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Football (Soccer), 16 Years & Under Boys

The School Sport Australia (SSA) 16 Years & Under Boys Football (Soccer) Championships will be held in **Port Kennedy, WA** from **Sunday 11 August to Friday 16 August, 2024**.



Age Eligibility:

- 16 years and under as of 31 December 2024

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 2024
- 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

State Selection:

- A maximum of **16** players will be selected for the team
- Up to **4** emergency players **may** be selected and offered the opportunity to train with the selected team

FOOTBALL VICTORIA TALENT IDENTIFICATION & DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (TIDC) AND TEAM VIC 16 YEARS & UNDER FOOTBALL (SOCCER) SELECTION PROCESS

The Talent Identification and Development Centre (TIDC) Program is a part time program, working with clubs to identify and develop talented players for Victorian and Australian Representative Squads.

TIDC players train one night a week with their allocated TIDC squad and participate in TIDC matches throughout the year. All TIDC players are required to train at least twice a week and play matches with their current club.

The program is divided into training blocks with technical staff monitoring players and reviewing positions in the program at the end of each block. Players not required for the new blocks will be monitored by technical staff in their club environment.

To be selected for the Team Vic 16 Years & Under Football (Soccer) team playing at the SSA Championships, students will be required to be part of the Football Victoria [Talent Identification and Development Centre](#) (TIDC) squad in 2024.

Players can be invited to trial for the program through:

1. Participation in the final block of TIDC in the previous year
2. Nomination by their club (Clubs are limited with number of nominations)
3. Identification through the FV/SSV scouting Network

Players can be invited to trial **prior to the first block of the program** and **throughout the duration of the program**.

TIDC sessions will run during the season as part of the development and selection process for Victorian representative squads (where the number of sessions prior to tournaments will increase if selected).

For queries on the TIDC program email tidc@footballvictoria.com.au



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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, practise matches, uniform presentation, team photo etc..) as deemed compulsory by Team Officials
- Must be accompanied by a parent/carer to the 2024 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 championship team experience 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 players from the same school or team are not advantaged over individual representatives.
- Where appropriate, concentrate on selecting players with generic skills rather than players for specific positions
- Where there may be a perceived or actual conflict of interest such as: coaches 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
- Team balance is critical to selection of the final squad.

Selectors are looking for:

- Strong ball control, safe feet
- Agility, balance, poise
- Solid attacking / defensive skills
- Knowledgeable positional and tactical play
- Concentration and focus during play
- Positive on and off pitch 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



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- Ability to follow instructions
- Ability to control emotions
- Leadership skills
- Carry out above skills under pressure
- Ability to listen to advice
- Team player



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