SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

SCHOOL SPORT COORDINATOR REFERENCE GUIDE

WELCOME

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA CEO

Welcome to school sport for 2026.

School sport has an important role in supporting a whole of school approach to physical activity and physical literacy of all students.

School is often where children play a sport for the first time – and school is the only opportunity for some students to play sport.

That is why at School Sport Victoria we look to support schools to maximise opportunities for all students to play sport. This includes through the School Sport Victoria statewide interschool sport program and state representative (Team Vic) program.

We are committed to providing safe, inclusive and accessible opportunities for students to play school sport. This year we'll continue to champion our Positive Behaviour Rule, which encourages fair play and respect on and off the field, as well as our focus on Child Safety, including our child safe guidelines for Child Safety officers at School Sport Victoria interschool sport events.

We understand the many benefits that school sport provides to students and schools. This year we'll continue to champion the value of school sport, including celebrating achievements of students, teachers and schools through the Victorian School Sports Awards and School Sport Victoria Awards, as well as sharing stories of successes through our social and digital channels. We also look forward to bringing you the Victorian Teachers' Games so that you can connect with Victorian educators through sport and support your health and wellbeing.

To support the connection between school and community sport, we'll continue to work with a wide range of sporting, corporate and community partners, including state sporting organisations. Through these partnerships we aim to continue to provide a positive experience for students participating in school sport, and inspire them to continue to play outside of school. We also look forward to providing professional development opportunities for teachers through our programs and partners.

Thank you for your important role in providing school sport to students and for being a part of the School Sport Victoria community. Wishing you all the best for a rewarding year in school sport.

Rayoni Nelson

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Chief Executive Officer

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PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND SPORT EDUCATION

The Physical and Sport Education – Delivery requirements for Victorian government schools is:

YEARS P-3	20 - 30 minutes per day of physical education.
YEARS 4-6	1 hour and 30 minutes of physical education per week 1 hour and 30 minutes of sport per week
YEARS 7-10	100 minutes of physical education per week 100 minutes of sport per week

BENEFITS OF SCHOOL SPORT

Quality school sport and physical education are key elements in providing all Victorian students the opportunity to become healthy and successful learners.

Quality school sport is part of the Active Schools Framework, which supports schools to take a whole school approach to physical activity.

Regular school sport and physical education have been identified as key contributors to:

- **Engagement: Engaging students in school**
- School attendance: A positive link between participation in sports programs, physical fitness and improved school attendance
- **Holistic health: Being more physically, socially and emotionally healthy, improved fitness levels, developing social interactions and friendships and better mental health**
- Learning: improving cognitive development, learning and retaining information
- **Academic performance: Contribute to improved academic results**
- Focus and concentration: Improved fitness levels leading to improved focus and concentration for longer periods of time
- **Self-esteem: Enhancing self-esteem and providing opportunities for self-expression, achievement and confidence. Individuals who participate in organised sport demonstrate lower rates of anti-social behaviour**

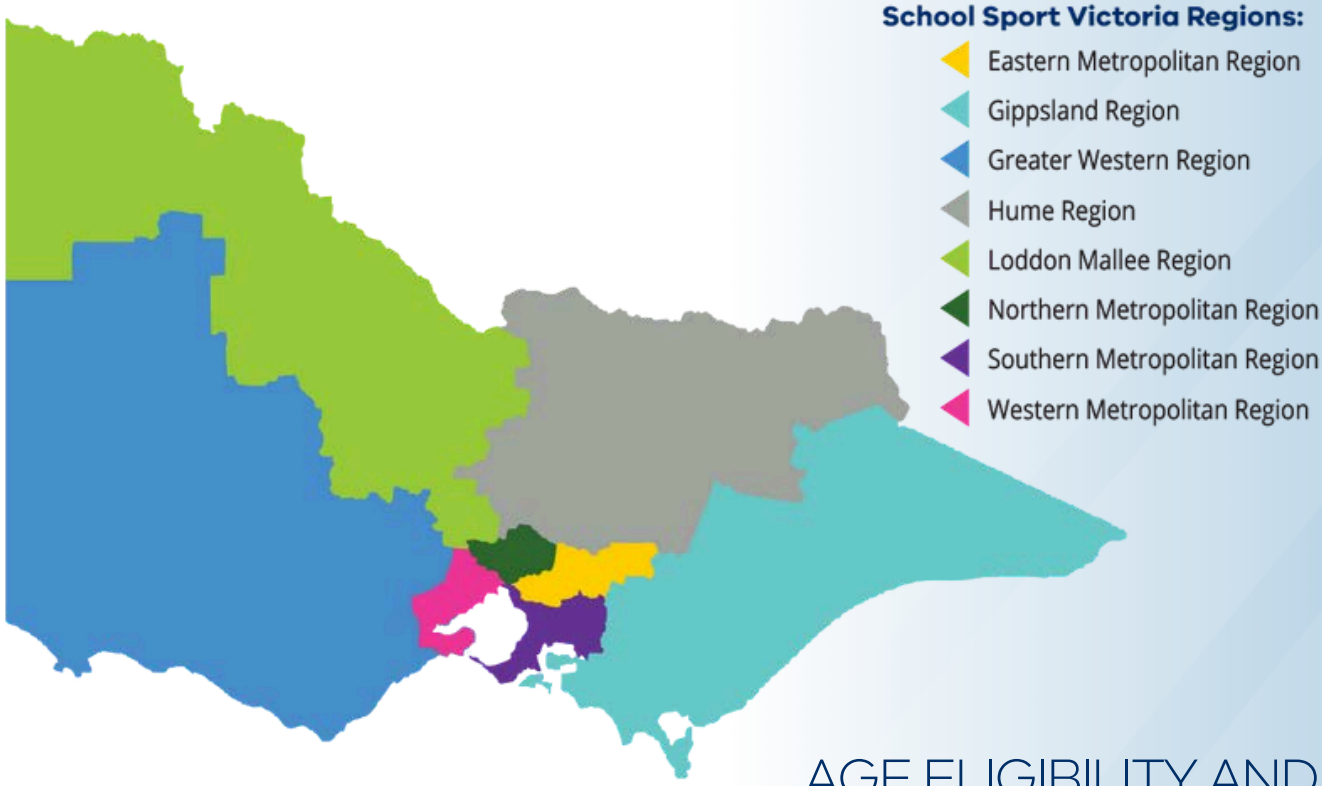
SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA'S PURPOSE

