Dear Parents,

Registration to trial for most School Sport Victoria (SSV) 12 Years and Under to compete in the School Sport Australia Championships is now done through an online process managed by the School Sport Unit. Historically, the exceptions have been Australian Rules Football, Basketball, Football (soccer) & Netball due to the large number of students that start the trial process in these sports. These sports have traditionally started with nominations through their schools to enable attendance at District trials as the first step. If selected they proceed through to the next stage being divisional trials. If selected at Division level a student will move through to Region trials except for basketball where a conference trial is held; and finally a State trial for possible selection in a Team Vic.

After eighteen months of consultation and planning with Region Coordinators and Sport Coordinators across the State, SSV is trialling an online registration process for the four sports mentioned above in the Eastern Metropolitan Region (Primary) for implementation across the State in 2016. This is being done for the following reasons;

- It will ensure all 12 Years and Under registrations to trial are done the same way
- It will ensure regardless of where a child is and in what sector, primary or secondary, the process will be fair and equitable
- It will reduce the cost of running District trials, allowing District Coordinators to redirect their funds to school based sports that increase participation at a local level
- It will ensure the trial process attracts only students capable of performing at a state level trial and move away from a ‘come and try’ opportunity.

On the SSV website it has been made clear that students need to consult with their school teachers at school to ensure they have the skill level to trial and represent their school. This is the same as current practice. This is necessary as all students will have to organise their Sport Teacher and Principals signatures on their registration form prior to attending a trial.

If you feel your child would be eligible for trials, please discuss with myself first and then follow the steps below on the SSV website.

1. Access SSV website (www.ssv.vic.edu.au)
2. Click on Team Vic State teams tab on left of page
3. Click on sport (AFL, Soccer, Netball, Basketball-within blue box)
4. Click on trial information
5. Within information there will be a link to register online
6. Registration process opened on the 25th of January 2016
7. Registration closes on the 15th of March 2016
8. Registration dates may change depending on the sport so please check closely.

Registration does NOT ensure selection to trial, places at trials are limited so written information about experience of athlete is critical. The cost of the registration is a non-refundable $25 fee.

If you have any questions regarding the above information please don’t hesitate to contact myself.

Regards,

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