



# TRIAL INFORMATION AND SELECTION GUIDELINES

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## Football (Soccer), 18 Years & Under Girls

The School Sport Australia (SSA) 18 Years & Under Girls Football (Soccer) Championships will be held in **Port Kennedy, WA** from **Sunday 11 August** to **Friday 16 August, 2024**.



### Age Eligibility:

- 18 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:

- SSV work in conjunction with Football Victoria & National Premier League Women's (NPLW) Under 20 and Under 17 clubs to identify potential players
- Students will be **invited to register to trial** by SSV and Football Victoria via their NPLW club
- Students will receive further information about trial details once the registration process is complete
- 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

STAGE 1 - STATE TRIAL #1	
<b>Wednesday 12 June</b>	7:30pm - 9:30pm The Home of the Matildas & Victorian State Football Centre, Sports Dr, Bundoora VIC 3083
STAGE 2 - STATE TRIAL #2	
<b>Wednesday 19 June</b>	7:30pm - 9:30pm The Home of the Matildas & Victorian State Football Centre, Sports Dr, Bundoora VIC 3083

## SELECTION GUIDELINES

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



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- 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

- Appropriate playing time to assess each trialist
- Consideration of team composition so players from the same school or team are not advantaged over individual representatives.
- 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.
- Trial coordinators / Team officials reserve the right to not require a player to participate in any trial stage if they deem it to be unnecessary
- Team officials reserve the right to select a player who is injured or unavailable due to an approved reason during the trial process for reasons applicable to the Team Vic Invitation Policy.
- Team balance is critical to selection of the final squad.

## Selectors are looking for:

During the trials the Coach is looking for a number of factors as outlined below. Objective judgements are made when possible rating the following areas as below average, satisfactory or advanced.

### V = Vital techniques (Outfield players)

- Passing (maintaining possession, accuracy of passing, weight of pass)
- Control (good first touch, can control ball with all part of body)
- Communication (ability to communicate effectively on the field, cooperate with teammates/officials)
- Shooting (on target, power, execution at appropriate time)
- Two footed (ability to use both feet for passing, shooting)
- Dribbling (deception, running with the ball and controlling it, ability to take on and beat players)
- Balance/Coordination/Agility (when defending and when in control of the ball)
- Heading (controlled heading, powerful and correct choice of header)
- Tackling (solid, tenacity, know when and how to tackle)

### V= Vital Techniques (Goalkeepers)

As per field player with the following additions


- Strong sense of positioning
- Secure at handling the ball at different angles and weights
- Strong overhead (ability to cleanly catch crosses coming in to penalty area)
- Effective distribution with feet and hands (passing and throwing)
- Ability to maintain possession with pass backs/goalkicks



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- Sharpness/ Agility (ability to stop shots with optimal reaction time)
- Clear instructions and organisational skills (at set pieces)
- Brave and commanding in their area (both physically and vocally)
- Willing to follow instructions and follow advice with respect

## I = Intelligence

- Game sense (tactical awareness of when to attack and when to defend, good understanding of positions and systems of play)
- Concentration and focus for entire session/match
- Can follow instructions and improvise where appropriate
- Sound decision making skills

## C = Character

- Leadership qualities
- Strong sense of team spirit/ good sportsmanship
- Disciplined with respect to ability to control emotions / Application to training and competition
- Tenacious and highly competitive
- Positive on field

## S = Speed and Strength

- Ability to keep up with quick opponents or to outpace opponents (speed, power and endurance)
- Strength (to maintain possession under pressure and not be bumped off the ball)
- Fitness (ability to maintain a high work rate for 90 minutes, day after day for five days)

## Team Balance

16 players will be selected. This means “The Coach” is limited to a number of players per position. In many cases they will look for players who are adaptable and able to play in more than one position. The team also requires the balance of having a set number of forwards, midfielders, defenders and up to two goalkeepers per squad as well as left and right flankers and players who can fit into the team pattern of play. Players who show resilience, dependability and a team orientation are going to be selected ahead of those who don't display those characteristics.



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