



School Sport
VICTORIA



2026
SCHOOL SPORT
PROGRAM



Department
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INTRODUCTION

School Sport Victoria, as part of the Department of Education, delivers an **extensive school sport program** to **primary** and **secondary students** across **Victoria**. This document provides an overview of the **School Sport Victoria 2026 School Sport Program** available to **Victorian school members** and **students**.

School Sport Victoria's Strategic Directions 2020 to 2030, aims to provide a clear direction for **School Sport Victoria** to **engage more Victorian students in school sport**.

School is the **only opportunity** for some **children** to **play sport**. **Participation** in **school sport** can provide many **positive physical, mental** and **social benefits**. **More physically active students** have been found to **achieve better academic results** and **physical activity** has been positively linked to **concentration, memory** and **behaviour**. Additionally, **children** who play sport are more attentive at school and it supports them staying at school longer.

School Sport Victoria's role is to enable students to **PLAY** sport, champion the **VALUE** of school sport, and **CONNECT** school and community sport. As part of this role, **School Sport Victoria** provides **inclusive** and **accessible participative** and **competitive opportunities** in school sport to involve a wider range of Victorian students.

Each year, more than **2,500 Victorian primary, secondary** and **specialist schools / campuses** access the wide range of **membership benefits** provided through **School Sport Victoria**.

SCHOOL SPORT PATHWAY

School Sport Victoria's role includes providing opportunities for students to play sport and connecting school and community sport.

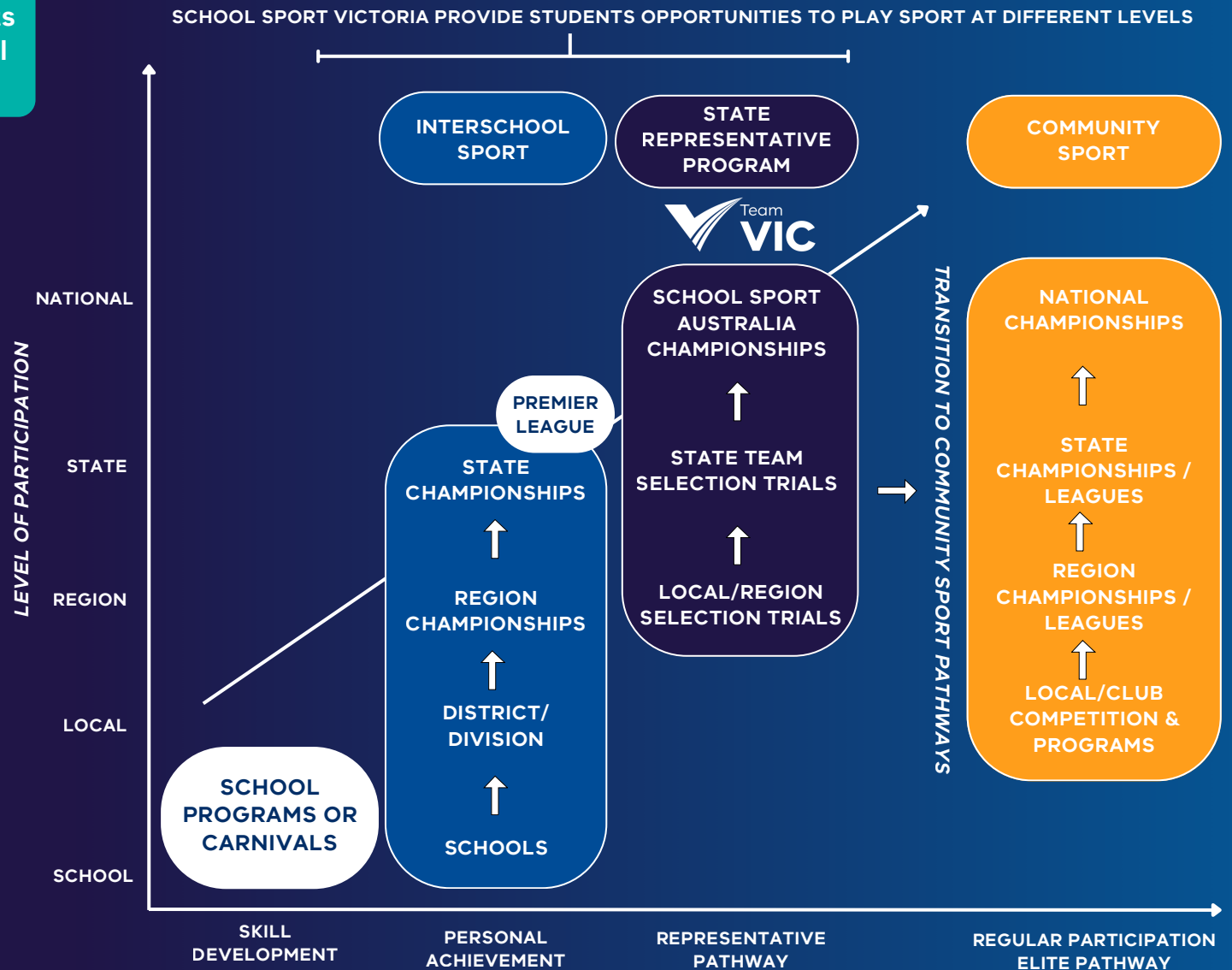
School Sport Victoria provides students opportunities to play sport from local through to national levels, whilst enabling connection to community participation pathways.

