



## SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA E- BULLETIN

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

Welcome to the third School Sport Victoria (SSV) E-Bulletin for 2011. SSV hopes that your School Sport program for Term 1 has been successful. Good luck to all students as we head towards a number of individual and team sport finals in the last weeks of the term.

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### CONFERENCE LEVEL FINALS – SSV's EXCITING NEW INNOVATION

One of the exciting innovations in the School Sport program in 2011 is a direct result of the feedback received from schools during the review into School Sport. The SSV Conference Final is a new level of competition that will take advantage of the outstanding facilities in regional centres plus also reduce the associated transport costs, particularly for country schools, as they will now travel to venues closer to them rather than to Melbourne for State Semi Finals.

The Conference Level stage of competition will occur after the Region Finals and prior to the State Finals for all team sports (not 'individual' sports such as Swimming & Diving, Golf, Cross Country and Track & Field) across all age groups. There will be three Conference Finals being

- The Western Conference between the winning schools from the Barwon South Western, Grampians and Western Metropolitan Regions;
- The North Eastern Conference between the winning schools from the Hume, Loddon Mallee and Northern Metropolitan Regions; and
- The South Eastern Conference between the winning schools from the Eastern Metropolitan, Gippsland and Southern Metropolitan Regions

The Conference Finals will be kept 'live' by having two schools playing each other in round 1; the team with the bye in round 1 will then play the losing school in round 2; then round 3 will be played between the winner of round 1 and the team having the bye in the first round. The winning schools of each of the three Conferences will then compete against each other in the State Final.

Different options were considered for this stage of competition, such as Eastern and Western contests to determine the State finalists, but invariably this led to issues of five regions playing in one competition and four in the other or the possibility of two regions playing off to determine the eighth place in an eight team competition. This led to even further complications with the potential of schools having to allocate an extra day of competition; how to give equal game time to all competing schools if a five and a four team competition were held; and the likelihood of finals again being centralised in Melbourne thus again increasing travel costs for country schools.

SSV looks forward to this new level of competition. We also encourage schools to provide feedback on the competition as we strive to provide a quality sporting competition for all school students.

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### INTERSTATE TEAM NOMINATIONS – ENTRIES CLOSING SOON

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](http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au), or the School Sport Australia website, [www.schoolsport.edu.au](http://www.schoolsport.edu.au).

Registrations for trials for a number of the state teams are closing very soon:

Football (Soccer) – 19 & Under Boys	<b>LATE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL 29 MARCH</b>
Football (Soccer) – 19 & Under Girls	<b>LATE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL 9 MAY</b>
Australian Football – 15 & Under Metro Boys	<b>CLOSING 5 APRIL</b>
Australian Football – 16 & Under Girls	<b>CLOSING 6 APRIL</b>
Australian Football – Umpires	<b>CLOSING 6 APRIL</b>
12 and Under Australian Football, Basketball, Football (Soccer) and Netball District Teams	<b>MUST BE LODGED WITH DISTRICT COORDINATOR BY 7 APRIL</b>
Hockey – 12 & Under Boys and Girls	<b>CLOSING 7 APRIL</b>
Swimming – 10 to 19 Years	<b>CLOSING 29 APRIL</b>
Cross Country – 12 Year Olds at Affiliate Secondary Schools (i.e. schools that do not compete in SSV interschool programs but affiliate only so that their students can nominate to trial for SSV State Teams)	<b>CLOSING 29 APRIL</b>
Basketball – 18 & Under Boys and Girls	<b>CLOSING 4 MAY</b>

Closing dates for other representative teams are shown below.

Hockey – 16 Year Old Boys and Girls	<b>CLOSING 25 MAY</b>
Tennis – 12 & Under Boys and Girls	<b>CLOSING 31 MAY</b>
Softball – 12 & Under Boys and Girls	<b>CLOSING 11 AUGUST</b>

To register for these and all other trials, go to the SSV website at [www.ssv.vic.edu.au](http://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 Swimming, Track & Field and all team sports other than Australian Football, Basketball, Football (Soccer) and Netball all nominations will be registered online via the [SSV website](#). 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 and they must be lodged with the District Coordinator by 7 April, 2011.

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), Golf and Netball. For these five sports students who are 12 years and Under and attending a secondary school must use the form available on the SSV website which must be lodged with the SSV office by 29 April, 2011.

Please note the other exception to this process is for the State Cross Country team. Ten to twelve year old team members will be selected from the SSV State Championships. Twelve year old students attending affiliate member schools will need to register online on the [SSV website](#).

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

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### SSV STATE TEAM OFFICIAL POSITION AVAILABLE – GIRLS 12 YEARS AND UNDER HOCKEY COACH

School Sport Victoria is now inviting applications from teachers for the position of Coach of the Girls 12 Years and Under Hockey team. The position is for a period two years when the team participates at the 2011 and 2012 School Sport Australia Championships:

Applications should be submitted on the official [Application Form](#), addressing Key Selection Criteria and providing verification of qualifications.

For further information on how to apply please contact Howard Louis at School Sport Victoria on 03 9488 9466.

Closing date for applications is **Friday, 1 April 2011**.

