



TRIAL INFORMATION AND SELECTION GUIDELINES

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Football (Soccer), 12 Years and Under Boys

The School Sport Australia (SSA) Football (Soccer) 12 Years and Under Boys Championships will be held in **Ballarat, VIC** from **Saturday 25 October - Thursday 30 October, 2025**.

Please notify your School Principal of your intention to register for this team. Each school can endorse up to 3 students to participate in the selection trials. If there are more than 3 students registered from your child's school, your child may not be selected to trial. A refund of your registration will then be provided. For further information, please read the [Principal Endorsement](#) guidance.

Age Eligibility:

- 12 years and under as of 31 December, 2025 (born 2013 or 2014)

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 2025.
- SSV will contact you if the school your child attends is not a financial member.

Trials Progression:

- Trial participants are required to begin their selection trial process at the Stage 1 - Region Trials.
- Participants will be allocated to the most suitable trial venue based on their school location.
- Trial times will be communicated to all registered participants by email from the Trial Coordinators.
- Participants will be notified if they have progressed to the next Stage.

State Selection:

- To be considered for selection, a student must meet the requirements in the selection guidelines.
- School Sport Victoria will fill the remaining place in the competition draw. There will be two teams selected for this Championship - Blue and White.
- A maximum of **14** players will be selected for each team - **28** players in total.
- Up to **4** non travelling emergency players per team may be selected and offered the opportunity to train with the selected team.
- Selection is not confirmed until school's endorse their student's participation in the SSA Championships as a representative of their school and SSV.

STAGE 1 - REGION TRIALS

Please check local Region Trial Dates and Venues at the following link:

[2025 REGION LEVEL TRIALS](#)

Notes:

- Up to a total of 15 trialists may progress to the next stage per region. These numbers are subject to the discretion of SSV and may be altered without notice.

STAGE 2 - CONFERENCE TRIALS

Metropolitan Regions - Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western

Thursday 29 May, 12:30pm - 2:30pm, DISC, John Cain Memorial Park, Clarendon Street, Thornbury, 3072

Country Regions - Gippsland, Greater Western, Hume, Loddon-Mallee

Monday 2 June, 12:30pm - 2:30pm, DISC, John Cain Memorial Park, Clarendon Street, Thornbury, 3072

Conference - Metropolitan and Country

Thursday 5 June, 12:30pm - 2:30pm, DISC, John Cain Memorial Park, Clarendon Street, Thornbury, 3072



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Conferences - Combined

Friday 6 June, 12:30pm - 2:30pm, DISC, John Cain Memorial Park, Clarendon Street, Thornbury, 3072

STAGE 3 - STATE TRIALS

State Trial #1

Friday 13 June, 12:00pm - 1:30pm, DISC, John Cain Memorial Park, Clarendon Street, Thornbury, 3072

State Trial #2

Friday 20 June, 12:00pm - 1:30pm, DISC, John Cain Memorial Park, Clarendon Street, Thornbury, 3072

State Trial #2

Thursday 26 June, 12:00pm - 1:30pm, DISC, John Cain Memorial Park, Clarendon Street, Thornbury, 3072

**Note - SSV reserves the right to adjust trial dates, times and venues*

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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

Team members are required to abide by the following responsibilities:

- Attend all sessions (i.e., including but not limited to training, practise sessions, uniform presentation, team photo, online professional learning sessions etc..) as deemed compulsory by Team Officials.
- Must be accompanied by a parent/carer to the 2025 Championships. Parent/carer is responsible for the travel, meals and accommodation for themselves and their child.
- Purchase the compulsory uniform (approx. \$250.00 - \$400.00)
- Complete and return all team documentation to the Team Manager by the due date.
- Pay all team fees by the due date (approx. \$800.00 - \$1200.00)
- Attend all SSA Championship sessions, including the opening and closing ceremonies and the championship team experience 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 and comply with any health or safety advice that is issued.

Guidelines for selectors

- Opportunity to play in at least two preferred positions.
- Appropriate playing time to assess each trialist - selection is based on trial performance.
- Trialists must participate in at least one stage of the selection trial process to be considered eligible for selection.
- Team officials / Trial coordinators / Team selectors reserve the right to not require a player to participate in any trial stage if they deem it to be unnecessary.



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- 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 State Teams Trial Exception Policy. Players who are part of this process may be required to provide a statutory declaration and / or medical certificate and may also be required to attend the trial process.
- 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.
- Consider 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.
- Team balance is critical to selection of the final squad.

Selectors are looking for:

- Strong ball control, safe feet
- Agility, balance, poise
- Solid attacking / defensive skills
- Knowledgeable positional and tactical play
- Concentration and focus during play
- Positive on and off-field behaviour
- Strong sense of team spirit / good sportsmanship
- Ability to communicate / cooperate with teammates / Team Officials
- Understands rules of the game
- 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
- Team player



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