



# TRIAL INFORMATION AND SELECTION GUIDELINES



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## Hockey, 16 Years and Under Boys

The School Sport Australia (SSA) 16 Years and Under Hockey Championship will be held in Gepps Cross, SA from **Saturday 12 August – Saturday 19 August, 2023.**

### Age Eligibility:

- 16 years of age and under as of 31 December 2023

### 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

### 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 TRIALS

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Session – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April

Time: 11am – 1:00pm

Venue: Footscray Hockey Club – Field 1, Mclvor Reserve, Fogarty Ave, Yarraville VIC 3013

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Session – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Venue: Footscray Hockey Club – Field 1, Mclvor Reserve, Fogarty Ave, Yarraville VIC 3013

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Session – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Time: 10:30am – 12:30pm

Venue: Footscray Hockey Club – Field 1, Mclvor Reserve, Fogarty Ave, Yarraville VIC 3013

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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.



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## 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
- 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

- Opportunity to trial in a variety of 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 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 playing time to assess each trialist
- 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 Invitational Policy.
- Team balance is critical to selection of the final squad.

## 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



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