



SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

MEMBERSHIP POLICY

THE RATIONALE

School Sport Victoria is responsible for the organisation and administration of school sport for Victorian Primary and Secondary member schools.

All schools within Victoria are eligible to be members of School Sport Victoria. Member schools pay an annual membership fee to be affiliated with School Sport Victoria. Additional local fees may apply to support the delivery of school sport events and competitions.

School Sport Victoria offers a range of benefits for SSV member schools and students.

School Sport Victoria *membership is not a fee for service* but rather an affiliation fee which provides a range of benefits for a member school and its students to access whilst also supporting the overall role and operations of School Sport Victoria.

As per the School Sport Victoria Operating Procedures, there are three (3) categories of membership for schools:

6.1.1 FULL MEMBERS

- a) Qualifications: Any Government School.
- b) Voting Rights: Full voting rights as Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings as a single voting member provided that such rights are only able to be exercised by the Member's Nominee named in the Register.
- c) Benefits: See Membership Benefits.

6.1.2 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- a) Qualifications:
 - 1. Non - Government Primary School; or
 - 2. Non - Government Secondary School which:
 - 2.1 does not participate in a regular school sport competition for students in year levels 7 to 12 conducted by another secondary school sport organisation/ association; and
 - 2.2 is approved for admission to a Division as an Associate Member in accordance with the prescribed criteria.
- b) Voting Rights: Full voting rights at Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings as a single voting member provided that such rights are only able to be exercised by the Member's Nominee named in the Register.
- c) Benefits: See Membership Benefits.

6.1.3 AFFILIATE MEMBERS

- a) Qualifications: Any Non - Government Secondary School that participates in a regular school sport competition for students in year

- levels 7 to 12 conducted by another secondary school sport organisation.
- b) Voting Rights: No voting rights at Annual General Meetings or Special General Meetings.
- c) Benefits: See Membership Benefits.

The SSV Operating Procedures can be found on the SSV website.

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BECOMING A MEMBER OF SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

As per clause 7 of the SSV Operating Procedures, a school may submit the appropriate form according to their membership category to the Chief Executive Officer by the due date.

The relevant form plus obligations of membership can be found on the SSV website

Notes:

1. All applications for all categories must be approved by the SSV CEO;
2. Once membership has been granted by the SSV CEO, schools will be notified in writing and assigned, after discussion, to the relevant District (Primary) or Division (Secondary);
3. The relevant District or Division Coordinator will be notified; and
4. The Sports Coordinator/delegate of each school is required to accept shared responsibility for attending meetings and organising sport within the District/Division

Unless otherwise stated, closing dates for applications for the following year are:

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| Full Membership | 30 June in the previous year |
| Associate Membership | 30 June in the previous year |
| Affiliate Membership | 1 March each year |

CHANGING DISTRICT OR DIVISION

Schools wishing to change their District (Primary) or Division (Secondary) or a Primary District wishing to change to another Primary Division:

1. Apply in writing/email to the relevant Region School Sport Officer (RSSO) and their current District/Division Coordinator (whichever is relevant);
2. The application must be received **NO LATER THAN 30 JUNE EACH YEAR** for implementation in the following year
3. The application must state:
 - a. The reasons for requesting the change
 - b. The District/Division to which you wish to change
 - c. The benefits to your school's sport program and the students in your school by changing District/Division
4. The RSSO will undertake formal contact with the requested District/Division Coordinator. If agreement can't be reached, the CEO in consultation with the RSSO, will make the decision.
Note that the SSV reserves the right to review and change Districts and Divisions in order to provide the most appropriate sporting opportunities for students in member schools.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This policy reflects current practice.
2. This 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 eNewsletter.

ENDORSEMENT

This policy was endorsed by the School Sport Victoria Board of Management in September 2020.

REVIEW

This policy is due for review yearly.