



TRIAL INFORMATION AND SELECTION GUIDELINES

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Football (Soccer), 12 Years & Under Boys

The School Sport Australia (SSA) 12 Years & Under Boys Football (Soccer) Championships will be held in **Port Kennedy, WA** from **Sunday 13 October to Friday 18 October, 2024**.

NOTE

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.

Age Eligibility:

- 12 years and under as of 31 December, 2024

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:

- Trial participants are required to begin their selection trial process at the Stage 1 - Division / 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 Trial Coordinators
- Participants will be notified if they have progressed to the next Stage

State Selection:

- A maximum of **14** players will be selected for the team
- Up to **4** emergency players **may** be selected and offered the opportunity to train with the selected team.

STAGE 1 - DIVISION / REGION TRIALS

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

[REGION TRIALS](#)

Notes:

- Up to a total of **15** trialists 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

Metro Conferences – Eastern Metro, Northern Metro, Southern Metro and Western Metro Regions

Friday 31 May 2024 12:30pm – 2:30pm Casey Fields, 160 Berwick-Cranbourne Rd, Cranbourne East VIC 3977

Country Conferences – Gippsland, Great Western, Hume and Loddon Mallee Regions

Tuesday 4 June 2024 12:30pm – 2:30pm DISC, John Cain Memorial Park, Clarendon Street, Thornbury, 3072

STAGE 3 - STATE TRIALS

State Trial 1

Tuesday 11 June 2024 12:30pm – 2:30pm DISC, John Cain Memorial Park, Clarendon Street, Thornbury, 3072

State Trial 2

Thursday 13 June 2024 10:30am – 12:30pm DISC, John Cain Memorial Park, Clarendon Street, Thornbury, 3072

State Trial 3

Friday 14 June 2024 10:30am – 12:30pm DISC, John Cain Memorial Park, Clarendon Street, Thornbury, 3072



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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 educational excursion activity 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.
- 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 Invitational Policy.
- Team balance is critical to selection of the final squad.



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Selectors are looking for:

- Strong ball control, safe feet / hands (GK)
- Agility, balance, poise
- Solid attacking / defensive skills
- Knowledgeable positional and tactical play
- Concentration and focus during play
- Positive on and off court / 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

V = Vital techniques (Outfield players)

- Passing (maintaining possession, accuracy of passing, weight of pass)
- Control (good first touch, can control ball with all parts of body)
- Communication (ability to communicate effectively on the field, cooperate with team mate/officials)
- Shooting (on target, power, execution at appropriate time)
- Two footed (ability to use both feet for passing, shooting)
- Dribbling (deception, running with the ball and controlling it, ability to take on and beat players)
- Balance/Coordination/Agility (when defending and when in control of the ball)
- Heading (controlled heading, powerful and correct choice of header)
- Tackling (solid, tenacity, know when and how to tackle)

V= Vital techniques (Goalkeepers)

As per field player with the following additions

- Strong sense of positioning
- Secure at handling the ball at different angles and weights
- Strong overhead (ability to cleanly catch crosses coming in to penalty area)
- Effective distribution with feet and hands (passing and throwing)
- Ability to maintain possession with pass backs/goal kicks.
- Sharpness/ Agility (ability to stop shots with optimal reaction time)
- Clear instructions and organisational skills (at set pieces)
- Brave and commanding in his area (both physically and vocally)
- Willing to follow instructions and follow advice with respect



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I = Intelligence

- Game sense (tactical awareness of when to attack and when to defend, good understanding of positions and systems of play)
- Concentration and focus for entire session/match
- Can follow instructions and improvise where appropriate
- Sound decision making skills

C = Character

- Leadership qualities
- Strong sense of team spirit/ good sportsmanship
- Disciplined with respect to ability to control emotions / Application to training and competition
- Tenacious and highly competitive
- Positive on field

S = Speed and Strength

- Ability to keep up with quick opponents or to outpace opponents (speed, power and endurance)
- Strength (to maintain possession under pressure and not be bumped of the ball)
- Fitness (ability to maintain a high work rate for all games, day after day for five days)

Team Balance

The squad is limited to 14. This means “The Coach” is limited to a number of players per position. In many cases they will look for players who are adaptable and able to play in more than one position. The team also requires the balance of having a set number of forwards, midfielders, defenders and one goalkeeper per squad as well as left and right flankers and players who can fit into the team pattern of play. Often selection comes down to an instinctive process, a “gut” feel of selectors – rightly or wrongly, they are asked to evaluate players who are often very even in ability in a very short time span. The final decision is made without fear or favour of any one person or group over another, the volunteer managers and the coach do their best to select a squad that will represent School Sport Victoria with pride and gain the most from a fantastic sporting and social experience. The Coach will select the best players according to his/her own belief of the game.



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