



TRIAL INFORMATION AND SELECTION GUIDELINES



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Softball, 12 Years and Under Boys

The School Sport Australia (SSA) 18 Years and Under Boys Softball Championships will be held in West Beach, SA from **Sunday 19 November – Friday 24 November, 2023**.

Age Eligibility:

- 12 years and under as of 31 December 2023

SSV Member Schools:

- Trialing 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:

- Participants are required to attend both of the two trials, unless otherwise advised

State Selection:

- A maximum of **15** players will be selected for the team
- Up to **4** emergency players **may** be selected to train with the selected team

STATE TRIALS

TRIAL ONE

Sunday, 13 August

9:00am – 12:00pm

Northern Districts Softball Association, 41 Morang Drive, Mill Park, 3082

TRIAL TWO

Sunday, 20 August

9:00am – 12:00pm

Casey Softball Association, Dempster Way, Berwick, 3806

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 session, training sessions, uniform presentation and team photo etc.) as deemed compulsory by Team Officials
- 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](#)



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- 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 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 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:

- Agility, balance, poise
- Field awareness
- Knowledgeable positional and tactical play
- Arm strength
- Bat speed / power / strength
- Excellent understanding of game rules
- 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
- 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



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