

Team Vic 12 Years & Under Tennis (Bruce Cup) Trial & Selection Guidelines

The School Sport Australia (SSA) 12 years and under Tennis Championships (Bruce Cup) will be held in Lyneham, ACT from **Saturday, 22 October – Saturday, 29 October 2022**.

Age Eligibility:

- All players must be aged between 10 years and 12 years by 31 December in the year of competition. Players turning 13 years in 2022 are ineligible. Players aged 9 years and younger are ineligible.

SSV Member Schools:

- Trialling for Team Vic is only possible if your child's school is a financial member of SSV for 2022

Trials Progression:

- Eligible players will be invited to register via the SSV website.
- Each player will be required to provide their current TA Ranking. The top 30 girls and the top 30 boys based on rankings will be invited to confirm their place in the trials by going back to registration and paying the registration fee. Up to 2 wild card places may be offered to players who do not have a current TA ranking but can demonstrate success at recent Tennis Victoria events. TV will confirm/ approve all rankings and offers of wild cards. SSV reserves the right to issue or not issue wild cards.
- The bottom ranked 24 girls and 24 boys will be invited to day 1 of the trials. A compass draw format will be used, with the players playing a series of singles matches throughout the day. At the conclusion of the day, based on results within their pool, the top 16 girls and 16 boys will be invited to attend Day 2 of the trials.
- The top 8 ranked girls and boys will be given a bye and be required to attend day 2 of the trials to play off against the 24 players from day 1.
- At the conclusion of day 2 of trials the team of 7 girls and 7 boys will be selected following consultation with TV.
- While results 'off the racquet' are important, other factors are taken into consideration (such as player etiquette) in the selection of the team. Team Vic Team Officials and/or TV reserve the right to use their discretion in doing so.

State Selection:

- A maximum of 14 players will be selected for the team (7 Boys and 7 Girls).
- Up to four 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.

Trial Information:

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| <p>Day 1 Thursday 21 July Boroondara Tennis Complex 9:00am-3:00pm</p> | <p>Day 2 Friday 22 July Boroondara Tennis Complex 9:00am-3:00pm</p> | <p>Day 3 (Backup Day) Monday 25 July Boroondara Tennis Complex 9:00am-3:00pm</p> |
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SELECTION GUIDELINES

- School Sport Australia Championships consist of educational and sporting components. Being a member of a School Sport Victoria (SSV) Team Vic State Team provides an opportunity to be involved in an all-inclusive educational and sporting excursion.
- Team members will have the opportunity to raise funds with [Australian Sports Foundation](#) to provide team members with a tax-deductible crowdfunding platform.
- All members of selected teams, whether students or team officials, are expected to fulfil the responsibilities of being a Victorian Team Member.

Team members are expected to abide by the following responsibilities:

- Attending all training sessions is 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 court time for all players
- 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
- Students will have to be able to umpire their own games

Selectors are looking for:

- Court awareness
- Knowledgeable tactical play
- Concentration / focus during play
- Positive on court behaviour
- Strong sense of team spirit / good sportsmanship
- Ability to communicate / cooperate with team mates / team officials
- Understands rules of the game
- Fitness
- Ability to follow instructions
- Ability to control emotions
- Ability to play singles, doubles and mixed doubles
- Ability to umpire games accurately and fairly