School Sport Victoria offers a range of ways to engage students in sport and being active, which includes:

- SSV Interschool Sport
- SSV Team Vic

The range of sports and activities provided through School Sport Victoria aligns with opportunities through community programs and pathways – whether this be at the grassroots level or talent development pathways.

This alignment includes consideration of the format of sports and activities offered at primary and secondary school level.



INTERSCHOOL SPORT COMPETITION

School Sport Victoria delivers a **comprehensive interschool sport program** for Victorian students in **years 4 to 12** to represent their school, with competitions organised across eight (8) School Sport Victoria sporting regions.

The **interschool sport program** offers a pathway for school teams and individual students to progress through levels, from local interschool competitions and events, to State Championships. This is organised across **four (4) levels being district, region, division and state in primary school** and **three (3) levels being division, region and state in secondary school**.

Schools are allocated to a local district (primary)/division (secondary) within one of the eight sporting regions.

School Sport Victoria's **interschool** sport program is delivered either through a **statewide network of 350+ SSV Coordinators** or **partnerships with state sporting organisations (SSO's)**.

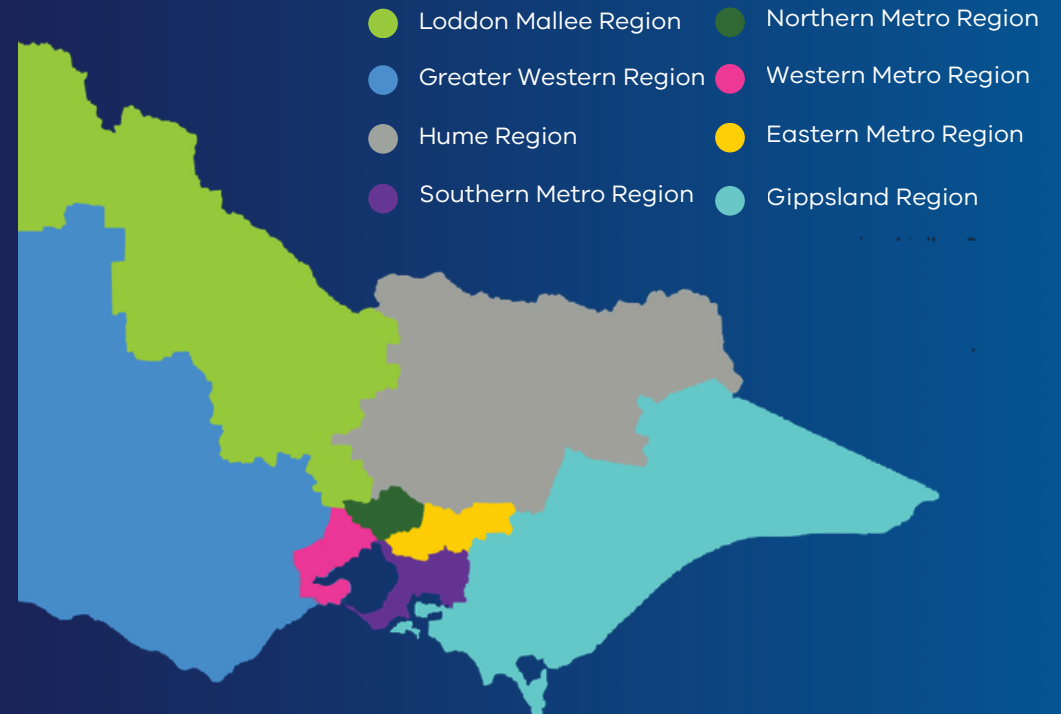
School Sport Victoria addresses the needs of students with **disability** to participate in school sport through **multiclass** opportunities provided across a range of sports.

