

SCHOOL SPORT WA INTERSTATE CROSS COUNTRY

SELECTION POLICY

REGISTRATION

- A copy of the nomination form and event details is available on the School Sport WA website. (www.schoolsportwa.com.au).
- Students must complete the official nomination form and pay the required fee/deposit.
- The nomination form is to be submitted online, by the due date

SELECTION PANEL

- An SSWA Executive Officer (or nominee) will oversee the selection process.
- The State Tour Leader or nominee shall be the chief selector.
- The SSWA cross country committee shall appoint other selectors as appropriate.
- No selector shall be involved in the selection of any runner who is directly related to them.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Athletes are to be selected for the following age groups:

10s	12s	14s	16s	18/19s
11s	13s	15s	17s	

Please note: students will be selected separately in the 14s, 15s and 16s, 17s age groups, but will run in the same race at the School Sport Australia Championships, ie. 14/15s event and 16/17s event.

- The team will not include any athlete who will NOT turn 10 or who will be OVER 19 years of age before December 31 in the year of competition.
- The 10, 11, 12 and 13 year old athlete team contingent will comprise of 6 boys and 6 girls in each age division.
- The 14, 15, 16 and 17 year old athlete team contingent will comprise of 5 boys and 5 girls in each age division.
- The 18/19 year old athlete team contingent will comprise of 4 boys and 4 girls in each age division.

- Should an age group NOT meet the quota of selected students (as outlined above) then the number of runners selected per age division may be increased in other age divisions (excluding 10s-12s), at the discretion of team selectors.
- The maximum number of runners selected in the team, will be 36 students in the 10 -12 age groups, and 60 students in the 13 -18/19 age groups.
- Participation in the nominated School Sport WA State Championship event is required for selection consideration. Exceptions will be granted only in exceptional circumstances. Where exceptional circumstances prevail each application claiming exemption will be considered on its merit and in that situation other ratified times at approved events may be considered.
- Runners are ranked according to their placing at the trial.

TRIAL SPECIFIC INFORMATION

SSWA Team Selection consists of TWO trial events.

- **Trial 1**

For ALL Students turning 13 years and older

SSWA Secondary Cross Country Championship Event

- **TRIAL 2**

For ALL Students turning 10 – 12 years of age

SSWA State Team Specific Trial Event

(Please note: Results from the SSWA Primary Cross Country Championship Event will have NO bearing on final team selection)

- Dates for trial races will be posted on the SSWA website once details are confirmed.
- Trial races will be run in age divisions according to year of birth.
- All age divisions from 10 years through to 18/19 years will be catered for.
- All students running in trial races must register through the SSWA portal (via the website) before the cut off day.
- Only students who place in the specified finish positions (outlined below) will be selected in the final SSWA team.
- At the completion of the trial races, the Selection Panel will select a group of 'reserves' based on the trial results.
- If a student forgoes his/her place on the state team, he/she will be replaced by one of the selected 'reserves' and at the discretion of the selection panel. The replacement athlete WILL NOT automatically be the next placed placegetter.

- If a selected runner is forced to withdraw from the team once selected, through injury or illness or other, the selection panel reserves the right to select a suitable replacement from those deemed 'reserves'.
- Any redistribution of state team positions will be at the discretion of the selection panel. In this instance, only students who have competed in the trial event, will be considered.
- A 'reserve' being elevated into the team does not have to be from the same age division, or gender, as the runner who is withdrawing.

TEAM SELECTION

SSWA State Team Selection Spots will be awarded to students who place in the following finish places relevant to the specific age divisions:

Students turning 10, 11, 12 in the year of competition

- 1st – 6th at the SSWA State Team Specific Trial Event

Students turning 13 in the year of competition

- 1st – 6th at the SSWA Secondary Cross Country Championship Event

Students turning 14, 15, 16, 17 in the year of competition

- 1st – 5th at the SSWA Secondary Cross Country Championship Event

Students turning 18/19 in the year of competition

- 1st – 4th at the SSWA Secondary Cross Country Championship Event

Should an Age Division NOT meet the selected number of places (as outlined above) then the number of selected athletes may increase in other age divisions according to the School Sport Australia Rules and Guidelines:

A – 5.2 Each member body is entitled to enter six (6) athletes in each age/gender division for the 13 years, 14/15 years, 16/17 years and 18/19 years age group events and, with the inclusion of additional athletes, up to a maximum team size of sixty (60)

SELECTED STUDENTS

- All selections will be advised of their inclusion in writing and duly provided with all relevant and appropriate information at the earliest convenience.
- A window period of up to six days will prevail for the opportunity to accept/decline the offer of team selection.
- All selected team members and their parent/guardian are required to attend an information session at a nominated place and date and comply with the directives issued after team selection has been confirmed.
- All selected team members are encouraged to attend the training sessions provided by SSWA in the lead up to the national championship.

TRAVEL

All students who selected in the final team must travel and accommodate with a parent or nominated guardian.

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SSWA reserves the right to change 'TRAVEL' conditions and policy based on advice from the various departments.

SSWA MEDAL SELECTION

The winner of the Cross Country Medal will be based on the achievements (both ON and OFF the field) of the athletes during the National Championships as voted by team officials.

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