- We develop young people through school sport.
- **We support schools to maximise opportunities for all students to play sport.**

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA'S ROLE

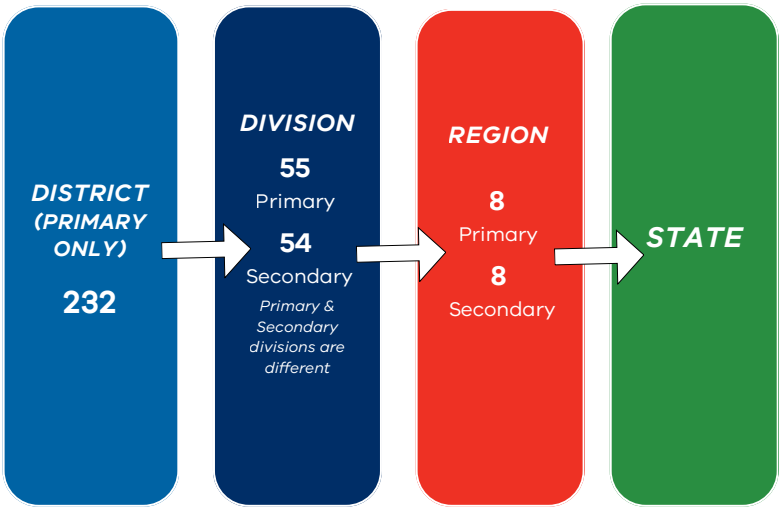
- **Enable students to play sport.**
- Champion the value of school sport.
- **Connect school and community sport.**

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA
INTERSCHOOL SPORT REGIONS



Through the interschool sport program, in partnership with State Sporting Organisations, School Sport Victoria provides opportunities for students to represent their school across a wide range of individual and team sports.

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA COMPETION PATHWAYS AND PROGRESSION



**School Teams and individuals must compete at each level of competition to reach the State Championships.*

AGE ELIGIBILITY AND GENERAL CONDITIONS OF COMPETION

Students must be turning a minimum of 9 years of age in the year of competition to compete in any SSV interschool sport event. Refer to the General Conditions of Competition for conditions that apply to all SSV Interschool Sport events.

CODES OF CONDUCT

Adherence to School Sport Victoria's Codes of Conduct - Child Safety and Codes of Conduct - SSV Events is required by coaches, players and spectators.

SMALL SCHOOLS

Schools from within the same Primary District or same Secondary Division, with a combined enrolment of no more than 300 students may enter District/Division/Region/State competitions as a combined representative team, outlined in the Small Schools Policy.

SPORT COORDINATOR DUTIES

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- **Become acquainted with all rules, regulations and operating procedures on the School Sport Victoria website.**
- Attend District or Division meetings to have input into planning and operations.
- **Contact other School Sport Coordinators, School Sport Victoria District or Division or Region Coordinators, and School Sport Victoria Region School Sport Officer (RSSO's).**
- Develop a sporting event checklist to ensure all matters have been attended to.
- **Ask members of staff to volunteer to coach teams**
- Conduct a meeting of all coaches and outline: expectations, codes of conduct, rules, responsibilities, team sheets, critical dates.
- **Planning arrangements for team events: permission slips, buses, due dates and venues.**
- Identify any clashes with school programs.
- **Ensure appropriate equipment is available, practice schedules and first aid.**
- Ask students to sign up to sports team e.g. lists on noticeboards and newsletter information.
- **Students should be reminded of School Sport Victoria rules, codes of conduct and acceptable behaviour, costs and dates.**
- Indicate to District, Division or in some cases, Region Coordinator (if direct entry) the teams the school will be entering in a timely manner.
- **Ensure all teams take a completed team sheet and full competition details to the event.**
- Ensure all financial practices and indemnity forms of the school are adhered to.
- **Ensure all staff are aware of pupil time out of the school (daily organiser, sub school leader, etc.).**
- District or Division winners should contact the relevant Coordinator to ascertain the next round of competition, opponents, venues and confirm match dates.
- **Ensure any matches postponed by inclement weather are rescheduled for completion by set dates.**
- Advise students and staff of opportunities to be involved in the Team Vic program.

COMPETITION DATES

Closing dates for;

- Entries (especially for your first level of competition)
- Team sheets and relay sheets
- Team Vic registrations including 12-year-olds in secondary schools
- Division/Sporting Region Trials

PRIVACY

School Sport Victoria is covered by the Department's Privacy Policy and is required to required to collect personal and health information for the purposes of carrying out its school sport events and activities. School Sport Victoria limits the use of disclosure of any personal information to the purpose of participating in school sport.

