



# TRIAL INFORMATION AND SELECTION GUIDELINES



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## Golf, 18 Years and Under, Boys and Girls

The School Sport Australia (SSA) 18 Years and Under Golf Championships will be held at **Moonah Links, Victoria** from **Saturday, 22 August** to **Friday, 28 August 2026**.

**Note:** The changed format of the SSA Championships for 2026 means selected students are likely to be eligible to receive World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR) points for their participation, noting that a final decision is under consideration by Golf Australia / WAGR.

### Age Eligibility:

- 18 Years and under as of 31 December 2026 (born 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 or 2013).

### 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 2026.
- SSV will contact you if the school your child attends is not a financial member.

### Selection Eligibility:

- **Step 1:** Students must have a current Golf Australia handicap and membership number.
- **Step 2:** Students **MUST** register with School Sport Victoria to express their interest in being considered for selection in the team by **11:59pm, Friday, 01 May 2026**.
- **Step 3:** Students **MUST** register and compete in one of the listed Golf Australia/Victoria events to be considered for selection. These events are public-entry events offered by Golf Australia/Victoria and host clubs that School Sport Victoria utilises for team selection. Queries about the events themselves should be directed to the host club.

### State Selection:

- To be considered for selection, a student must meet the requirements in the selection guidelines.
- A maximum of **12** students will be selected for the team, 6 males and 6 females.
- Up to **4** non travelling emergency students may be selected and offered the opportunity to train with the selected team.
- Selection is not confirmed until schools endorse their student's participation in the SSA Championships as a representative of their school and SSV.



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## SELECTION PATHWAY #1 - AUTOMATIC

The **top 2 age-eligible female and male student placegetters** at the School Sport Associations of Victoria's (SSAV) Championships at [Lonsdale Links Golf Club](#) on **Monday, 25 May 2026** will be offered automatic selection places.

School Sport Victoria (SSV) is entitled to 3 female and 3 male direct entry positions to the event field from **Full member schools**. These positions will be offered to the 3 lowest, verified handicaps at 12:00pm, Monday, 04 May for eligible registered female and male students from Full member SSV schools.

Note - For non SSV, non-government school students, please contact your school sport association regarding qualification for this event.

## SELECTION PATHWAY #2 - DISCRETIONARY

Selectors will, at their discretion, select **4 age-eligible female and male students** for the remaining positions in the team following the allocation of the automatic places. The Selectors will consider the following at their discretion:

- Results in the [Australian Junior Amateur](#) (07-10 April, Ballarat Golf Club)
- Results in Golf Australia Open Amateur events up to 30 April 2026 (students can attend 1 or more events)
- Results on the [Victorian Open and Junior Order of Merit \(OOM\)](#) in 2025 and 2026
- Current verified Golf Australia handicap

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

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**

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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.



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- Must be accompanied by a parent/carer to the 2026 Championships. Parent/carer is responsible for the travel, meals and accommodation for themselves and their child.
- Purchase the compulsory uniform (approx. \$300.00 - \$450.00)
- 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 - \$1500.00)
- 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

- Trialists must participate in at least one stage of the selection trial process to be considered eligible for selection.
- Where a student is unable to attend a trial, a request for an exemption is to be approved by SSV for the student to remain eligible. For further information about exemptions, please refer to the State Teams Trial Exception Policy.
- 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 results in eligible Golf Victoria Junior and Open OOM events
- Concentration and focus during play
- Positive on and off course 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



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- 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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