School Sport Victoria also offers a **Premier League competition** which cater for secondary schools, including specialist sport schools, that have high performing students for selected team sports.

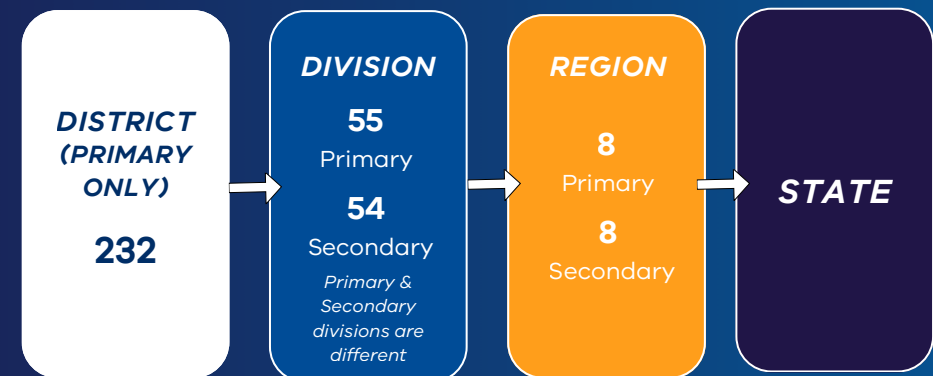
Some **State Sporting Organisations** deliver **all schools championships**, which are open to all Victorian schools to enter. These are separate to SSV's State Championships offered across the interschool sports program.

Further information is available via School Sport Victoria's policies including [Competitions Pathways and Progressions](#), and [General Conditions of Competitions](#).

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA - SPORTING REGIONS



INTERSCHOOL SPORT MODEL





INTERSCHOOL SPORT

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

SPORT	PRIMARY		JUNIOR				INTERMEDIATE				SENIOR			
	9 - 13 YEARS		YEAR 7		YEAR 8		YEAR 9		YEAR 10		YEAR 11		YEAR 12	
	Boys/ Mixed	Girls	Boys/ Mixed	Girls	Boys/ Mixed	Girls	Boys/ Mixed	Girls	Boys/ Mixed	Girls	Boys/ Mixed	Girls	Boys/ Mixed	Girls
1 Australian Football	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓
		Year 7 & 8 Combined Girls Only				Year 9 & 10 Combined				Year 11 & 12 Combined Premier League				
2 Badminton			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
						Year 9 & 10 Combined				Year 11 & 12 Combined				
3 Baseball			✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓	✓
						Year 9 & 10 Combined				Year 11 & 12 Combined				
4 Basketball	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
						Year 9 & 10 Combined				Year 11 & 12 Combined				
5 Bowls			✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓	✓	✓ Boys only	✓
		Year 7 -9 Combined Mixed Competition				Year 10 - 12 Combined Mixed Competition								
6 Cricket	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		Cricket Blast	Cricket Aus Stage 2 (Year 7 Girls)				All other comps are stage 3							
7 Cross Country*	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓
		9-10, 11 & 12 - 13 (Boys & Girls Multiclass Primary)				12-15 & 16-20 (Boys & Girls Multiclass Secondary)				The teams competition can be girls or boys/mixed secondary only				
8 Diving	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓
		9-12, 13-14, 15-16 & 17-20 years (Boys/Girls)												
9 Football (Soccer)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
						Year 9 & 10 Combined				Year 11 & 12 Combined Premier League				
10 Hockey	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		Hockey 7's				Year 9 & 10 Combined				Year 11 & 12 Combined				
11 Netball	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓
						Year 9 & 10 Combined				Year 11 & 12 Combined				
12 Softball	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓
		Fully Loaded Softball				Year 9 & 10 Combined				Year 11 & 12 Combined				
13 Swimming*	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓
		9-10, 11 & 12 - 13 (Boys & Girls Multiclass Primary)				12-15 & 16-20 (Boys & Girls Multiclass Secondary)				Only relay teams can be boys/mixed. No relay teams for Multiclass				
14 Table Tennis			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
						Year 9 & 10 Combined				Year 11 & 12 Combined				
15 Tee Ball	✓	✓												✓
16 Tennis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		Teams Tennis				Year 9 & 10 Combined				Year 11 & 12 Combined				
17 Track & Field*	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓
		9-10, 11 & 12 - 13 (Boys/Mixed & Girls Multiclass Primary)				12-15 & 16-20 (Boys/Mixed & Girls Multiclass Secondary)				Only relay teams can be boys/mixed. No relay teams for Multiclass				
18 Volleyball	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
						Year 9 & 10 Combined				Year 11 & 12 Combined				