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### 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](#)  
State Teams and Trials – [Howard Louis](#)

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### SPORTIME – SSV'S PREFERRED SPORTS EQUIPMENT SUPPLIER

Sportime, as well as being one of Australia's leading School Sports Equipment suppliers and SSV's Preferred Sports Equipment Supplier, also provides the internationally recognised SPARK PE courses, curriculum and equipment in Australian for primary schools Prep-2 and 3-6. Plus curriculum and equipment only for early learning and after school programmes. SPARK is an approved training resource for NSW DET schools. Our next Victorian in service/training day for Prep-2 is May 12 at Courtenay Gardens Primary School Cranbourne. (This day is almost full). For further details please contact Ian Hunter on 0401 666 324 or via e-mail at [ian.hunter@sportime.com.au](mailto:ian.hunter@sportime.com.au) or go to our SPARK web site [www.sparkpe.org.au](http://www.sparkpe.org.au)

Sportime is also planning to run their first regional in service/training day at Geelong for Prep-2 on June 22nd at Geelong College (Year 4-8 campus). Further details on this day are also available from Ian Hunter or the web site.

Sportime also has stock of Sportime SSV polos. If you place an order, before the end of Term 1, with Sportime for over \$500 (plus GST) you will receive a free quality sporting polo with the SSV logo on it, for your SSV Representative.

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### OUTSTANDING OFFER FROM JASON BEDDING – PROUD PARTNER OF SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

Jason Bedding is the Naming Rights Partner to the Jason Netball Cup and Premier Sponsor to the Melbourne Vixens. Due to these great partnerships, Jason Bedding would like to offer all school families the opportunity to purchase some fantastic bedding such as quilts, blankets and pillows at heavily discounted prices – 30% off retail! To grab this fantastic offer go to [www.jason.com.au](http://www.jason.com.au) then

- Click on the members home link
- Enter username : [vixens@jason.com.au](mailto:vixens@jason.com.au)
- Enter password : vixens2011
- Shop as you please!

This offer expires 31 December, 2011.

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### NEW MELBOURNE HEART FC ACTIVITIES

- Goalkeeping clinic 19 and 20 April
- Little Terras School Holiday clinics (Primary school age) – LaTrobe University, Bundoora 13 April; Kensington 14 April
- Junior Indoor Soccer Tournament for schools – Action Indoor Sports Ringwood
- Coaching clinics for schools

Please refer to the Community information section on the website [www.melbourneheartfc.com.au](http://www.melbourneheartfc.com.au)

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### ACHPER NEWSLETTER – THE PULSE

ACHPER regularly issues its E-Newsletter 'The Pulse'. If you do not receive this very informative publication, [sign up here](#).

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### 2011 PIERRE De COUBERTIN AWARDS AND OLYMPIC ACADEMY – MCG 26 JUNE 2011

All schools are encouraged to nominate one student from years 10, 11 or 12. Every nominated student receives the Pierre de Coubertin Award. Nominees must participate actively in the school's PE program and demonstrate the Olympic values.

In 2011 the program will include an Olympic Academy providing students with an opportunity to connect with Olympians. Schools are invited to nominate an additional two sport leaders from years 10, 11 or 12, not including their Pierre de Coubertin nominee.

Nominations must be submitted before 8 June. Please visit the [Victorian Olympic Council website](#) for further information on the awards and the 2011 nomination form.

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### THE PRESIDENTS CUP

The Presidents Cup 2011 invites members of School Sport Victoria to participate as volunteers during The Presidents Cup to be held at The Royal Melbourne Golf Club in November 2011. Opportunities to volunteer in Transportation, Supply and Distribution, Course Preparation/Construction and Merchandise are available. If you would be interested in volunteering for this event between 12 and 21 November 2011 inclusive please contact Vivien Beer, Chairman of The Royal Melbourne Golf Club's Presidents Cup Committee by email [presidentscup@rmgolf.com.au](mailto:presidentscup@rmgolf.com.au) by the end of March 2011. Volunteers must be over the age of 16 years.

The Presidents Cup 2011 tickets go on sale Monday April 4. Get in early to avoid missing out on the sporting event of the year ! Both children's tickets and family packages are available. For more information or to purchase your tickets see [Presidentscup.com](http://Presidentscup.com) or call The Presidents Cup Office on (03) 9094 0700.

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### ENTRIES NOW OPEN – adidas VICTORIAN ALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entries for the 2011 adidas Victorian All Schools Cross Country Championships are now open, with individual athletes and School Sport Coordinators now able to submit their entry for the Bundoora Park event on Saturday, 23 July, 2011. Entries close Thursday, 30 June, 2011.

Entries are also open for the 2011 adidas Victorian All Schools Cross Country Relays (14 May, 2011) and Road Relay (25 June, 2011) Championships.

To enter now, or for further information on the adidas All Schools Championship Series, please [click here](#).

For further information on upcoming Athletics Victoria schools events, please [click here](#).

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### ATHLETICS VICTORIA COACH EDUCATION PROGRAM – UPSKILL AND IMPROVE YOUR SCHOOL'S ATHLETICS COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS

Do you have parents, volunteers or teachers high on enthusiasm but low on experience, wanting to help with your school's athletics program? Give them an opportunity to enhance their athletics knowledge, up-skill, and become certified athletics coaches by signing them up for Athletics Australia's Level 1 – Beginning Coach program.

For those with a basic grasp of athletics coaching fundamentals, specialist event group coaching courses is also available.

For further information on coach education courses, including course dates and venues, please [click here](#), or call Athletics Victoria's Club Development Manager Matt Griffin on (03) 9428 8195.

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### FOOTBALL FEDERATION VICTORIA'S COTTEE'S SCHOOLS 5-A-SIDE COMPETITION

Football Federation Victoria invites your school to participate in the Cotee's Schools 5-a-side program. Cotee's 5-a-side is a FREE day for grade 3 and 4 students featuring Small Sided Football and other fun activities. Entry to this event is FREE and all students who take part receive a Cotee's show bag at the end of each Gala Day.

For more information and to register visit the Football Federation Victoria webpage by [clicking here](#).

Students interested in finding a local club can use our online 'Find a club' tool located on the [Football Federation Victoria webpage](#).

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