Photographs, filming and recordings are classified as personal information and therefore covered by the Department's Privacy Policy and privacy laws. While being photographed, filmed and/or recorded is not mandatory, photography and filming often plays a large part in events and awards ceremonies.

School Sport Victoria uses an opt-out consent process so it is the responsibly of the parent/carer and/or schools to inform School Sport Victoria and/or the photographer which students should not be photographed. This can occur before an event or during an event. Images and videos of students participating in school sport may be taken on devices, for the purpose of publishing by School Sport Victoria via its communication channels. Staff must be mindful that images of students are personal information and are not to be retained on devices if not used and/or after uploading to School Sport Victoria. Once the media file is submitted, the original and any copy of the file must be deleted or removed from any devices. At this time, any unsubmitted images of students on the device must also be deleted.

Further information is available on the School Sport Victoria Photography, Filming, Recording Students' Policy and Privacy Collection Notice.

CHILD SAFTEY

School Sport Victoria is committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children when delivering an extensive school sport program to Victorian primary and secondary school students.

School Sport Victoria is committed to child safety, as outlined in the Department of Education Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy. To support child safety at School Sport Victoria events refer to the School Sport Victoria guidance for reporting and responding to child safe matters.

School Sport Victoria also has best practice guidelines for Child Safe Officers at all interschool sport competition levels. This includes providing a designated Child Safe Officer at events when there are more than 500 students.

OTHER POLICIES

School Sport Victoria also has policies relating to Inclusion, Drugs in Sport, Healthy Choices, Hydration, Concussion, Injury Prevention and a new Positive Behaviour.

All the School Sport Victoria policies are publicly available at www.ssv.vic.edu.au/pages/downloads

MULTICLASS AND INCLUSION

INCLUSION

School Sport Victoria works with State Sporting Organisations and the existing school sport structures to ensure that opportunities are provided for all students, regardless of gender, race or culture, in both segregated (against other students with a disability) and in integrated (with able bodied students) settings.

School Sport Victoria believes that the first level of entry to school sport is critical and must be inclusive. This level provides valuable integrated opportunities for all students to play sport with their peers. At a primary level this is at a District level and secondary level this is through Divisions.

Where practical, schools must ensure that minor modifications are made to the rules, at this first level of entry, to better include all students. This is best done at a local level, and between schools, using a commonsense approach to competition.

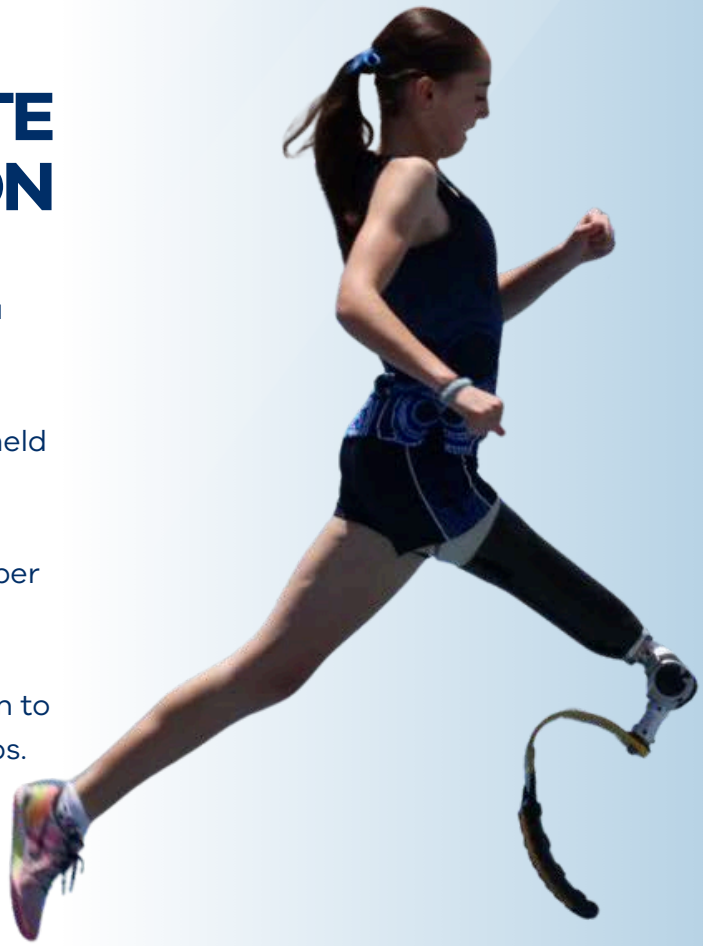
MULTICLASS ATHLETE INFORMATION

Multiclass is the format used to create meaningful competition for students with a disability, from multiple classification impairment categories.
In interschool sport, multiclass events are held in swimming, cross country and track and field, with some minor modifications to the rules and regulations, where necessary as per the rules of the sport. Multiclass students (athletes with a physical or intellectual disability) must hold a current classification to compete at region and state championships.

Multiclass athlete events will be conducted using the multi disability format for both boys and girls and results calculated using the Swimming Australia Multiclass Points Schedule (MCPS) and the Athletics Australia Baseline Performance Tables.

If Coordinators receive enquiries regarding how a student can be classified, you may provide links to School Sport Victoria's multiclass resource page along with sport specific rules where modifications are referred to on the sport specific page on the School Sport Victoria website.

School Sport Victoria encourages multiclass athletes who wish to compete in interschool sport activities to commence the classification process as soon as possible.



