



TRIAL READINESS GUIDE



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GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

The School Sport Victoria (SSV) Team Vic representative program provides an opportunity for Victoria's emerging student athletes to compete against Australia's strongest school-aged athletes at the annual School Sport Australia (SSA) Championships.

The trial process is highly competitive and is intended for students who are already performing at an advanced representative level, beyond local or school-based competition. It is **not designed as a developmental, preparatory, or 'come and try' experience.**

School Sport Victoria staff are often asked by parents and teachers about the sporting level of students trialing for our Team Vic program. The guidance below has been put together to help parents and teachers make an informed decision about whether the program is an appropriate fit at this stage of a student's sporting journey.

Before registering to trial, parents and teachers are encouraged to review the advice provided by current Team Vic officials, which is based on their experience in selecting past state representative teams. These examples are intended to help parents make a decision that best suits their child.

12 Years & Under Boys Australian Football

Students who progress to the final trial are likely to have achieved one or more of the following in the past 12 months:

- won their Club Best and Fairest
- finished in the top 5 players of their League Best and Fairest
- been selected in, and participated with an Interleague team

12 Years & Under Boys and Girls Basketball

Students who progress to the final trial are likely to have achieved one or more of the following in the past 12 months:

Born in 2014:

- play in a 14/1, 14/2 or 14/3 VJBL team
- *regional/country students* - play in an association's 14/1 or 14/2 representative team (where VJBL is not available)
- selected for a Basketball Victoria Jamboree, FDP (Future Development Program), or SCC (Southern Cross Challenge)

Born in 2015:

- play in a 12/1 VJBL team
- *regional/country students* - play in an association's 12/1 representative team (where VJBL is not available)
- selected for a Basketball Victoria Jamboree



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12 Years & Under Boys Cricket

Students who progress to the final trial are likely to have achieved one or more of the following in the past 12 months:

- played representative cricket, or been invited to trial for a representative squad/team
- performed consistently at a high level for their club team (e.g. scoring runs, taking wickets, effecting catches)
- demonstrated a high level of confidence and competence playing in matches with a hard cricket ball

12 Years & Under Boys Football (Soccer)

Students who progress to the final trial are likely to have achieved one or more of the following in the past 12 months:

- currently participating in a National Premier Leagues (NPL) program, A-League Academy, or another recognised elite football pathway
- be regularly selected to play above their age group in a Football Victoria-recognised competition
- selected in a recognised representative or talent identification program, (e.g. School Sport Victoria or Football Victoria program)

12 Years & Under Girls Netball

Students who progress to the final trial are likely to have achieved one or more of the following in the past 12 months:

- selected as a representative player for their association
- play in their club's highest level team (e.g. Division 1 or Division 2) for their age group
- won their Club Best and Fairest, Most Valuable Player, or an equivalent award



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