



# SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

## COMPETITION PATHWAY AND PROGRESSIONS

### POLICY

This policy sets out the requirements for the planning and implementation of school teams and individual's pathway and progression for School Sport Victoria's (SSV) interschool sport competitions.

### DETAILS

School Sport Victoria (SSV) provides rules and guidelines so that Full and Associate member schools from all sectors can participate in all aspects of the primary and secondary school sport program. The sport program is designed to be as equitable as possible for all students and schools including those from regional and rural areas.

Any school team or individual student from anywhere in Victoria can progress through the competition pathway, providing they meet the SSV rules and conditions of competition, to reach the State Championships. This policy relates to interschool sport competitions only.

School Sport Victoria (SSV) provides a competition pathway for Full and Associate member schools and their enrolled students to participate in a competition structure that has a defined pathway across Victoria.

This Policy is to be read and implemented in conjunction with the SSV General Conditions of Competition and relevant Sport Specific Rules.

### RELATED POLICIES

1. [General Conditions of Competition](#)
2. Relevant Specific Sport Rules

### GUIDANCE

#### For Primary Schools, the Competition Pathway is:

District → Division → Region → State

#### For Secondary Schools, the Competition Pathway is:

Division → Region → State

All members schools are to be allocated to a specific District/Division/Region (Primary) and Division/Region (Secondary) based on their geographical location.

Schools and individuals can only compete in their allocated District/Division/Region (Primary) and Division/Region (Secondary) and cannot seek to compete elsewhere due to clashes.

School Teams and individuals must compete at each level of competition to reach the State Championships related to each sport. Teams or individuals may only miss a sport's level of competition if an invitation is granted having met the Invitation Policy Criteria or have been advanced as part of the Appeals and Grievances Policy.

## **APPENDIX A: PROGRESSION THROUGH THE SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA COMPETITION PATHWAY**

Progression through the SSV Competition Pathway described above is by the number(s) determined by the SSV Interschool Sport Team, approved by the SSV Chief Executive Officer. This is reviewed each year and updated Progression Numbers are to be circulated to all member schools.

The Progression Numbers can be found in Appendix A. There is some flexibility for Primary Districts and Secondary Division to determine their own progression numbers where listed.

Multi Class students in mainstream schools must follow the same pathways and progressions as their able bodied fellow students.

For levels above Primary District and Secondary Division, numbers can only be varied by approved by the SSV Interschool Sport Manager or an SSV Interschool Sport team member.

## **APPENDIX B: PROGRESSION THROUGH THE SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA COMPETITION PATHWAY FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING SPECIALISED SCHOOLS**

Progression through the SSV Competition Pathway described above is by the number(s) recommended by the SSV Interschool Sport Manager and, approved by the SSV Chief Executive Officer. This is reviewed each year and updated Progression Numbers are to be circulated to all member schools.

The Progression Numbers can be found in Appendix B, Flexibility exists for more students to be invited to attend higher levels of competition as determined by the SSV Interschool School Manager or their delegate.

## **CHANGES TO THE COMPETITION PATHWAY OR PROGRESSIONS**

Changes to the Competition Pathway or Progression Numbers can be proposed by:

1. SSV Interschool Sport Team
2. Any SSV Region representative

Any change to go forward for voting must be approved by the SSV CEO.

**Proposed changes must be received by the SSV Interschool Sport Manager no later than 30 June each year**

These proposed changes are then presented to the Region Forum for voting. For a change to be implemented there must be:

1. Three quarters (3/4) of the number of Regions in favour of the change
2. Approved by the SSV Chief Executive Officer

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This policy reflects current practice.
2. The policy can be found on the SSV website
3. All schools and all coordinators will be notified of any changes via the SSV website, Social Media and the SSV News

