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FOR ATTENTION OF SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, SPORTS STAFF, TEAM COACHES, INTERESTED STAFF AND STUDENTS

Welcome to School Sport Victoria's first full year ! After three very intensive years of review, negotiating and planning, it is now with great excitement and anticipation that we embark on the new structure of School Sport in Victoria (SSV). School Sport has new competition boundaries, new competition pathways and new membership structures so please take the time to review this E-Bulletin as it contains the latest information on what is happening in School Sport.

School Sport Victoria would be very grateful to schools to publish in their school newsletter early in the year a short article about SSV and its programs together with the SSV logo so that your school community is aware of the opportunities provided by SSV. The article SSV wishes you to publish is shown below.

	<p>School Sport Victoria (SSV) actively promotes school sport for all Victorian school students, years 4 to 12, as a means of supporting schools in developing their students' health and well being. SSV operates under the auspices of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Membership of School Sport Victoria is open to all Victorian schools, providing the opportunities to participate in programs that extends from grassroots intra and inter school sport, to district, division, region, conference, state and national levels. Students attending schools affiliated with SSV are eligible for selection in Victorian Teams to compete in 2011 School Sport Australia National Championships. Further information is available from your School's Sport Coordinator or on the School Sport Victoria website, www.ssv.vic.edu.au. Parents and teachers are encouraged to regularly visit the site.</p>
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For any further information please contact [School Sport Victoria](#).

1. 2011 SSV COMPETITION BOUNDARIES

SSV competition boundaries are based on the nine Department regions and networks within each region and were originally released early in 2010. Following the initial release, schools were offered the opportunity to negotiate exceptions to these boundaries and we now have a concrete competition structure. You can view the primary competition boundaries [here](#) and the secondary competition boundaries [here](#). For a list of the current region / division / district coordinators please click [here](#). If you have not already heard from your relevant Coordinator you are urged to make contact with them as soon as possible.

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2. 2011 SSV COMPETITION PATHWAYS

For primary schools, the initial competition level will be a District competition against local schools. Primary schools will then progress to Division level competition, which is also the entry point for secondary schools. Division winners will then progress to Region level finals. The winners of these competitions will progress to their specific Conference final. There will be three Conference finals for each sport across the State,

- Winning schools from Barwon South Western Region, Grampians Region and Western Metropolitan Region will participate in the Western Conference
- Winning schools from Hume Region, Loddon Mallee Region and Northern Metropolitan Region will participate in the North Eastern Conference
- Winning schools from Eastern Metropolitan Region, Gippsland Region and Southern Metropolitan Region will participate in the South Eastern Conference

A wonderful advantage of this competition level is that we will be able to localise finals thus taking advantage of some of the superb resources available in regional centres. This means that country schools may not have to come to Melbourne for this semi final stage as had occurred previously. SSV will be able to hold Conference finals at various locations around the state.

The winners of the Conference finals will then progress to the State Finals.

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3. SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA MEMBERSHIP TYPES

School Sport Victoria now has three membership types. These are

- Full members – for Government schools only
- Associate members – for Non-Government schools that participate in SSV interschool sport. Previously this had only occurred in primary competition but Non-Government secondary schools can now apply to participate in SSV competitions, provided they are not members of an existing School Sport association.
- Affiliate members – for any Non-Government Secondary School that participates in a regular school sport competition for students in year levels 7 to 12 conducted by another secondary school sport organisation.

A number of private secondary schools have taken the opportunity to participate in SSV competitions in 2011 by becoming Associate members. Whilst membership applications for this class have now closed for 2011, schools wishing to join SSV in 2012 can contact the School Sport office on 03 9488 9466 or via e-mail at school.sport.victoria@edumail.vic.gov.au.

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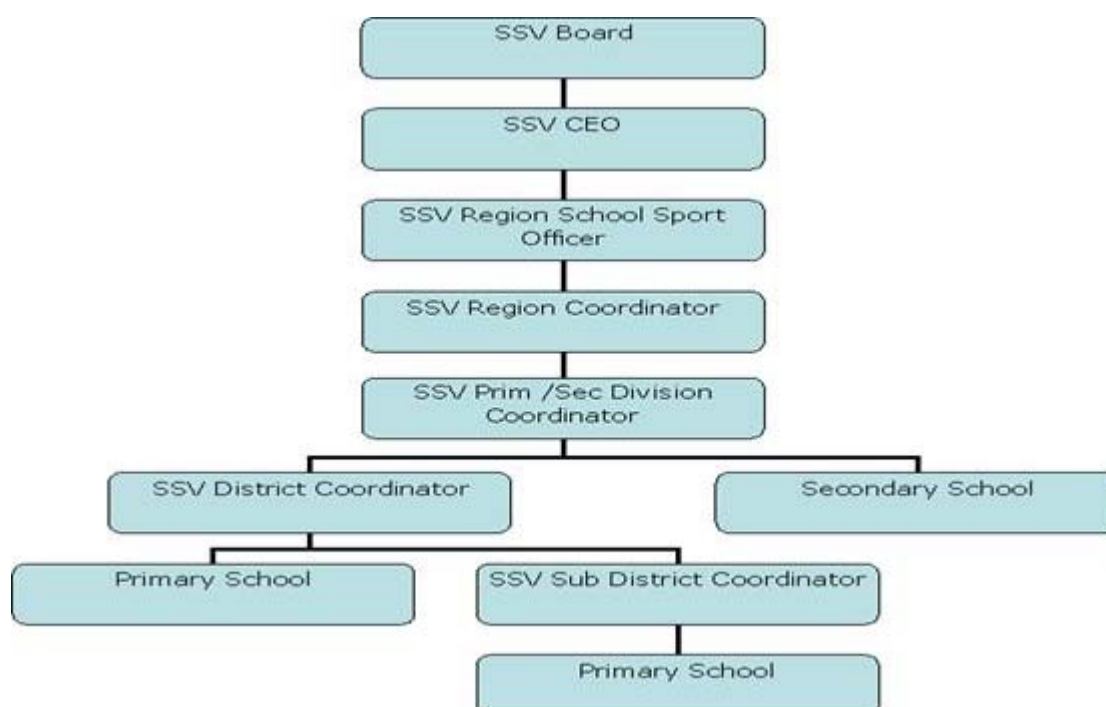
4. 2011 AFFILIATION FEES

