

Team Vic 12 Years & Under Hockey Trial & Selection Guidelines

The School Sport Australia (SSA) 12 years and under Hockey Championships will be held at the National Hockey Centre Canberra, ACT from **Sunday, 22 August – Friday, 27 August 2021**.

Age Eligibility:

- 12 years and under as at 31 December in the year of competition.

SSV Member Schools:

- Trialling for Team Vic is only possible if your child’s school is a financial member of SSV for 2021
- SSV will contact you if the school your child attends is not a financial member

Trials Progression:

- Players are required to trial on only one Stage 1 Trial.
- Players must indicate at time of registration which Stage 1 Trial you wish to attend. This can be based on either your geographical proximity or availability.
- Successful students will then be notified if they have progressed to Stage 2.
- Stage 2 consists of two trials. Successful students will be notified if they have progressed to the second and final trial.
- It is expected that nominees attend the trial sessions as directed. If unable to attend the trial sessions, a nominee must contact SSV and advise that they will not be able to be present. It is in a nominee’s interest to attend all sessions as directed.

State Selection:

- A maximum of 14 players will be selected for the team.
- Up to two emergency players may be selected and offered the opportunity to train with the selected team.
- Expectations of students selected for the state team will be forthcoming

Stage 1 Western Trial	Stage 1 Southern Trial	Stage 1 Northern Trial
Wednesday, 5 May 2021 Footscray Hockey Club Mclvor Reserve Fogarty Avenue, Yarraville 6:00pm-8:00pm (Boys/Girls)	Sunday, 9 May 2021 Waverley Hockey Club Ashwood Reserve Cnr Winbirra Pde and High Street Rd, Ashwood 8.00am-10.00am (Boys) 10:00am-12:00pm (Girls)	Wednesday, 12 May 2021 Greensborough Hockey Club Plenty War Memorial Park Memorial Drive, Plenty 6:00pm-8:00pm (Boys/Girls)
STAGE 2 STATE TRIALS		
Day 1 (Successful Trialists - Stage 1) Sunday, 16 May 2021 Yarra Valley Hockey Club Curzon Street, Bellfield 8:00am-10:00am (Boys) 10:00am-12:00pm (Girls)	Day 2 (Successful Trialists – Stage 1) Sunday, 23 May 2021 Greensborough Hockey Club Plenty War Memorial Park Memorial Drive, Plenty 8:00am-10:00am (Boys/Girls)	

SELECTION GUIDELINES

School Sport Australia Championships consists of both educational and sporting components. Being a member of SSV State Team provides an opportunity to be involved in all educational and sporting excursions and aim for national selection.

Team members are expected to abide by the following responsibilities:

- Team members will be required to accept their position in the team by payment of a \$250 deposit due soon after the announcement of the team.
- Attending all training sessions as deemed compulsory by team management staff
- Purchase of the compulsory uniform
- Attending initial briefing session, uniform presentation and team photograph sessions
- Completing team documentation and returning same to team management by due date
- Ensuring team membership invoice is paid by due date
- Attending all sessions of the School Sport Australia Championship, including the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and the excursion activity
- Recognising that all School Sport Australia Championships are school activities, and that duty of care and decision-making regarding each team member's participation in those activities or in preparation for those activities, is the responsibility of the team management / coaching staff
- Team Officials ensuring that the selection process is fair and transparent, and that students, parents and teachers are made aware of this process.

Guidelines for selectors

- Comparable playing time for all players
- Opportunity to play in at least two preferred positions
- 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 possible, use independent selectors, i.e. not a relative or friend of trial participants. In cases where this situation does occur, the umpires or selector's position should be declared publicly.
- Management may draw on experienced selectors with talent identification experience from a range of organizations
- Each selector will be provided with a list of nominated players participating in the trials. The list includes information about the players preferred positions, the club they play for and any previous State or Representative Team selection.
- Given the time restraints associated with the trial process, selectors are advised to judge each player on their performance at the trials, and refer to their past history in the event that the selectors feel that the player did not perform to the best of their ability or potential at trial. This consideration would also include any outstanding injury or external circumstances that may have affected the player's performance during the trials. The selectors will compare notes and comments during the course of the trials.

- The Management (Coach/Manager and ancillary staff) of the 12 years & under teams may also consult with other Coaches/teachers if it feels it is in the interest of selecting the team most capable of experiencing success on the playing field during the National Championships.
- Management of the SSV teams will endeavour to provide players, who participated in the selection trials, with feedback regarding their performance, identify and advise on areas for skill development and improvement.
- If a player is being treated for an injury or illness, the selectors require a statement of their condition and limitations from their treating practitioner. Team management reserves the right to select a player who is injured during the trial process. Players that are injured must stay for the duration of the trial and does not automatically put them through to the next trial.

Selectors are looking for:

- Stick skills – hitting, pushing, one-on-one skills, receiving passes, tackling and specialist skills (trapping, drag flick, toss)
- Receiving the ball – trapping, leading into space, tackling skills, vision (including the ability to see passes a move ahead, good peripheral vision, etc...)
- Balance – over the ball, when moving towards the ball, when hitting, trapping and receiving a pass
- Decision making – distribution of the ball, communication, positioning to receive a pass, marking a player etc.
- Elimination skills – including commitment to the ball
- Solid attacking and defensive skills
- Pitch awareness plus flexibility/adaptability (demonstrate the ability to play in a number of positions)
- Knowledgeable – positional / tactical play / game play awareness
- Temperament – teamwork, cooperation, focus, concentration, enthusiasm, communication with teammates through the use of verbal and signal communications