**APPENDIX A: PROGRESSION NUMBERS:**

PRIMARY				
G = GIRLS		BM = BOYS/MIXED		
SPORT	DISTRICT TO DIVISION	DIVISION TO REGION	REGION TO STATE QUARTER/SEMI FINALS	STATE QUARTER/SEMI FINALS/REGION TO STATE
AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL	1G 1BM	1G 1BM	1G 1BM	1G 1BM
BADMINTON	NA	NA	NA	NA
BASEBALL	NA	NA	NA	NA
BASKETBALL	1G 1BM	1G 1BM	NA	1G 1BM
BOWLS	NA	Division competitions, if held, conducted by Bowls Victoria	NA	1 Team of 12 players per Region Region competitions and State Championships conducted by Bowls Victoria
CRICKET	1G 1BM	1G 1BM	NA	1G 1BM
FOOTBALL (SOCCER)	1G 1BM	1G 1BM	NA	1G 1BM
HOCKEY	1G 1BM	1G 1BM	NA	1G 1BM
NETBALL	1G 1BM	1G 1BM	NA	1G 1BM
SOFTBALL	1G 1BM	1G 1BM	NA	1G 1BM
TABLE TENNIS	NA	NA	NA	NA
TEE BALL	1G 1BM	1G 1BM	NA	1G 1BM
TENNIS TEAMS	1G 1BM	1G 1BM		1G 1BM State Championships conducted by Tennis Victoria
VOLLEYBALL	1G 1BM	1G 1BM	NA	1G 1BM
SPORTS DELIVERED BY STATE SPORTING ORGANISATIONS				
FUTSAL	NA	NA	NA	SSO Event
ROWING	NA	NA	NA	NA
RACQUETBALL	NA	NA	NA	SSO Event
RUGBY LEAGUE	NA	NA	Conducted by VRL	Conducted by VRL
TABLE TENNIS	NA	NA	NA	SSO Event
TOUCH FOOTBALL	NA	NA	NA	SSO Event

**INDIVIDUAL SPORTS**

**PRIMARY**

**PER AGE GROUPS CONDUCTED AS PER SSV RULES**

SPORT	DISTRICT TO DIVISION	DIVISION TO REGION	REGION TO STATE
CROSS COUNTRY	District/Division decision	9-13 year olds Minimum 10 to a maximum of 12 Individuals	9-13 year olds Top 12 Individuals
DIVING	NA	Direct entry via online registration to Region/State event. Two age groups 9/10 and 11/12 years	From Region competition in the morning, Region winners and further divers to make a final of 10
SWIMMING	District/Division decision	Max 2 per event where # divisions is less than 5 or 1 per event if 5 or more divisions	One (1) per event
TRACK AND FIELD	District/Division decision	Max 2 per event	Two (2) per event
SPORTS DELIVERED BY STATE SPORTING ORGANISATIONS			
CYCLING	NA	NA	NA
GYMNASTICS	NA	NA	NA
ORIENTEERING	NA	NA	SSO event
SURFING	NA	NA	NA
TRIATHLON/AQUATHLON	NA	NA	SSO Event

**SECONDARY**

NUMBER OF TEAMS PROGRESSING ARE PER AGE GROUP AS PER SSV RULES

G = GIRLS                      B = BOYS   B/M = BOYS/MIXED

SPORT	DIVISION TO REGION	REGION TO STATE QUARTER/SEMI FINALS	STATE QUARTER/SEMI FINALS/REGION TO STATE
AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL (Year 7 and Year 8)	1BM 1G	1BM 1G	1BM 1G
AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL (Intermediate and Senior)	1B 1G	1B 1G	1B 1G
BADMINTON	1BM 1G	NA	1BM 1G
BASEBALL	1BM	NA	1BM
BASKETBALL	1BM 1G	NA	1BM 1G
BOWLS	Direct entry to region	NA	1 OPEN (direct from region to state)
CRICKET (ALL BOYS AGE GROUPS, GIRLS INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR)	1BM 1G	1BM 1G	1BM 1G
FOOTBALL (SOCCER)	1BM 1G	NA	1BM 1G
HOCKEY	1BM 1G	NA	1BM 1G
NETBALL (Year 7 and Year 8 Girls and Junior Boys)	1BM 1G	NA	1BM 1G
NETBALL (Intermediate and Senior)	1B 1G	NA	1B 1G
SOFTBALL	1G	NA	1G
TABLE TENNIS	1BM 1G	NA	1BM 1G
TEE BALL	NA	NA	NA
TENNIS	1BM 1G	NA	1BM 1G
VOLLEYBALL	1BM 1G	NA	1BM 1G
SPORTS DELIVERED BY STATE SPORTING ORGANISATIONS			
EQUESTRIAN	NA	NA	SSO event
FUTSAL	NA	NA	SSO event
HANDBALL	NA	NA	SSO event
INDOOR ROWING	NA	NA	SSO event