* Multiclass offered



INTERSCHOOL SPORT

STATE SPORTING ORGANISATIONS

		PRIMARY		JUNIOR				INTERMEDIATE				SENIOR			
		9 - 13 YEARS		YEAR 7		YEAR 8		YEAR 9		YEAR 10		YEAR 11		YEAR 12	
SPORT		Boys/ Mixed	Girls	Boys/ Mixed	Girls	Boys/ Mixed	Girls	Boys/ Mixed	Girls	Boys/ Mixed	Girls	Boys/ Mixed	Girls	Boys/ Mixed	Girls
*	1	✓ Boys only	✓			Multiclass Yr 7 - 9						Multiclass Yr 10 - 12			
		Mixed & Multiclass		Bowls Victoria offers a secondary all abilities program.											
19	2	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓
		Victorian Interschool Cycling Series (VICS) - Off-Road and Summer formats. Open age competition via grading categories (mixed).													
20	3	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓
		Victorian Equestrian Interschool Series (VEIS) - Multiple disciplines for Primary (Prep-Grade 6) and Secondary (Years 7-12) across competition classes (mixed)													
21	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
22	5	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓
		Victorian AeroSchools Competition (Ages 6-8, 9-11, 12-15, 16+ and 18+ competitions) and Primary/Secondary Interschool Gymnastics (Primary Grades 2-4 and 5-6, Secondary Years 7-9 and 10-12). Individual and team competitions.													
23	6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		Lacrosse Victoria School Championships (LVSC) offered in Primary (Grades 5-6), Junior (Years 7-8), Intermediate (Years 9-10) and Senior (Years 11-12) competitions													
24	7			✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓
25	8	✓	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓
		Year 7 & 8 Combined				Year 9 & 10 Combined				Year 11 & 12 Combined					
26	9			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		School Sport Victoria Schools Surfing Titles (Mixed and All-Female teams)													
27	10			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		Team can come from yr7-12 and can be boys only, girls only or mixed						There is a multiclass competition that follows the same structure.							
28	11	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
29	12	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓	✓ Boys only	✓
		Ultimate Victoria Secondary School Championships Yr 7 - 9						Ultimate Victoria Secondary School Championships Yr 10 - 12							

* Multiclass offered



STATE REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM

The **Team Vic representative program** provides a **development platform** for **Victoria's emerging student athletes** to participate in the annual **School Sport Australia Championships**.

