

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

GENERAL RULES FOR 12 YRS & UNDER CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Championships

- 1.1 School Sport will conduct Championships in sports in which there are at least 4 member bodies wishing to participate in the same division. (i.e. 4 boys or 4 girls teams)
- 1.2 The introduction of fewer than 4 teams in the sport from a different division (gender) is considered to be an extension of the Championship not a separate Championship. In this instance, the host state is to make provision for medals.
- 1.3 Where School Sport Australia does not presently conduct Championships for sports for girls, girls will be eligible for selection on merit in teams that have been designated Boys Championships according to individual member body policy.
- 1.4 When an Championship comprises both girls and boys divisions, starting times should be arranged so that children from the same state can be spectators at each other's games.
- 1.5 All students must participate in all core components of the Championship
- 1.6 Players names on competition uniforms are **not** permitted.

2. Awards/Trophies/Friendship Pins

- 2.1 There shall not be any individual awards at any School Sport Australia 12 Yrs & Under Championship.
- 2.2 Trophies may be presented to the winning team/s at the conclusion of the Championship.
- 2.3 Team managers shall ensure that the teams 'Friendship Pins' and souvenirs are not Championship until teams first play each other, with the Championship occurring just prior to the actual game, except for Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country when the Championship of pins will be made at the discretion of the organisers.

3.. Round Robin/Point Scoring

- 3.1 In all School Sport Australia Championships involving a Round Robin, where two or more teams finish on equal competition points, joint winners will be declared.
- 3.2 Point scoring (except for Cricket) is to be standardised for all Championships - Win 3 points, Draw 2 points and Loss 1 point.

4. Championship Format

- 4.1 Where there are 6 or less competing teams the Championship can consist of the following formats:
 - i) Single Round Robin
 - ii) Double Round Robin
 - iii) Single Round Robin and Pool Matches. (All teams play each other to determine 2 Pools. Pool Games - Each team plays each other team within the Pool.)
- 4.2 Where there are 7 or 8 competing teams, the Championship shall consist of a Single Round Robin.

4.3 No teams are to be scheduled to play more than two (2) full games in any one day. Sport specific rules outline the suggested times and format.

4.4 Points for both formats will be as outlined below.

The pools are to be arranged at the completion of the round robin matches. Pool A to be teams placed 1, 2 and 3. Pool B to be teams placed 4, 5 and 6.

Points to carry through into the pool matches.

Championship positions (i.e. 1st, 2nd and 3rd) will come from Pool A.

4.5 Should teams be equal on points at the end of the Round Robin, Pool rankings will be determined as follows:

- The winner when the teams met in the Round robin will be determined to be in Pool A.
- In the event of the teams finishing equal on points during the Round Robin or where there are more than 2 teams on equal points, places will be determined in the following manner:
 - a) if one state was the winner during the Round Robin, that state is placed higher;
 - b) if the Round Robin result was a draw, the state with superior goal difference is placed higher;
 - c) if this is the same, the state scoring the most number of goals is placed higher;
 - d) if this is equal, the Championship Convenor will organise the drawing of lots to determine the higher placing.

In (a) and (b) above, for positions 1-4, only those goals scored in games contested by the top four teams will apply.

4.6 School Sport Australia medals are awarded to Pool A teams only.