SPORT	EVENT	AGE GROUP
Swimming	50 metres Freestyle Breaststroke Butterfly Backstroke	Primary: 9/10, 11 and 12/13 Secondary: 12-14, 15-16 and 17-20
Track and Field	100m, 200m, 800m, long jump, shot put	Primary: 9/10, 11 and 12/13 Secondary: 12-14, 15-16 and 17-20
Cross Country	Primary: 2000m Secondary: 3000m	Primary: 9/10, 11 and 12/13 Secondary: 12-14, 15-16 and 17-20 (Excluding wheelchairs)

Note 1: As SSV is part of a trial with Athletics Australia and Sport Inclusion Australia (SIA), schools who wish to enter students Autism Spectrum Disorder MUST contact Sport Inclusion Australia to ensure these students can qualify for this multiclass before starting in District level competition. More information can be found below.
Note 2: There are a limited number of classification opportunities throughout the year as the process requires qualified classifiers to undertake the process. Please contact the relevant organisation below as early as possible.

The state representative (Team Vic) program offers multiclass opportunities in swimming, cross country, track and field and aquathlon/triathlon. For further information, visit the Team Vic pages on the School Sport Victoria website.

KEY CONTACTS FOR MULTICLASS INFORMATION

- For swimming, students with a physical impairment and without a classification must contact Swimming Victoria on (03) 9230 9400
- **For cross Country and track and field, students with a physical impairment and without a classification contact Athletics Australia on (03) 8646 4550.**
- Students with an intellectual impairment must contact Sport Inclusion Australia (SIA) on (03) 5762 7494
- **Students with a hearing impairment must contact Deaf Sports Australia on (03) 9473 1154 or via the Contact Us form.**

TRANS AND GENDER DIVERSE ATHLETE INFORMATION

It is important for all students, including trans and gender diverse students, to feel supported and included, and to have the opportunity to participate in school sport.

School Sport Victoria's guidance for schools to support students who are trans and gender diverse includes that students should be able to participate in a gendered event category in which they feel most safe and comfortable playing in. Information regarding the guidance is available on the School Sport Victoria website.

PROTESTS AND APPEALS

TEAM SPORTS

- **Protests/disputes for team sports must be notified to the Convener on the day and, if possible, the Convener shall resolve such disputes 'on the spot'**
- Any school aggrieved by the ruling the Convener shall play the match(es) under protest and the matter shall then be referred to the relevant Protest and Appeals Committee
- **Appeals against the Convener decision must be lodged in writing**
- The aggrieved school shall complete the SSV Protest Form, signed and endorsed by the Principal within 3 school days of the competition.

INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

- Protests for cross country, diving, swimming, and track and field must be to the Referee on the day of competition only by either the competitor or teacher or, if no teacher is present, an adult responsible for the competitor
- **Any competitor aggrieved by the ruling of the Referee may request to compete under protest (in the case of a disqualification/failed attempt) until their Appeal can be heard**
- Appeals against the Referee's decision must be lodged in writing and any fee payable on the day of competition only within the time limit as specified by the School Sport Victoria rules for that sport
- **No protest or appeals will be heard after the competition is conducted.**

Refer to the Protest and Appeals Policy.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT INVITATIONS

INVITATIONS

Schools can apply for an invitation on behalf of their students to School Sport Victoria interschool events, provided they meet the criteria set out in the Invitations Policy – Interschool Sport.

Invitations to compete can only be considered in competitions for individuals and teams only where a place is available.

These sports are cross country, swimming and track and field. Refer to the policy here.

Please note that invitation requests:

- Can only be made by schools on the Invitation Request Form
- **Can only be considered if it meets the Invitation Request criteria**
- Can only be granted for one level of competition
- **Can only be granted if there is a vacant lane (swimming and track and field)**
- Can only be considered where the level of performance would have normally qualified the student to compete at the level requested.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT FINES

The School Sport Victoria – Fines Policy states a school will face a fine of $100 if a team withdraws from a sport Region or State Final less than two school days prior to the finals and a replacement team cannot be found.