School Sport Victoria coordinates the selection process for **Team Vic teams** in **partnership** with relevant **state sporting organisations** which is delivered by a network of more than **140+ Team Vic Officials**. Depending on the sport and team, the selection process involves:

- State trial/s
- Progressive or conference model
- Results from event/s
- Based on rankings/results or talent identification programs



[TEAM VIC WEBSITE](#)



[2026 SPORT & REGISTRATION DATES](#)



[2026 TEAM VIC INFORMATION SHEET](#)

TEAM VIC 2025



8,327

TRIALISTS



1,090

STUDENTS SELECTED



47

TEAMS SELECTED



19

SPORTS



60



93



99

STATE REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM

TEAM VIC

SPORT	AGE GROUP/S	BOYS		GIRLS		MIXED		STUDENT UMPIRING PROGRAM	OFFICIALS			TOTALS PER SPORT	
		Boys Teams	# Students	Girls Teams	# Students	Mixed Teams	# Students		Coaches	Assistant Coaches	Managers	Teams	# Students
1 Australian Football	12 Years & Under	1	23	1	23			✓	6	6	8	6	146
	14 Years & Under	2	25	2	25								
2 Baseball	18 Years & Under					1	17	✓	1	1	1	1	17
3 Basketball	12 Years & Under	1	12	1	12			✓	4	0	4	4	48
	16 Years & Under	1	12	1	12								
4 Bowls	18 Years & Under					1	10		1	0	1	1	10
5 Cricket	12 Years & Under	1	13	1	13				4	0	4	4	54
	15 Years & Under	1	14	1	14								
6 Cross Country*	12 Years & Under					1	54		4	0	1	1	54
7 Diving	10 - 19 Years					1	72		4	0	2	1	72
8 Football (Soccer)	12 Years & Under	1	14	1	14			✓	4	0	4	4	60
	18 Years & Under	1	16	1	16								
9 Golf	12 Years & Under					1	12		0	0	4	2	24
	18 Years & Under					1	12						
10 Hockey	12 Years & Under	1	14	1	14			✓	4	0	4	4	60
	15 Years & Under	1	16	1	16								
11 Netball	12 Years & Under	1	12	1	12			✓	3	3	3	4	48
	15 Years & Under	1	12	1	12								
12 Rugby League	11 - 12 Years					1	17	✓	1	1	1	1	17
13 Softball	12 Years & Under	1	15	1	15			✓	4	4	4	4	60
	18 Years & Under	1	15	1	15								
14 Swimming*	10 - 19 Years					1	130		7	0	3	1	130
15 Tennis	12 Years & Under					1	14		4	0	2	2	30
	18 Years & Under					1	16						
16 Touch Football	12 Years & Under	1	14	1	14			✓	4	0	4	4	56
	15 Years & Under	1	14	1	14								
17 Track & Field*	12 Years & Under					1	140		10	0	3	1	140
18 Triathlon (Aquathlon)*	11 - 19 Years					1	116		5	0	1	1	116
19 Volleyball	15 Years & Under	1	12	1	12			✓	2	0	2	2	24
Totals		18	278	18	278	12	610		72	15	56	48	1166

* Multiclass offered



VICTORIAN TEACHERS' GAMES

The [Victorian Teachers' Games \(VTG\)](#) is a priority event for Victorian educators to **participate, connect**, and be **inspired**.

School Sport Victoria is excited to host the **2026 Victorian Teachers' Games** in **Melbourne** from **20 September 2026** with **registrations opening** in **Term 2**.

VTG provides an opportunity for education professionals to participate and connect through a range of sporting, recreational/wellness and social events.

Teams of staff from within schools view the event as a unique way to build team morale and enhance staff health and wellbeing with **98% of participants surveyed saying the event has a positive effect on their personal wellbeing**.

VTG exists to encourage educators and teaching teams to take a break, socialise, and **freshen up ahead of Term 4**.

The eligibility for the **Victorian Teachers' Games** includes:

- all Victorian Institute of Teaching registered teachers (government & non-government)
- staff employed by a Victorian school or School Council
- casual relief teachers
- kindergarten teachers
- 3rd & 4th year tertiary students studying an education degree
- university education faculty staff
- DE corporate employees and retired teachers.

For more details, [check the eligibility policy](#).



