



Team Selection and Notification Policy

Representative Team Officials appointed by School Sport ACT (SSACT) will adhere to the processes outlined in this policy to conduct the selection of students to represent the ACT at their relevant School Sport Australia Championship.

Trial Notification

- Trials will be announced via the SSACT Bulletin to member schools, on the SSACT website and Facebook page with a minimum of two weeks notification.
- There will be a minimum of two open trials conducted to select a team. The designated dates should not take place in the same week. The exceptions to the requirement of two trials are the individual sports of Diving, Golf and Tennis who due to the nature of their competition and venue requirements may have only one day's competition to further the selection process.

Student Registrations

- All students attending SSACT representative team trials must be registered online via the SSACT website by the second trial to be considered for team selection. If a student is not registered by the second trial, they cannot be selected.
- Once registered, an automated email will be sent to the student's Principal/School Approver. The School Approver will then either approve or disapprove a student's ability to trial, all queries regarding this determination should be directed to the school.
- If a student's online status is pending approval, they can be selected, but cannot compete at their respective Championship until approved. If a student is not approved by their respective school, they cannot be selected into the team.

Team Selection

- To be considered for selection students must attend a minimum of half the advertised open trials e.g. if two or three, attend one minimum, if four trials must attend at least two.
- In the sports of Swimming, Cross Country and Track and Field, students must compete at, and qualify for State Team selection from, the relevant 12&U or 13&O ACT Championship. Students who do not compete at these ACT Championship events will not be considered eligible for selection. There is no exemption process for selection consideration for those who are absent due to a school, other sport or family commitment, injury or suffering from illness.
- Students carrying an injury at the time of the trials must still attend, make themselves known to selectors and participate where possible, (excludes Swimming, Cross Country or Track and Field team selections). It will be at the

Coach's discretion to select a student who is injured at the time of the trials but may well be sufficiently recovered by the Championship.

- As each sport has differing skills/requirements and the selection process varied between individual coaches, each trial may have a different structure.
- Where relevant, team selections will be based on School Sport Australia, nationally determined, qualifying results and team size limitations.
- If there is an anticipated large number of students registering to attend a trial;
 - player experience may be limited to students playing at a high grade, premier division or with an official ranking.
 - age restrictions may be put into place for students at the older end of the age range, e.g. 11 and 12 year olds only in 12&U teams. The age parameters of a trial are at the discretion of the Team Officials and School Sport ACT.
 - the trial itself may be divided into two sessions, but each student will still have two opportunities to be seen.
 - a Coach may call upon an independent panel of selectors to assist, and take their opinion into account, but the Coach will determine the final selections.
- After a minimum of two open trials, team officials can make the first cut to attendees, inviting a squad to return for further trials and trainings.

Team Notification

- Notification of selection will be made via an email utilising the contact information in the student's online profile.
- Parents of students not selected can contact the Coach to seek feedback.

Team Acceptance

- When a parent registers their child into a trial they are asked to read and agree to both the SSACT Codes of Conduct and State Representative Team Acceptance Policy. The conditions outlined in both policies, including payment deadlines, need to be adhered to, for the student's selection status to be maintained.

Appeal Process

- Parents/Carers of students not selected in a team may lodge an appeal only on the grounds of the Team Selection and Notification Policy process not being adhered to, and therefore having a direct impact on the student. SSACT will not overturn the professional decision of an appointed official if due process has been followed.
- To lodge an appeal please refer to the SSACT Appeals Policy.