



# TRIAL INFORMATION AND SELECTION GUIDELINES

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## Tennis (Pizzey Cup), 18 Years & Under

The School Sport Australia (SSA) 18 Years and Under Tennis Championships (Pizzey Cup) will be held in Hobart, TAS from **Saturday, 4 May – Saturday, 11 May 2024.**

### Age Eligibility:

- 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 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:

- Eligible players will be invited to register via the SSV website.
- Only the top 16 female and male players based on their UTR will be invited to trial. These players will then be sent a link to pay the trial fee.
- First stage - Players split into pools of four using UTR ranking to seed. Results taken after the set is finished.
- Second stage - First and second placed players progress into pools of four. The two pools will play to determine 1<sup>st</sup> through to 8<sup>th</sup> place.
- Please note that trial participation and team selection is dependent upon meeting the criteria in Tennis Victoria's By-Laws.

### State Selection:

- A maximum of 16 players will be selected for the team (8 Boys and 8 Girls).
- Up to four emergency players **may** be selected to train with the selected team.
- Expectations of students selected for the state team will be forthcoming.

### STATE TRIAL

**Sunday, 4 February 2024**

**Time:** 12:00pm - 6:00pm

**Venue:** Hume Tennis Centre  
225 Marathon Blvd, Craigieburn

*(Backup date if required: Sunday, 18 February)*

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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.



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## Team members are expected to abide by the following responsibilities:

- Attend all sessions (i.e., including but not limited to initial briefing session, training sessions, uniform presentation and 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

- 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 Invitation Policy.
- Team balance is critical to selection of the final squad.
- Students will have to be able to umpire their own games

## 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
- Ability to communicate / cooperate with teammates / Team Officials
- Understands rules of the game
- Adequate level of fitness



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- 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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