[VTG WEBSITE](#)

2025 VICTORIAN TEACHERS' GAMES HIGHLIGHTS



PROVIDING A SAFE, INCLUSIVE AND POSITIVE SCHOOL SPORT EXPERIENCE

CHILD SAFE OFFICERS

School Sport Victoria has best practice guidelines for the appointment of [Child Safe Officers](#) at SSV events and activities to ensure a safe and positive experience for all children.

Appointment Guidelines at State and Region level events are:

- Events with 500+ students: A designated and visible Child Safe Officer is to be appointed.
- Events with 500 or fewer students: A Child Safe Officer is required to be appointed and can be combined with another event role.

MULTICLASS

School Sport Victoria provides multiclass opportunities for students with disability to participate in interschool sport (refer pages 4 & 5) and the Team Vic state representative program (refer page 7).

For further information on multiclass visit [Inclusion at SSV](#).

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR RULE

The [Positive Behaviour Rule](#) requires that all spectators, parents, team officials and players must comply with the SSV Codes of Conduct.

On field offences against offending teams, such as corners in football (soccer) and technical fouls in basketball are to be introduced at district, division region and state level.

PROVIDING A SAFE, INCLUSIVE AND POSITIVE SCHOOL SPORT EXPERIENCE

"SPIRIT OF SPORT" AWARD

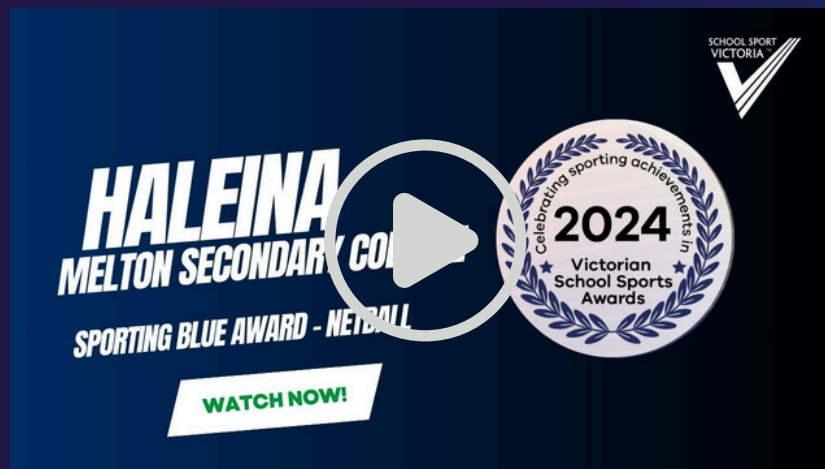
The "[Spirit of Sport](#)" Award bannerette is to be awarded to the school that best exemplifies positive values at each SSV State Final in 2026. The criteria for the award considers spirit of sport, respect, integrity and leadership.

AWARDS

The [Victorian School Sports Awards, School Sport Victoria \(SSV\) Awards](#), and the [Academic and Sporting Achievement Medal](#) are awards that School Sport Victoria offers to recognise excellence in school sport.

These prestigious awards cater to a broad range of individuals involved in school sports, including teachers, students, schools, coordinators, volunteers, and coaches.

Each category celebrates outstanding contributions and achievements, acknowledging the hard work and dedication of those who help make school sports an integral part of student development and school life.



MEMBERSHIP

Schools across Victoria can be members of School Sport Victoria to access a range of benefits and opportunities for students and teachers.

School Sport Victoria has three (3) membership categories:

- **Full members**
- **Associate members**
- **Affiliate members**

Membership fees support the costs associated with delivering school sport programs and the overall administration of School Sport Victoria.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



2026 MEMBERSHIP FEES



MEMBERSHIP POLICY

Professional Development

A range of professional development, networking and leadership opportunities for teachers and principals



Interschool Sport

An interschool sport program, for students to represent their school across a wide range of individual and team sports



Communication

Providing updates on school sport initiatives in Victoria



Team Vic

The Victorian state representative program providing students the opportunity to compete at national School Sport Australia championships



Awards

Recognising outstanding achievements in school sport, including by students, teachers and schools



Victorian Teachers' Games

The annual Victorian Teachers' Games, bringing the community of educators together for sporting and social events



