



SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

TEAM VIC INVITATION POLICY



School Sport Victoria recognizes that there are circumstances where students are not able to follow the prescribed pathway for SSV competitions.

This policy allows schools to apply for an invitation for these students as long as they meet one of the criteria mentioned in this policy. If the student's circumstances do not meet one of the criteria, then an invitation will not be granted.

1. This policy applies to all trials conducted by School Sport Victoria for the purposes of selecting representative teams to compete in School Sport Australia Championships.
2. For 10, 11 and 12 years Cross Country the competitor must meet the criteria set out in the SSV Invitation Policy – Interschool Sport.
3. The individual must have registered to be part of the trialing process as prescribed on the SSV website.
4. Unless eliminated through the trialing process, individuals must attend each level of trialing to be considered for the team.
5. Individuals may only miss one level of trials if granted an Invitation by meeting the Invitation Criteria as listed in 7 below. A request to miss more than one level will NOT be granted.
6. Invitations will be considered only where space is available. It is possible to meet the criteria listed below and not be considered for an invitation on the grounds there is no space available.
7. Invitation Criteria are:
 - 7.1. A student has been involved in official school assessment;
 - 7.2. The student is unable to attend the previous level of trials as they will be attending a compulsory school camp/excursion at that time;
 - 7.3. A student has not attended the previous level of trials because they have been representing Victoria or Australia in a sporting competition;
 - 7.4. A student has not attended the previous level of trials because of their participation in a sporting event or competition considered to be of greater status than that level of competition;
 - 7.5. An 'official error' has caused the student to not attend the previous level of trials (note that errors made by school-based staff may not be deemed an 'official error');
 - 7.6. A student is injured or ill at the time of the previous level of trials. The student must provide a medical certificate indicating an injury/illness and verifying the fitness of the student to participate in the requested level of trials. If the illness is COVID related a letter from the school principal is required.
NOTE: Family holidays and personal commitments are not grounds for an invitation
8. It must be possible to include invitation competitors, at any level, without disadvantaging an individual who has progressed through the qualifying levels of trials.
9. Requests for invitations **MUST** be submitted as an official letter of request from the school on school letterhead signed by the Principal (there is no form) indicating the Invitation Criteria under which the request is made (section 7 above) and include a current resume of the student's playing history in that sport (limited to one A4 page);
10. Invitation requests for Team Vic trials must be lodged via the online [LINK HERE](#) prior to the trial for 7.1, 7.2, 7.3 and 7.4. For the case of 7.5 or 7.6, within 72 hours of the completion of the trial. The letter from the Principal must be uploaded and any further documentation can be uploaded at the same time.

All invitations are at the discretion of the National Programs Manager.

Requests received after the trial or for the case of 7.5 or 7.6 after the 72 hours will NOT be considered

SSV reserves the right to grant an invitation for exceptional circumstances. These invitations must be approved by the SSV Board of Management.