LACROSSE	NA	NA	SSO event
ROWING	NA	NA	SSO event
RUGBY LEAGUE	NA	NA	SSO event
SQUASH	NA	SSO event	SSO event
TOUCH FOOTBALL	NA	NA	SSO event
WEIGHT LIFTING	NA	NA	SSO event
Opportunity exists for A and B levels to be conducted in Basketball and Netball at Division and Region			

SECONDARY		
PER AGE GROUPS CONDUCTED AS PER SSV RULES		
SPORT	DIVISION TO REGION	REGION TO STATE
CROSS COUNTRY	12-19 year olds. Top 15 individuals runners + any winning School team runners (eg runner #3 and/or #4) outside the top 15	12-19 year olds Top 12 individuals runners + any winning School team runners (eg runner #3 and/or #4) outside the top 12
DIVING	Direct entry via online registration to Region/State event. One age group 10-12 years	From Region competition in the morning, Region winners and further divers to make a final of 10
SWIMMING	Division decision. As a guide, max 2 per event where # divisions is less than 5 or 1 per event if 5 or more divisions	One (1) per event
TRACK AND FIELD	Division decision. As a guide, max 2 per event where # divisions is less than 5 or 1 per event if 5 or more divisions	One (1) per event Two (2) for 1500, 3000 (standards for 3000)
SPORTS DELIVERED BY STATE SPORTING ORGANISATIONS		
CYCLING	NA	SSO event
GYMNASTICS	NA	SSO event
ORIENTEERING	NA	SSO event
SURFING	NA	SSO event
TRIATHLON	NA	SSO event

## APPENDIX B: PROGRESSION NUMBERS FOR SPECIALISED SCHOOLS

INDIVIDUAL SPORTS – MULTI CLASS			
SPECIALISED SCHOOLS – PRIMARY AND SECONDARY MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH EAST SPECIAL SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION (SESSSA) OR MEMBERS OF THE NORTH WEST SPECIAL SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION (NWSSSA)			
PER AGE GROUPS CONDUCTED AS PER SSV RULES			
SPORT	DISTRICT COMPETITION	LOCAL COMPETITION TO REGION	REGION TO STATE
CROSS COUNTRY	NA	Region competitions conducted by SESSSA or NWSSSA Primary and Secondary, Progression numbers decided by SESSSA and NWSSSA respectively	State Championships conducted by SSV Primary and Secondary- Top 12 Individuals in each age group Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV
SWIMMING	NA	Region competitions conducted by SSV Primary and Secondary - Max 2 per event Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV	State Championships are conducted by SSV Primary and Secondary -One (1) per event Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV
TRACK AND FIELD	NA	Region competitions conducted by SSV Primary and Secondary - Max 2 per event Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV	State Championships are conducted by SSV Primary - Two (2) per event Secondary – One (1) per event Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV

INDIVIDUAL SPORTS – MULTI CLASS

SPECIALISED SCHOOLS –PRIMARY AND SECONDARY  
COUNTRY SPECIALISED SCHOOLS OR SPECIALISED SCHOOLS NOT MEMBERS OF SESSSA OR NWSSSA

PER AGE GROUPS CONDUCTED AS PER SSV RULES

SPORT	LOCAL COMPETITION TO DIVISION	DIVISION TO REGION	REGION TO STATE
CROSS COUNTRY	NA	Region competitions conducted by SSV Primary and Secondary Maximum 12 per age group Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV	State Championships conducted by SSV Primary and Secondary Top 12 Individuals in each age group Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV
SWIMMING	Division competitions conducted by SSV Local decision in consultation with SSV Division Coordinator Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV	Region competitions conducted by SSV Primary and Secondary - Max 2 per event Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV	State Championships are conducted by SSV Primary and Secondary - One (1) per event Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV
TRACK AND FIELD	Division competitions conducted by SSV Local decision in consultation with SSV Division Coordinator Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV	Region competitions conducted by SSV Primary and Secondary - Max 2 per event Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV	State Championships are conducted by SSV Primary - Two (2) per event Secondary – One (1) per event Additional invitations are at the discretion of SSV