

## STK Junior Academy (North Hub) / South Metro Junior Football League Interleague Selection Guide

When	Event/Phase	Selection/ Process	Numbers
Nov/Dec	STK Junior Academy/ SMJFL consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STK Junior Academy and South Metro Junior Football League (SMJFL) representatives meet to determine club minimum allocation targets for the next year's program.</li> <li>• The number of minimum allocations each club is assigned is based on the percentage of registrations for that club in the most recent season, compared to the total registrations of the entire age group.</li> </ul>	Each club to refer to their club minimum allocations
Dec	Club Nomination Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SMJFL Staff will communicate to clubs their minimum allocations.</li> <li>• Clubs will be asked to nominate the players they believe meet the player nomination criteria (please refer to the 'How to player nominations' <a href="#">HERE</a>)</li> <li>• These nominations do not guarantee players entry into the STK Junior Academy program, but all nominations will be considered.</li> </ul>	Total club nomination numbers will be communicated at the commencement of this stage
Jan	STK Academy Pre-Selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A small number of players from the previous year's program are pre-selected for the current year's program.</li> <li>• Pre-selected players count toward their club's minimum allocation.</li> <li>• Club minimum allocations do not need to be met at this point.</li> </ul>	Approximately 20-25 players pre-selected per squad.
Feb	Come & Try Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STK Junior Academy players from the previous year who have not been pre-selected are invited to a Come &amp; Try Day.</li> <li>• In addition, club nominations and STK Junior Academy watchlist players are considered and invited at the discretion of STK Junior Academy staff.</li> </ul>	Approximately 80 per group (where possible).

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Come & Try Day continued

- STK Junior Academy squads are finalised and communicated post the Come & Try Day. If a player transfers to another club, the STK Junior Academy and SMJFL will endeavour to reallocate that nomination to the original club to ensure that club's minimum nominations are met. This however is not guaranteed and will be based on capacity, as well as existing numbers.
- Players not selected from Come & Try Day are placed on the STK Junior Academy Talent ID watchlist.
- Watchlist players remain eligible to be elevated to STK Junior Academy or SMJFL Interleague phase at any stage during the program.

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STK Junior Academy Program Begins

- 7-week STK Junior Academy Phase commences (U14 & U15).
- 14-week STK Junior Academy Phase begins (U13).

- U13's (70 per girl and boy cohort)
- U14's (65 per girl and boy cohort)
- U15's (60 per girl and boy cohort)

Apr-June

SMJFL Interleague Elevation Phase (U14 & 15 only).

- STK Junior Academy squads transition to the 7-week SMJFL Interleague Elevation Phase. The SMJFL Interleague teams are then selected based on performance during the STK Junior Academy phase, SMJFL Interleague phase and SMJFL club matches.
- SMJFL Interleague selection also takes into account club representation criteria, specific to the selection of Interleague teams, which ensures SMJFL Interleague teams comprise fair and equal representation for all clubs.
- Note - Players may be ineligible for Interleague, if they fail to meet any of the clauses in the SMJFL Interleague Eligibility [HERE](#)

- Squads remain at same numbers until Interleague teams are selected

May-June

AFL Victoria Metro Junior Development Series (AFLVMJDS)

- Selected SMJFL Interleague teams compete in a 3-game carnival against other metropolitan leagues.

- 2x teams of 25 per age group.

Nov-Dec

STK Junior Academy 'November Block' (U13 and 14 only)

- STK Junior Academy squad members for the just completed season are invited to a 4-week training block in preparation for the next year's STK Junior Academy program.
- Select STK Academy watchlist players can also be invited as 'train-on' players for this 4-week block.

- U13's 70-85 (per girl and boy cohort)
- U14's 65-80 (per girl and boy cohort)