Team VIC

STATE REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

SELECTION PROCESS

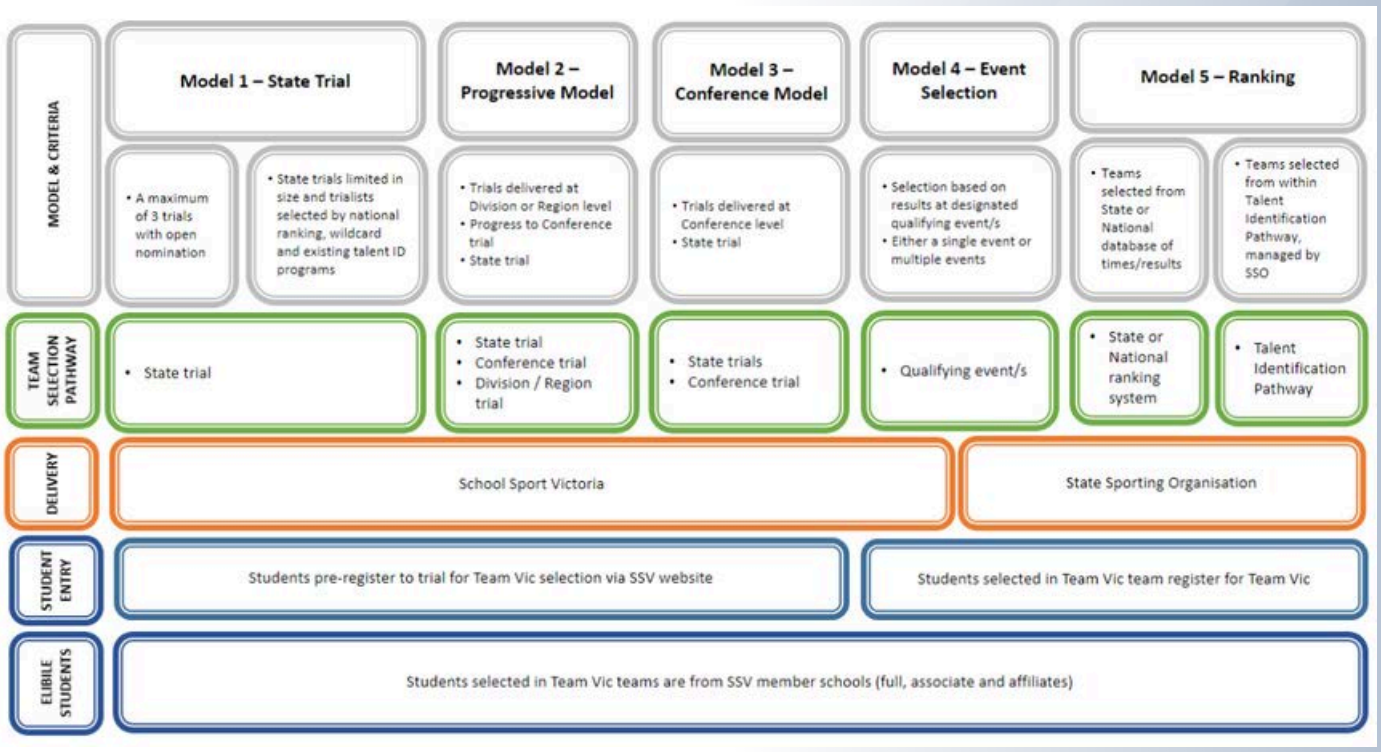
The School Sport Victoria state team (Team Vic) representative program provides a development platform for Victoria's emerging student athletes to participate in the annual School Sport Australia Championships. In 2026, there will be 49 teams selected across 19 sports involving approximately 1,000 primary and secondary school students representing 'Team Vic'.

For information on the sports and teams participating in the School Sport Australia Championships, please refer to the individual Team Vic sport pages on the School Sport Victoria website.

School Sport Victoria coordinate the selection process for state representative teams in partnership with relevant state sporting organisations. Depending on the sport and team, the selection process involves either:

- Progressive model of trial/s
- Individual state trial/s
- Results from event/s
- Based on rankings/results or talent identification program

CURRENT SELECTION MODELS - SPORTS



CURRENT SELECTION MODELS - SPORTS

MODEL	Model 1 – State Trial	Model 2 – Progressive Model	Model 3 – Conference Model	Model 4 – Event Selection	Model 5 – Ranking
SPORTS M = multi-class	• Baseball (18&U Mixed) • Basketball (16&U Boys/Girls) • Bowls (18&U) • Cricket (15&U Boys/Girls) • Diving (10-19 years) • Hockey (15&U Boys/Girls, 12&U Boys/Girls) • Netball (15&U Boys/Girls) • Rugby League (12&U Mixed) • Softball (18&U Boys/Girls, 12&U Boys/Girls) • Touch Football (15&U Boys/Girls, 12&U Boys/Girls) • Volleyball (15&U Boys/Girls)	• Australian Football (12&U Boys) • Basketball (12&U Boys/Girls) • Cricket (12&U Boys) • Football (soccer) (12&U Boys) • Netball (12&U Girls)	• Australian Football (14&U Boys/Girls, 12&U Girls) • Cricket (12&U Girls) • Football (soccer) (12&U Girls, 18&U Boys/Girls) • Netball (12&U Boys)	• Aquathlon / Triathlon (13-19 years) • Cross Country (10-12 years) • Golf (18&U, 12&U Mixed) • Tennis (12&U, 18&U Mixed) • Track & Field (10-12 years)	• Swimming (10-12 years), 13-19 years)
PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES	24 teams 1,457 trialists (2025)	6 teams 3,494 trialists (2025)	8 teams 1,538 trialists (2025)	7 teams 1,422 trialists (2025)	2 teams 416 trialists (2025)

In 2026, entry for all trials except for cross country, diving, tennis, and track and field are via the School Sport Victoria online registration platform. Each sport's Team Information and Selection Guidelines are released throughout the year as necessary and provide specific information in relation to the selection process.

Please note, in 2026, the team selection process for the 10-12 Years track and field team will be via the State Track and Field Primary Championships. This differs to the past 4 years, in which selection has been based upon a selection trial.

This pathway is highly competitive and intended for students who are already performing at an advanced representative level beyond local competition. It is not designed as a developmental, preparatory, or 'come and try' opportunity.

To be eligible for to trial for team selection, students must:

- **meet the age-eligibility criteria for the team**
- be a full-time student that attends school regularly with School Sport Victoria member school
- **prior to registering, have consulted with their Principal or physical education Teacher**
- be registered via School Sport Victoria's online registration platform prior to the closing date by a parent or guardian
- **not be suspended / banned from competing in interschool, community/club or representative sport.**

To be eligible for provisional team selection, students must:

- **be available to attend all selection trials, training sessions and all other designated team activities**
- if selected, be endorsed by their school Principal, who will attest that their general behaviour and attendance is of a suitable standard to be a good representative of their school
- **meet the costs of participation and;**
- be available to attend the entire duration of the School Sport Australia Championships for their sport.

