

- Players are required to trial only at one Stage 1 Trial
- Players must indicate at time of registration which Stage 1 Trial you will attend
- Trial times will be communicated to all registered participants
- Participants will be notified if they have progressed to the next Stage

State Selection:

- A maximum of **25** players will be selected for each team
- Up to **4** 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 TRIALS	
South-East Metropolitan Wednesday 10 April 9:00am arrival Venue: Officer Recreation Reserve 20 Starling Rd, Officer 3809	Regional Friday 12 April 9:00am arrival Venue: City Oval 1431 Mair St, Lake Wendouree 3350
North-West Metropolitan Thursday 11 April 9:00am arrivals Venue: Skinner Reserve Braybrook Park, Churchill Ave, Braybrook VIC 3019	Central/Eastern Metropolitan Sunday 14 April 9:00am arrival Venue: Kilsyth Recreation Reserve 95 Colchester Rd, Kilsyth 3137
STAGE 2 - STATE TRIAL #1	
Day 1 (Successful Trialists – Stage 1) Sunday 28 April 2024 Venue: The Hangar, Essendon Football Club 275 Melrose Dr, Melbourne Airport VIC 3045	
STAGE 3 - STATE TRIAL #2	
Day 2 (Successful Trialists – Stage 2) Sunday 12 May 2024 Venue: Kilsyth Recreation Reserve 95 Colchester Rd, Kilsyth 3137	



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TEAM TRAINING

Day 1, July 1, 10:00am – 4:00pm

Day 2: July 2, 10:00am – 4:00pm

Day 3: July 3, 10:00am – 4:00pm

Venues will be confirmed at the time of the Team Announcement

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 expected to abide by the following responsibilities:

- Attend all sessions (i.e., including but not limited to initial briefing, training, practise matches, uniform presentation, team photo etc..) as deemed compulsory by Team Officials
- Must be accompanied by a parent/carer to the 2024 Championships. Parent/carer is responsible for the travel, meals and accommodation for themselves and their child
- Purchase the compulsory uniform
- Complete and return all team documentation to the Team Manager by the due date
- Pay all team membership invoices by the due date
- 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 [COVID-19 guidance to protect yourselves and others](#) and comply with any health 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
- 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



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- 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.
- 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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