



# TRIAL INFORMATION AND SELECTION GUIDELINES

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## Australian Football (Umpires), 12 & 15 Years and Under

The School Sport Australia (SSA) Australian Football 12 Years & Under Championships will be held in **Geelong, VIC** from **Sunday 4 August** to **Sunday 11 August, 2024**.

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

### Age Eligibility:

- Umpires must be a current secondary school student at an SSV member school

### 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 2024
- SSV will contact you if the school your child attends is not a financial member

### Trials Progression:

- Participants must indicate at time of registration if they wish to attend the 12 Years and Under Championships, or the 15 Years and Under Championships
- Participants will be allocated to a trial date via email for their chosen age group championships
- Participants must attend at least 1 trial

### State Selection:

- School Sport Victoria will be endeavouring to supply a **minimum of three** umpires for each of the Australian Football 12 & 15 Years and Under Championships
- The 2024 team selections will be incorporated with the Team Vic Australian Football trials as indicated below and on the Team Vic Australian Football Umpires Nomination Forms.
- Selection is not confirmed until school's endorse their student's participation in the SSA Championships as a representative of their school and SSV.

### 12 YEARS AND UNDER CHAMPIONSHIPS STATE TRIAL #1

*Trial dates and venues are still to be determined*

### 15 YEARS AND UNDER CHAMPIONSHIPS STATE TRIAL #1

*You will be allocated by email to either:-*

**Thursday 11 April 9:00am - 2:00pm**

Venue: Skinner Reserve  
Braybrook Park, Churchill Ave, Braybrook VIC 3019

**Friday 12 April 9:00am - 2:00pm**

Venue: City Oval, Ballarat  
1431 Mair St, Lake Wendouree VIC 3350



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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 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

- Be prepared to umpire as requested on the day
- Field umpires may be required to assist in the roles of Boundary and/or Goal Umpires on the day
- Boundary umpires may be required to assist in the role of Goal umpire on the day
- Umpires will be required to supply their own on-field umpiring attire and whistle/flags for the selection trials
- Team officials also reserve the right to not require an umpire to participate in any trial stage if they deem it to be unnecessary. This would be in cases where the umpire has been observed previously.
- Consideration of team composition so players from the same school or team are not advantaged over individual representatives.
- 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.
- 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 Team Vic Invitation Policy.
- Team balance is critical to selection of the final squad.

### Selectors are looking for:


- Umpires with a good understanding of the rules and their applications
- Ability to cooperate as part of the "third team" on the field



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- Good communication skills with their colleagues, and with players and officials
- Good skills – strong whistle, clear signals, good ball skills (Field and Boundary) and crisp signals and flag waving (Goal Umpires)
- Knowledgeable positional and tactical movement
- Concentration and focus during play
- Positive on and off field behaviour
- Strong sense of team spirit / good sportsmanship
- 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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