AGE ELIGIBILITY

The team selection process varies amongst sports - generally, eligible students must be of a particular age. The table below outlines the age-based eligibility and is calculated as of 31st December in the year of competition (except where other specific age eligibility is applied under certain School Sport Australia competition rules).

Sport	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Aquathlon	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Australian Football	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Baseball	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Basketball	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N
Bowls	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Cricket	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Cross Country	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Diving	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Football	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Golf	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Hockey	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Netball	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Rugby League	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Softball	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Swimming	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tennis	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Touch Football	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Track and Field	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Triathlon	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Volleyball	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N

TRIAL REGISTRATIONS

All students must register to trial for Team Vic via the registration link on each Team Vic sport page. The registration dates for each sport can be found on the Team Vic Sport and Registrations Key Dates page.

Prior to registering, interested students and their family must consult with their School Principal or Physical Education Teacher. This is to ensure that only suitably skilled students are registering to trial for what is a competitive, representative pathway – it is NOT a process designed to 'prepare students for the next year' or as a 'come and try' session.

Registration information for teams will be published closer to the time of registrations opening through the SSV website and may be published on social media platforms including Facebook and Instagram, and the SSV eNews. Please note the following:

- A fee of $35.00 applies to each sport registration
- **There is no late registration period for any sport in 2026**
- It is the responsibility of the student/parent/carer, to check the SSV website for opening and closing dates for registrations
- **The registration opening and closing dates will differ for each team and**
- Registration confirmation will come from GameDay and not School Sport Victoria.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

STEP 1A - PRIOR TO REGISTERING:
Prior to registering, interested students and their family must consult with their School Principal or Physical Education Teacher. Principals/Teachers may wish to discuss the child's suitability to trial with the student's classroom teacher, as well as physical education staff.
For specific teams (as listed in Step 1B), schools may elect to run an in-school trial to finalise their School Endorsements.

STEP 1B:
For the following teams each school is only allowed to endorse a maximum of three (3) students to participate in the selection trials:

- 12 Years & Under Boys Australian Football
- 12 Years & Under Boys Basketball
- 12 Years & Under Girls Basketball
- 12 Years & Under Boys Cricket
- 12 Years & Under Boys Football (Soccer)
- 12 Years & Under Girls Netball

STEP 2 - REGISTRATION:
After consulting with their child's school, the family of the student can then proceed to register their child online.

STEP 3 - IN-SCHOOL TRIALS:
For the sports listed in Step 1B only, School Sport Victoria staff will contact the necessary schools if more than 3 students are registered and will ask the school to endorse 3 students. If a school is not in a position to endorse 3 students, School Sport Victoria will request that schools hold 'in-school' trial to narrow the number of trialists and to notify School Sport Victoria of the outcome. Schools could include the following components as a part of an 'in school' trial i.e.:

- Speed / agility assessment
- Endurance test
- Basic skills assessment i.e. kicking a ball on both feet accurately over a range of distances; or shooting a ball from different sides of the court / different ranges
- Game / match simulation

Schools are only allowed to endorse a maximum of three (3) students to participate in the selection trials listed in Step 1B.

STEP 4 - SELECTION TRIALS:
Team Selection Trials take place as per the Team Information and Selection Guidelines for their specific team/sport.

Student Endorsement (formerly referred to as Principal Endorsement)

STEP 5 – TEAM SELECTION:
After the Selection Trials are conducted, Principals (or their delegate) of a student who has been selected as a member of a Team Vic team will be asked to endorse the participation of the student as a Team Vic student athlete.

- Successful students in State Trials will then be provisionally announced as team members and receive further documentation in relation to their position on the Team Vic team
- Teams will not be confirmed as final until this endorsement from Principals is received

PRIMARY REGION TRIALS

Additional information for Primary Region and Trial Coordinators.

For the following sports, Primary Region Coordinators are responsible for the initial stage of the Progressive Model:

- 12 Years & Under Boys Australian Football
- 12 Years & Under Boys Basketball
- 12 Years & Under Girls Basketball
- 12 Years & Under Boys Cricket
- 12 Years & Under Boys Football (Soccer)
- 12 Years & Under Girls Netball

This guide is designed to support the selection process for the above-mentioned teams.

STEP 1
Primary Region Coordinators determine a Trial date, time and book a venue by Friday, 12 December 2025. These details are then entered into the Team Vic 2026 Region Trial Information spreadsheet by the relevant Coordinator.

STEP 2
State Teams staff develop the Team Information and Selection Guidelines (TISG) in consultation with Team Vic Officials, which will be published on the individual Team Vic sport pages on the School Sport Victoria website on Friday, 30 January 2026, so that families have access to the trial date, time and venue information.

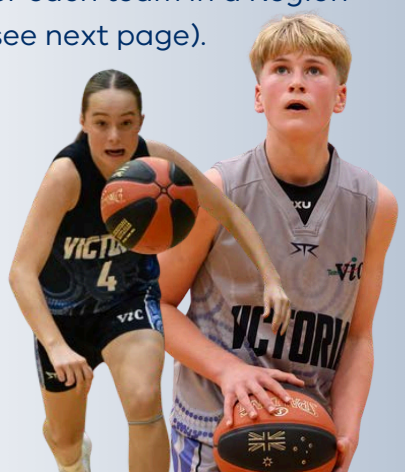
STEP 3
After registrations close on Monday, 2 March 2026, State Teams staff will collate the registration details for each Region into an online Region spreadsheet. This will be shared with each of the Primary Region Coordinators by approximately Thursday, 12 March 2026, who will then share with the Trial Coordinator for each sport in their Region.

