



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 9, 10, 11 or 12.
- 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 attendance at trials, training sessions, practice matches and tournaments prior to submission of their Player Nomination Form.

3. SELECTORS

- i. A selection panel, consisting of two independent (where possible) selectors and the team coach, in consultation with the GSV Office, will select the GSV Representative Team.

4. TEAM OFFICIALS

- i. Team Officials are appointed by Girls Sport Victoria.

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 list will be sent to the school Head of Sport the day following the final trial. Students should check with their Head of Sport regarding the outcome of the trials.
- 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 Team Program.

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

- vii. Students must attend the selection trials in order to be considered for the GSV Netball, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball and Water Polo Representative Teams.
- viii. Should a student be unable to attend the trials, 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 & Swimming)

- x. The GSV Representative Cross Country Team will be selected based on results from 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.
- xi. The GSV Representative Swimming Team will be selected based on results from the GSV Finals Evening held that year that best meets the criteria as determined by the VSAC Meet Program.

SIZE OF GSV REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

SPORT	PLAYERS/TEAM MEMBERS	EMERGENCIES
Cross Country	10	3
Netball	Up to 12	3
Soccer	Up to 16	2
Swimming	Dependent on VSAC Meet Program	n/a
Tennis	Up to 8	2
Volleyball	Up to 10	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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