

REPRESENTATIVE TEAM POLICY

Girls Sport Victoria (GSV) was formed to create a uniform entity through which girls' sport in GSV member schools could be supported, conducted, promoted and administered.

GSV's guiding principles are:

- The promotion of girls' sport
- Enhanced opportunities for participation in elite, competitive, and recreational sport and physical activity
- Access to a diverse range of programs
- The fostering of individual talents, team spirit and commitment
- The pursuit of excellence
- A commitment to the highest standard of ethical behaviour
- A commitment to the promotion of health and well-being of all girls

1. PURPOSE

- i. GSV Representative Teams are designed to provide talented girls enrolled at GSV member schools with the opportunity to compete at a higher level against girls from other school sports associations.
- ii. To ensure the effective administration and communication of the selection process, it is important that schools and students observe all relevant guidelines and dates for submission of paperwork. Failure to do so may result in not being selected for the team.

2. NOMINATION PROCESS

- i. Nomination of students is at the discretion of the Head of Sport.
- ii. Heads of Sport are invited to nominate students whom they deem eligible for the Representative Team. Eligibility is based on a student's ability and conduct in that sport. It is highly recommended that nominated students represent their school in that sport or in at least one GSV sport in that year.
- iii. Students must be in Year 10, 11 or 12, with the exception of Cross Country and Water Polo, where Year 9 students are eligible.
- iv. Invitations are distributed to nominated students to trial for the GSV Representative Team. Students, if they choose to trial, must complete the online 'Player Nomination Form' by the advertised date.
- v. Students should ensure they are able to meet all team obligations, including trials, training sessions, practice matches and tournaments prior to submission of their Player Nomination Form.

3. SELECTORS

- i. Where possible, GSV appoints independent selectors to attend the Representative Team trial(s) to determine the Representative team.

4. TEAM OFFICIALS

- i. Team Officials are appointed by Girls Sport Victoria.
- ii. An online 'Coaching Application Form' must be completed by the advertised date, along with appropriate supporting documents. Information can be obtained from the school Head of Sport.

5. SELECTION PROCEDURE

- i. Selection will be based on merit.
- ii. It is expected that all players follow the GSV Code of Conduct (refer to GSV Handbook).

- iii. Selection trial(s) will be held at either school venues deemed appropriate to conduct the trials or external venues sourced by GSV.
- iv. Nominated students must submit the online 'Player Nomination Form' to the GSV office by the advertised date in order to be considered.
- v. The Representative Team will be announced either at the conclusion of the final trial, or, in the event that selectors are unable to name the final team, the team list will be sent to the school Head of Sport the following day. In this instance, students should check with their Head of Sport regarding the outcome of the trial.
- vi. GSV reserves the right to amend the composition of the Representative Teams once selected should there be exceptional or extenuating circumstances that may affect the GSV Representative Teams and Program.

Selection Process for Sports in which GSV conducts trials (Netball, Soccer, Tennis, Water Polo)

- vii. Students must attend the selection trial(s) in order to be considered for the GSV Netball, Soccer, Tennis and Water Polo Representative Teams.
- viii. Should a student be unable to attend the trial(s), an application for Exemption from Trial must be submitted to the GSV Office. This document is available upon request. Approval of any exemption will be considered on a case by case basis by the GSV Office.
- ix. At the end of the first trial, the selectors may choose to reduce the number of students progressing to the second trial. If this occurs, students would be notified as soon as possible prior to the second trial.

Selection Process for Sports in which GSV does not conduct trials (Cross Country)

- x. The GSV Representative Cross Country Team will be selected based on the results of the GSV Championship Cross Country Carnival held that year. The fastest 10 competitors across the line in the Intermediate and Senior Divisions will constitute the GSV Representative Cross Country Team. In the event a student withdraws or is unable to compete, students who placed 11th – 13th may be called upon.

SIZE OF GSV REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

SPORT	PLAYERS	EMERGENCIES
Cross Country	10	3
Netball	Up to 12	3
Soccer	Up to 16	2
Tennis	Up to 6	2
Water Polo	Up to 13	1

REPRESENTATIVE TEAM TRIAL, TRAINING & MATCH SCHEDULE

Refer to the current year document on the GSV Website (www.gsv.vic.edu.au).

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