



SCHOOL SPORT WA

INTERSTATE TOUCH FOOTBALL

- Selection Policy -

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Selectors

- The positions of Coach, Manager and Tour Manager are advertised annually through the School Sport WA website
- The appointed Touch Officials, in conjunction with the Touch Organising Committee, will appoint the team selectors to attend the initial selection trials for the squad.
- Selectors may include representatives from various affiliates.

Prior to Selection Trials

Selectors and officials will attend and view games at the following events to assess player eligibility:

- Junior State Championships
- Youth Cup Yr 8/9 Interschool Tournaments
- School Sport WA Champion Schools Yr 10's Tournament
- Northwest Games

Affiliates and schools to be notified of selection trials.

Trial Nominations

- Trial dates are determined by the Touch Selectors and Committee
- Trial details and nomination form are posted on the SSWA Website www.schoolsportwa.com.au

Selection Trials

- Trials are held at a central venue.
- Communication with Country players will occur to confirm involvement.
- At the trial the School Sport WA Tour Leader will allocate specific duties to key personnel
- Successful trialists will be notified after the fourth trial and be invited back to attend squad training
- Selectors shall consider all aspects of the game including (but not limited to) physical ability, skill, tactics and attitude.
- Selectors shall reach decisions by consensus wherever possible. If consensus cannot be reached, a vote by the main selectors shall be held.
- When selecting one player before another, selectors shall make an "on balance" decision, based on all the attributes and abilities shown by the players.

Squad Training

- Country players are advised to attend squad training if they are in the metropolitan area (eg during school holidays)
- Players will be assessed through all training sessions
- It is compulsory to attend squad trainings
- Any injured squad member is required to attend training sessions to continue development and team processes
- Team Officials will communicate dates, times and venues for all training sessions

Selection Policies

- Players injured during the trial process will not necessarily be omitted from the final team(s) and may be assessed prior to their inclusion/exclusion in the team. Team Officials will make the final decision.
 - The Tour Leader may advise country players that they can miss certain trials or training sessions due to travel concerns
 - Should any player be ruled out prior to the Championship a replacement player would be selected from the “train-on” group
 - Students who are selected in the final team must be accompanied to the event by a parent or nominated guardian
 - Attendance at training is compulsory
 - State training takes precedence over Affiliate and team training
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- If players cannot attend, every effort should be made to communicate as early as possible to ensure training plans are not affected by non-attendance
 - If attendance is below 90%, discussions will take place between player, parent and coach as to their commitment to the team. If consensus cannot be reached, the sport convenor of SSWA, parents and manager shall be consulted. If consensus still cannot be reached and the player is not complying with the requirements of training the player will be cut from the team and the train-on will take their place.

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- Player deemed to have displayed perseverance, commitment and team spirit, as voted by team officials.