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Softball, 18 Years and Under Boys

The School Sport Australia (SSA) 18 Years and Under Boys Softball Championships will be held at Werribee Softball Association, Werribee VIC from **Saturday 13 – Friday 19 May 2023**.

Age Eligibility:

• 18 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 all three trial days, unless otherwise advised

State Selection:

- A maximum of 15 players will be selected for the team
- Up to 4 emergency players can be selected

First Trial:

Sunday, 12 February 2023

Keilor Park Softball Association Stadium Drive, Keilor Park 9:00am– 1:00pm

Second Trial:

Wednesday, 15 February 2023

Sunshine Softball Association 749 Ballarat Rd, Ardeer 6:00 – 8:30pm

Third Trial:

Sunday, 19 February 2023 Waverley Softball Association

2-30 Jells Road, Wheelers Hill 10:00am – 1:00pm

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
- •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 <u>COVID-19 guidance to protect yourselves and others</u> and comply with any health advice that is issued.

Guidelines for selectors

- Comparable field time for all players
- Consideration of team composition so players from the same school or team are not advantaged over individual representatives
- Opportunity to play in at least two preferred positions
- Where appropriate, concentrate on selecting players with generic skills rather than players for specific positions

Selectors are looking for:

- Agility, balance, poise
- Field awareness
- Knowledgeable positional and tactical play
- Concentration / focus during play
- Positive on and off field behaviour
- Strong sense of team spirit / good sportsmanship
- Positive attitude towards fellow players and coaches
- Ability to communicate / cooperate with teammates / Team Officials
- Adequate fitness level
- Ability to follow instructions
- Ability to control emotions
- Positive demeanour
- Arm strength
- Bat speed / power / strength
- Excellent understanding of game rules.













