



SWPSA Selection Criteria – SA Schools Team

This team will be selected *fairly, transparently, and credibly*. It will recognise true excellence **across all positions**, not just goal scorers. **This is exclusively for the U19 Girls and Boys age group.**

1. Selection Criteria by Role

Each position will be judged based on performance throughout the tournament using the following defined metrics:

Goalkeeper

- Save percentage and quality of saves.
- Leadership and defensive organisation.
- Distribution to start counters.
- Composure under pressure.

Defenders

- One-on-one defensive strength, especially against hole sets.
- Awareness, positioning, and discipline (few unnecessary exclusions).
- Communication and help defence.
- Contribution to transition and counter defence.

Utility Players

- Versatility — effective in multiple positions (attack, defence, transition).
- Consistency and reliability across all games.
- Tactical awareness and adaptability.



Attackers

- Attack productivity (goals, assists, exclusions earned).
- Decision-making and shot selection.
- Ability to break down organized defences.
- Contribution to team play and work rate off the ball.

MVP

- Overall tournament impact (dominant performances, leadership, key plays).
- Elevates team performance and performs in big moments.
- Embodies excellence, consistency, and sportsmanship.