With the merger of the Victorian Primary Schools' Sports Association and the Victorian Secondary Schools' Sports Association, a new affiliation fee structure will be introduced in 2011. Fees for Full and Associate members will now be based on a per student rate using 2010 enrolment data. Primary schools will be levied \$0-90 (ninety cents) per student and 7-12 schools will be levied \$2-00 (two dollars) per student. Affiliate members will be invoiced at the rate of \$0.28 (twenty eight cents) per student (with a minimum cost of \$140.00), School Sport Associations at \$0.23 (twenty three cents) and special schools will be charged \$25.00 for primary schools and \$40.00 for secondary schools. All costs are GST exclusive. Invoices will be issued at the beginning of Term 1 in 2011 and must be paid by 1 March, 2011.

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5. SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

The communication channels for information to your school about sport will have the following pathway.



Matters can be moved through this SSV communication pathway from District through Division and Region levels to State level. This pathway is supported by region forums which will be conducted twice a year in February and August. It is compulsory for Region and Division Coordinators to attend these meetings. In turn, Divisions and Districts will also meet at least twice a year. The SSV office recommends that these occur in July and December for Divisions; and June and November for Districts. This will allow a progression of issues from District through Division to Region level at least twice each year.

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6. SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA MAILOUT / WEBSITE / HANDBOOKS

Just prior to the start of Term 1 SSV distributed to all schools via Australia Post planning information for Sport Coordinators. This included the very popular wall planners plus flyers from State Sporting Organisations promoting their own programs. ***SSV will not be producing handbooks this year as SSV has received feedback that they soon become out of date.*** Sport Coordinators should therefore constantly refer to the SSV website, www.ssv.vic.edu.au for up to date information on SSV sport programs. It is noted that with the formation of SSV following the merger of the Victorian Primary Schools' Sports Association (VPSSA) and the Victorian Secondary Schools' Sports Association (VSSSA), the websites of the two previous Associations have been removed and users who try to access them will be automatically

redirected to the SSV site. Please also note that the SSV website is an interim website and will be replaced by a new design later in 2011.

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7. INTERSTATE TEAM NOMINATIONS

Students attending schools affiliated with SSV are eligible for selection in Victorian Teams to compete in 2011 School Sport Australia National Championships. Information on national events can be found at the School Sport Victoria website, www.ssv.vic.edu.au, or the School Sport Australia website, www.schoolsport.edu.au

A reminder that registrations for trials for the following secondary state teams are closing very soon:

Volleyball - 15 and Under Boys & Girls	CLOSING 16 FEBRUARY
Tennis 19 and Under Boys & Girls	CLOSING 17 FEBRUARY
Softball - 17 & Under Girls	CLOSING 4 MARCH
Baseball - 17 & Under Boys	CLOSING 11 MARCH

To register for these and all other trials, go to the SSV website at www.ssv.vic.edu.au and click on Interstate Teams for further details. It is strongly suggested by SSV that your school community is made aware of these opportunities so please ensure this information is published in your school newsletter.

One very important change has occurred in the nomination process for SSV's 12 Years and Under interstate representative teams for students attending primary schools. For all sports other than Australian Football, Basketball, Football (Soccer) and Netball all nominations will be registered online via the SSV website (www.ssv.vic.edu.au). Parents will be responsible for registering their child and for downloading all details relating to trial dates, times, venues and costs. Nominations for 12 Years and Under Australian Football, Basketball, Football (Soccer) and Netball teams must use the form available on the SSV website.

Students who are 12 years and Under that attend secondary schools will also nominate online via the SSV website for all sports other than Australian Football, Basketball, Football (Soccer) and Netball. For these four sports students who are 12 years and Under and attending a secondary school must use the form available on the SSV website.

It is again strongly suggested that schools advertise to parents via the school newsletter of the changes to the process for nominating students for SSV 12 year old representative teams.

