



TRIAL INFORMATION AND SELECTION GUIDELINES

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Australian Football (Umpires), 12 & 15 Years and Under

The School Sport Australia (SSA) 12 Years and Under Australian Football Championships will be held in Lavington, NSW, from **Saturday 5th August to Friday 11th August, 2023.**

The School Sport Australia (SSA) 15 Years and Under Australian Football Championships will be held in Ballarat, VIC, from **Saturday 22 July to Sunday 29th July, 2023.**

Age Eligibility:

- Prospective umpires must currently be attending secondary school

SSV Member Schools:

- Trialling for Team Vic is only possible if your child's school is a financial member of School Sport Victoria (SSV) for 2023
- SSV will contact you if the school your child attends is not a financial member

Trials Progression:

- Trial participants are required to participate in all stages of the selection trial process unless otherwise informed
- Participants must indicate at time of registration if you wish to attend the 12 Years and Under SSA Championships, or the 15 Years and Under SSA Championships
- Participants will be allocated to a trial date via email for their chosen age group championships
- Participants must attend at least 1 trial

State Selection:

- School Sport Victoria will be endeavouring to supply a minimum of three umpires for each of the SSA Australian Football 12 years and under and 15 years and under Championships
- The 2023 team selections will be incorporated with the Team Vic Australian Football trials as indicated below

STATE TRIAL FOR 12 YEARS AND UNDER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tuesday 23rd May 9:30am – 2:00pm State Trial 1
Ballarat City Oval, 1431 Mair St, Lake Wendouree, VIC 3350

Sunday 28th May 9:30am – 2:00pm State Trial 2 (integrating with Australian Football Trial)
Trinity Grammar School Playing Fields, 162-168 Bulleen Rd, Manningham VIC 3105

NOTE: Trialists will be allocated to a Date and Venue via email

STATE TRIALS FOR 15 YEARS AND UNDER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tuesday 11th April Time TBC Ballarat (venue TBC)
Thursday 20th April Time TBC Williamstown Football Club, Morris Street, Williamstown, 3016

NOTE: Trialists will be allocated to a Date and Venue via email



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School Sport Australia Championships consists of both educational and sporting components. Being a member of a School Sport Victoria Team Vic representative team provides the opportunity to be involved in all educational and sporting excursions and aim for national selection.

Team Officials run a selection process that is fair and transparent. This process involves the design of guidelines and trial activities, assessment of players and ensuring students, parents and teachers are made aware of this process

Team members are expected to abide by the following responsibilities:

- Attend all sessions (i.e., including but not limited to initial briefing, training, practice matches, jumper presentation, team photo etc..) as deemed compulsory by Team Officials including the State Camp (if applicable)
- Must be accompanied by a parent/carer to the 2023 Championships. Parent/carer is responsible for the travel, meals and accommodation for themselves and their child
- Purchase the compulsory uniform
- Complete and return all team documentation to the Team Manager by the due date
- Pay all team membership invoices by the due date
- Attend all SSA Championship sessions, including the opening and closing ceremonies and the educational excursion activity as per the [SSA Championship Attendance Policy](#)
- Recognise that the SSA Championships are school activities, and the decision-making regarding each team member's participation in those activities or in preparation for those activities, is the responsibility of the Team Officials
- Be respectful of the role of the Team Officials in making decisions regarding each team member's participation in SSA Championship activities or other preparation activities
- Follow [COVID-19 guidance to protect yourselves and others](#) and comply with any health advice that is issued.

Guidelines for selectors

- Consideration of team composition so umpires from the same school or team are not advantaged over individual representatives.
- Where appropriate, concentrate on selecting umpires with generic skills rather than umpires for specific positions.
- Where there may be a perceived or actual conflict of interest such as: trial coordinators assessing the selection of a friend or relative, this must be communicated to SSV and a plan to manage the conflict will be developed and implemented.
- Appropriate time to assess each trialist.
- Trial coordinators /Team officials reserve the right to not require an umpire to participate in any trial stage if they deem it to be unnecessary i.e. the umpire has been observed previously.
- Team Officials reserve the right to select a umpire who is injured or unavailable due to an approved reason during the trial process for reasons applicable to the Team Vic Invitational Policy.
- Team balance is critical to selection of the final squad.



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Selectors are looking for:

- Umpires with a good understanding of the rules and their applications
- Ability to cooperate as part of the “third team” on the field
- Good communication skills with their colleagues, and with players and officials
- Good skills – strong whistle, clear signals, good ball skills (Field and Boundary) and crisp signals and flag waving (Goal Umpires)
- Concentration and focus during play
- Positive on and off court / field behaviour
- Strong sense of team spirit / good sportsmanship
- Ability to communicate / cooperate with teammates / Team Officials
- Understands rules of the game
- Adequate level of fitness
- Ability to follow instructions
- Ability to control emotions
- Leadership skills
- Carry out above skills under pressure
- Ability to listen to advice
- Team player

Additional notes

- Be prepared to umpire as requested on the day
- Field umpires may be required to assist in the roles of Boundary and/or Goal Umpires on the day
- Boundary umpires may be required to assist in the role of Goal umpire on the day
- Umpires will be required to supply their own on-field umpiring attire and whistle/flags for the selection trials



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