STEP 3 cont.
If a Region chooses to split their trials into separate sessions, this must be completed by the Trial Coordinator and the updated online Region spreadsheet shared with the State Teams staff.

STEP 4
State Teams staff will email trialists (using the BCC function for privacy purposes) going to the Region level to confirm the Trial date, time and venue by Thursday, 19 March 2026.

- Primary Region Coordinators, Trial Coordinators and their email addresses will be included in the relevant email as the key contact for the Trial.
- If late changes are made to the Trial date, time or venue, it is the responsibility of the Primary Region Coordinators and Trial Coordinators to directly contact trialists and notify them of the change This must also be updated on the Team Vic 2026 Region Trial Information spreadsheet by the relevant Coordinator.

STEP 5
Trial Coordinators conduct the Region Trial and determine the selected trialists to progress to the Conference Trial. The maximum number of trialists progressing for each team in a Region is as follows (see next page).



*Please note, the full quota is not required to progress if trialists are not at the required level:

Team	Maximum number of trialists progressing to Conference Trial
Australian Football – 12 Years & Under Boys	Up to 25 boys total per region
Basketball – 12 Years & Under Boys	Up to 15 boys total per region
Basketball - 12 Years & Under Girls	Up to 15 girls total per region
Cricket – 12 Years & Under Boys	Up to 15 boys total per region
Football (Soccer) – 12 Years & Under Boys	Up to 15 in boys total per region
Netball – 12 Years & Under Girls	Up to 20 girls total per region

As in 2025, the Trial Coordinators will provide each student with a trial reflection sheet to complete after the trial. Trial Coordinators must not notify students or families on the day of the trial about the status of any progressions. Instead, Trial Coordinators are asked to complete their selections using the online Region spreadsheet as soon as is practical.

STEP 6

On the day following the trial, Trial Coordinators are to send two emails - a successful progression email and an unsuccessful progression email. This removes any occupational health and safety risks to the coordinators on the day of the trial, provides time for selectors to finalise their decisions, as well as allowing for the emotion of the trial experience to have levelled down for both students and their families.

Trial Coordinators should CC' their Primary Region Coordinator and the State Teams email address ssv.teamvic@education.vic.gov.au into the two emails that they send, taking care to BCC' the families email addresses.

STEP 7

If required, State Teams staff will contact Primary Region Coordinators to confirm the online Region Registration spreadsheet accurately indicates the trialists who were successful and are progressing to the Conference Trial

STEP 8

The Team Vic Manager for each sport will email trialists going to the Conference Trial level to confirm the Trial date, time and venue using the School Sport Victoria Trial Confirmation email template. The Team Vic Managers and their email address will be included in the relevant email as the key contact for the Trial. If late changes are made to the Trial date, time and venue, it is the responsibility of the Team Vic Conference Managers to directly contact trialists via the School Sport Victoria Change to Trial Details email template supplied.

FUNDRAISING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

While all young people selected for Team Vic have the talent and commitment to succeed, not all have the funds or support to take up the opportunity. To reduce the barrier to participation, students selected to represent Victoria as a Team Vic member to participate at the School Sport Australia Championships can:

- Create an Australian Sports Foundation fundraising project
- Apply for a Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund scholarship (pending eligibility): scholarships awarded from the fund will support Victorian support Victorian students from low socio-economic, indigenous or rural and regional backgrounds.

Participating in sport provides young people with social, cultural and educational opportunities, encouraging healthy lifestyles, the development of life skills and lifelong friendships. For those from disadvantaged backgrounds, these benefits can be far reaching.

You can find more information at Scholarships and Fundraising on the School Sport Victoria website.

Victorian Teachers' Games

VICTORIAN TEACHERS' GAMES

VTG 2026

The Victorian Teachers' Games (VTG) is a multi-day, multi-sport event available to teachers and educational professionals across Victoria.

Held annually in the first week of the September school holidays, educators can participate and connect through a range of sporting, recreation, wellness, and social events.

Teams of staff from within schools view the event as a unique way to build team morale and enhance staff health and wellbeing.

Who?
Anybody employed by a school in Victoria, VIT registered teachers, education support staff, casual and retired teachers, early childhood educators, 3rd/4th year students enrolled in a university education degree, university education faculty and DE corporate staff.

What's in it for me?
You and your colleagues can participate in a variety of team-based or individual sport, recreational, wellness or social activities. The event schedule has something for everyone, and you can tailor your experience to your interests. It's also a great opportunity for you and your colleagues to have a break and connect.

98% of surveyed participants responding that the Victorian Teachers' Games benefits their personal health & wellbeing, now is a great time to gather a team to experience the camaraderie and the physical and social benefits that VTG provides.

This team building event is being held in Melbourne from 20 September 2026 and is the ideal event to spend a couple of days getting refreshed for term 4 and participating in the many active and social activities that will be on offer including favorites like lawn bowls, netball, pickleball, and trivia.

What next?
Whether you're a VTG veteran or looking to try something new, round up your colleagues and sign up to the newsletter to keep informed of the 2026 Victorian Teachers' Games by visiting www.victeachersgames.com.au. All event information and registrations will open in Term 2, 2026 so sign up to stay in the know!

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

What is the Advisory Committee?

The purpose of the School Sport Victoria Advisory Committee is to support the strategic management of School Sport Victoria, including its strategic directions, key programs and stakeholder partnerships.

There are four education representatives for our 4 sporting regions, and teachers are welcome to apply. School Sport Victoria is committed to supporting teachers to participate, so if there are any barriers to participation identified, please discuss with your School Sport VictoriaSV contact.