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8. OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS – COACHING AND MANAGEMENT POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR SSV STATE TEAMS

School Sport Victoria is now inviting applications for coaching and management positions with State Teams participating in 2011 and 2012 School Sport Australia Championships for the following teams:

- Baseball - Assistant Coach and Manager for Boy's 17 Years and Under team
- Basketball - Manager of Boy's 18 Years and Under team
- Cricket - Manager of Girl's 12 Years and Under team
- Cross Country - Coach and Manager(s) of 12 Years and Under team
- Golf - Managers for Boy's 12 Years and Under team; Girl's 12 Years and Under team; and Boy's 19 Years and Under team
- Hockey - Coach of Boy's 16 Years and Under team and Manager of Girl's 16 Years and Under team
- Netball - Coach and Manager for Girl's 15 Years and Under team
- Orienteering - Coach and Manager(s) of 15 Years and Under team
- Track and Field - General Manager of 12 Years and Under team; Coaches (Throws x 1, Distance x 1 & Multi-Events x1) for 12 Years and Under team
- Water Polo - Coach and Manager for Boy's 19 Years and Under team; Coach and Manager

for Girl's 19 Years and Under team

For further information on how to apply please contact Howard Louis at School Sport Victoria on 03 9488 9466. Applications should be submitted on the official [Application Form](#), addressing Key Selection Criteria and providing verification of qualifications. Closing date for applications is *Thursday, 10 February 2011*.

A number of SSV State Team officials for 2011-2012 School Sport Australia Championships were appointed late in 2010. Click [here](#) to view the list of the appointments that are shown on the [School Sport Victoria website](#).

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9. WESTERN HEIGHTS COLLEGE WINS CRUSADERS / ANZAC CRICKET VICTORIA CUP

The Western Heights 'Warriors' defeated Scotch College in early December to win the Crusaders / Anzac Cricket Victoria Cup. The competition was made up of fourteen sides, comprising ten teams from Government and private schools in Melbourne, one from Ballarat, one from northern Victoria and southern NSW, and the two Crusaders' teams. Click [here](#) to view the Cricket Victoria article..

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10. 2011 VICTORIAN COLLEGE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Victorian College Championships (VCC) is Basketball Victoria's secondary schools basketball tournament program. The VCC are a series of one day round robin tournaments that eventually culminate in a finals series. In 2011 the VCC will be predominantly run in Term 2 at various Melbourne metropolitan stadiums and it is an opportunity for all the schools you administer for your own competitions to play outside of their competitions against teams they might normally get the opportunity to play. Further information is available from Basketball Victoria on 03 9927 6666.

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11. BADMINTON LEVEL 1 COACHING COURSES

Badminton Victoria is conducting Level 1 coaching courses at MSAC on Sunday, 20 February and in Ballarat on Sunday, 20 March. The cost for either course is \$200 (including GST). The closing date for applying for the MSAC course is 4 February and the Ballarat course's closing date is 4 March. Click [here](#) for further information on the MSAC course and [here](#) for further information on the Ballarat course.

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12. SECONDARY SCHOOL SQUASH COMPETITION

Squash Vic offers a squash competition for all Victorian Secondary Schools. Three player teams in years 7 & 8, inters and seniors in both boys and girls sections are involved in regional competitions in terms 2 & 3 with finals in term 4. Click [here](#) for further information. To register your school's interest and receive the Squash Vic 'information pack', please contact the Convener, Karen Cagliarini, on 0409 526 224 or e-mail at karen.cagliarini@bigpond.com.

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13. SQUASH LEVEL 1 COACHING COURSE

Squash Vic is running a Level 1 Squash Coaching course on Sunday, 20 February and Sunday, 3 April (participants must attend both days). Interested teachers are welcome to participate. Click [here](#) to register online. Further information is available from the Squash Office on 9682 2199.

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14. PARALYMPIC TALENT SEARCH – VICTORIA UNIVERSITY – SUNDAY, 13 FEBRUARY

The Australian Paralympic Committee will be conducting tests to help identify the next generation of Paralympic athletes on Sunday, 13 February from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Victoria University's Footscray Park Campus, Ballarat Road, Footscray. Pre registration is required so please contact Jacob Hardiman on 03 9614 3076 or via e-mail at Jacob.Hardiman@paralympic.org.au. Click [here](#) for further information including the Paralympic Talent Search Fact Sheet and the registration form.

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15. TRIATHLON VICTORIA KIDS OPEN DAYS

Triathlon Victoria is running Free Open Days during February and March designed for 7 -15 year olds to learn and improve their triathlon skills. Registration is essential as there is a limited number of positions available. Click [here](#) for further information or visit the Triathlon Victoria website, www.trivic.org.au to register.

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16. KEY CONTACT STAFF FOR SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA IN 2011

All matters relating to Secondary School Sport for:

Barwon South-Western, Grampians and Western Metropolitan Regions – [Sharon Myhre-Davis](#)

Hume, Gippsland, Southern Metropolitan Regions – [Rick Thompson](#)

Eastern Metropolitan, Loddon Mallee and Northern Metropolitan Regions – [Ian Landy](#)

State Championships – [Tim Zwar](#)

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