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA SCHOOL SPORT MEMBER	FULL	ASSOCIATE	AFFILIATE
PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN SCHOOL SPORT			
Full access for your school/students to participate in SSV interschool competitions , including events for multi-class students (students with a disability) in swimming, cross country and track and field	✓	✓	
Opportunity for your school/students to participate in SSV Premier League competitions for selected sports (eligible secondary schools only)	✓	✓	
Full access for your students to register to trial for Team Vic team selection, to participate in School Sport Australia Championships, including events for multi-class students (students with disability) in swimming, cross country and track and field	✓	✓	✓
Access for students selected for Team Vic who are facing financial hardship to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to fundraising support through the Australian Sports Foundation • Apply for a scholarship to the Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund 	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
Use the SSV landmark as per the SSV brand style guidelines	✓	✓	✓
CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS IN SCHOOL SPORT			
Eligibility to apply for an Academic and Sporting Achievement Medal for a student at your school	✓	✓	
Eligibility to be nominated for the annual School Sport Victoria Awards	✓	✓	
Eligibility to be nominated for the annual Victorian School Sports Awards (Government schools only)*	✓		
KEEPING CONNECTED WITH SCHOOL SPORT			
Access to the monthly SSV News sent to your school to keep you up to date with school sport in Victoria	✓	✓	✓
ENGAGING STUDENTS IN THE VALUE OF SCHOOL SPORT			
Eligibility for your school to nominate students for volunteer roles at SSV Championship events and as Team Vic Student Officials	✓	✓	✓
Access to participate in the Victorian Institute of Sport's 'Be Fit. Be Well.' program* (free for Government schools).	✓		
ACCESSING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NETWORKING FOR PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS			
Staff eligible to be appointed to Team Vic Officials roles , to support Team Vic team participation in School Sport Australia Championships	✓	✓	✓
Staff eligible to be appointed to SSV Coordinator roles , to support delivery of school sport at a District, Division and/or Region level	✓	✓	
Staff eligible to nominate for the SSV Advisory Committee	✓	✓	✓
Staff eligible to participate in professional development opportunities (e.g. coaching sessions) provided by SSV and/or partners	✓	✓	✓
Access for staff to participate in the annual Victorian Teachers' Games*	✓	✓	✓

* These benefits are not exclusively for SSV Member Schools



School Sport
VICTORIA

PARTNERS

SPORT PARTNERS



MERCHANDISE PARTNER



TEAM VIC PARTNERS



VTG PARTNERS



AWARDS PARTNER



COMMUNITY PARTNER



STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS



School Sport
VICTORIA

Our 10-Year Strategy 2020 - 2030

Aims to provide a clear future direction, to address future challenges and opportunities in engaging more Victorian students in school sport.

OUR PURPOSE

We develop young people through school sport.

We support schools to maximise opportunities for all students to play sport.

OUR GOAL

By 2030:

•800,000 school sport participation opportunities are provided to Victorian students each year.

•450,000 Victorian students participate in school sport each year.

OUR ROLE

We enable students to **play** sport.
We champion the **value** of school sport.
We **connect** school and community sport.

Our Strategic Priorities 2026 - 2030



Providing inclusive and accessible participative and competitive opportunities in school sport to involve a wider range of Victorian students.

- Maximise participation
- Improving equity
- Providing pathways



Enhancing the role of school sport as part of a whole school approach to physical activity and physical literacy of all students.

- Providing information
- Advocating for sport
- Benefits for students and teachers



Facilitating partnerships between schools and communities through school sport to support life long participation in physical activity.

- Connecting pathways
- Developing teachers
- Accessing facilities

We will place **additional focus** on the following areas of identified opportunity

Increasing opportunities for students with disability, including reducing barriers to support participation in school sport pathways

Ensuring our school sport workforce is providing a quality experience for students, and building in measures for future workforce sustainability

Lead the alignment of school sport pathways with state and national sport organisation pathways, to strengthen collaboration and leverage resources

Our Key Enablers to Deliver



We will place **additional focus** on the following areas

Use data and insights to change delivery approaches and offerings

Improve efficiency in the delivery and administration of school sport

Make stronger direct engagement with Principals and schools

Make stronger links with other health, education and/or sport initiatives