The role of the Advisory Committee is to provide advice to School Sport Victoria on:

- Trends in the education and sport sectors
- Government priorities and alignment
- Development of SSV policies
- Financial management and sustainability
- Partnerships and sponsorships, and
- Stakeholder and customer engagement and feedback (including schools)

More information about the Advisory Committee is available here.
Positions are advertised on the School Sport Victoria Positions Vacant page as they become vacant, but August/September is generally the time of the year when any vacant roles are advertised.

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

School Sport Victoria aim to provide the right content for the right people, at the right time.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where do I find information about the rules each sport, draws, what district we are in, and contact details of my coordinator?

All this information and much more can be found on the SSV website. If your district or division has local rules the information will be noted, if not School Sport Victoria State rules apply for each sport.

How do I apply for an Invitation?

Download the School Sport Victoria Invitations Policy - Interschool Sport and Request Form. Complete all parts of the form, have it signed by the school Principal and send it to the Coordinator of the level of competition for which you are applying for invitation. The Coordinator will then reply to accept or deny the invitation request.

What happens if my team is late getting to a competition?

Finals information on the web page includes the name and mobile number for the convener. If you contact the convener, and your lateness is beyond your control, they will try and change the draw. If you do not contact the convener, or the draw can't be changed, your team will be penalised. Penalties are set out in the rules for each sport.

What do I do if the weather forecast Is bad for a Region or State Final?

Check the School Sport Victoria website for a message that the competition has been postponed, this would appear as an alert at top of the region and sport page. If there is no message and you are still concerned, contact the Convener of the event. Click on the event in the current year's events section for the particular sport. The conveners name and contact number will appear in this section. Inclement weather will only delay an event if the environment is considered unsafe for play.

How do I lodge a protest?

All this information and much more can be found on the SSV website. If your district or division has local rules the information will be noted, if not School Sport Victoria State rules apply for each sport.

How do I find out about the next level of competition when my team wins at District/Division/Region Finals?

All information for finals can be found on the School Sport Victoria website. You will not be contacted. How can I find out my school results?
For Region results, select your Region, and find the Results link on the right-hand panel of the Region Page. For State results, select 'State', and find the 'State Results' link on the right-hand panel of the page.

A student(s) of mine has qualified for State Swimming, Cross Country and Track & Field. What next?

All information for these events is located at the School Sport Victoria website. Simply select 'State'; select the sport (e.g. Swimming) and click on the event on the right-hand panel of the page. All information, including the Rules, draw, competitor list and results will be displayed on this event page.

Who should I contact if I have a question?

Questions should be directed to the Coordinator of the level of competition that the question is relevant to. If you are unsure about who to ask, contact School Sport Victoria on (03) 9084 9001 to be directed to someone who can help.

I have heard about students representing Victoria in the School Sport Australia Championships. How can I find out more?

Parents, teachers and students should regularly visit the Team Vic page on the SSV website for information regarding eligibility and nomination processes. The trials are for students who are talented in their sport.

My child attends a non-government school, is the school eligible to affiliate with SSV so my child can trial for an SSV state team?

Full membership is open to all government schools. Associate membership is open to non-government schools that wish to participate in the full SSV program. Affiliate membership is open to non-government schools that wish for their students to participate in state team selection process only. All Victorian students whose school is a financial member of SSV, are eligible to trial for Team Vic if the student meets the eligibility criteria.

I understand participation in School Sport Australia Championships is self-funded. What opportunities do I have to raise money for my participation?

SSV makes every effort to keep all costs to a minimum and tries to assist team members through contact with schools, sponsor letters and a media release. There are funding opportunities available for student's selected for a Team Vic team through the Australian Sports Foundation and the Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund (for students that eligible) – see Fundraising and Scholarships.

I have a student who did not nominate for the trials on time. What can they do?

SSV must adhere to strict selection schedules and protocols to maintain fairness to all. In this case, students who do not register on time cannot attend the trials.

I have a student who has been selected in a Team Vic team, but the family is suffering financial hardship. How can we assist them?

Many schools assist their students with meeting the financial cost of making a team. In the past, schools have given students a grant of money, conducted out of uniform days, sausage sizzles, received sponsorship through local business etc. As noted, there are funding opportunities available for student's selected for a Team Vic team through the Australian Sports Foundation and the Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund (for eligible students) – see Fundraising and Scholarships.

What opportunities are available for teachers in the SSV program?

School Sport Victoria provides numerous avenues for Victorian school educators to become involved in School Sport Victoria activities, including as Region, Division and District Coordinators, Team Vic Officials, and as participants, conveners, and volunteers at the Victorian Teachers' Games - see Positions Vacant for further information.

What are the Victorian School Sports Awards?

The Victorian School Sports Awards recognise excellence across all categories of major school sports. They are commonly known as Blues awards and are awarded annually to students, teachers, volunteers and schools who have excelled or made an outstanding contribution to school sport.

What are the SSV Awards?

The School Sport Victoria Awards recognise the outstanding achievements of School Sport Victoria coordinators, schools, teachers and volunteers delivering school sport. These awards identify valuable personnel who go above and beyond for Victorian students within inter-school and sometimes interstate school sport. They are role models, leaders, exemplar professionals and above all they provide high quality school sport opportunities for Victorian students at the core of their work.

These a range of awards available including but not limited to School Sport Victoria Spirit of Sport Award, various School Sport Victoria Coordinator of the Year awards, Team Vic Officials awards, recognition, service, and School Sport Victoria Life Membership.