

VICTORIAN TEACHERS' GAMES

MINISTER'S CUP POLICY

RATIONALE

The Victorian Teachers' Games (VTG) is an annual Sporting and Social event that is held in the first week of the September school holidays. Participants have the opportunity to compete in over 40 sporting and social activities. The Games is hosted by School Sport Victoria in conjunction with a regional city. Anybody employed by a school in Victoria (gov & non-gov) - including support staff, VIT registered teachers, casual & retired teachers, DET corporate staff and registered volunteers and sponsors of the event are eligible to attend VTG.

While the primary focus for the Victorian Teachers' Games is on sporting competition, VTG also has a social and educational component. The Games theme is 'Communicate, Celebrate, Educate'.

VTG is a major event on the education calendar and School Sport Victoria values the role it plays in delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Education State Initiative. VTG provides a great opportunity for teachers and educational professionals to engage with likeminded people through sporting and social events. No other education event in Victoria offers an opportunity for this level of engagement across all sectors. The Victorian Teachers' Games is a great way to extend what School Sport Victoria achieves in schools to educate Victoria's teachers in the value of sport competition, participation and the role being active plays in overall health and wellbeing.

The Victorian Teachers' Games endeavours to promote a fun atmosphere where teachers can be active and experience sport and physical activity in a comfortable and inclusive manner. Through the Victorian Teachers' Games, School Sport Victoria is able to carry out its vision to increase awareness of and participation in quality school sport. The Games gives us an opportunity to engage teachers, the people who we rely on to deliver sport in schools in their own school sport competition and give them a taste of the educational outcomes that can be achieved through participation in sport. VTG provides significant professional development and team building opportunities for whole staff and individual teachers.

The Victorian Teachers' Games Minister's Cup was introduced in 1997 and is a prestigious, perpetual award presented to the team or school who best epitomizes the spirit of the Games.

This policy outlines the process for awarding the Minister's Cup.

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THE POLICY

SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION: THE MINISTER'S CUP

1. The Minister's Cup is a prestigious, perpetual award presented to the team or school who best epitomizes the spirit of the Victorian Teachers' Games.
2. The Minister's Cup is an annual award presented to the team or school who meets relevant criteria.
3. The Minister's Cup is to be housed at the winning school from presentation until the commencement of the following years' Victorian Teachers' Games.
4. Victorian Teachers' Games organizers are to work with key contacts from the Department of Education to involve the Minister of Education.

SECTION 2: SPONSORSHIP

1. The major sponsors of the Victorian Teachers' Games are entitled to be titled 'official supporters' of the Minister's Cup.
2. This agreement provides major sponsors with such rights; as per VTG24 sponsorship package structure.
3. The major sponsor's values and vision will form part of the selection criteria in awarding the Minister's Cup.

SECTION 3: NOMINATION PROCESS

1. Minister's Cup nominations will be forwarded to VTG organizers via an electronic method (page 3) outlining general criteria and reasoning from local sport and social conveners of VTG.
2. Victorian Teachers' Games (SSV) Staff are also able to submit a nomination.
3. There shall be a maximum of one team nomination per event, per day.
4. Nominations must be received no later than the close of business on the last working day of the week of the event.

SECTION 4: AWARDING PROCESS

1. The winner of the Victorian Teachers' Games Minister's Cup shall be awarded by VTG organizers with the endorsement of the major sponsor, based on nominations received from VTG staff, local sport and social conveners.
2. The winners of the Minister's Cup is a decision made at the discretion of VTG organizers.
3. The winners of the Minister's Cup will be announced by October 31 of each year.

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SECTION 5: CRITERIA

1. The winner of the Victorian Teachers' Games Minister's Cup shall be awarded by VTG organizers based on the following criteria, which embodies the VTG theme, the major sponsor's underpinning values and the spirit of VTG.
 - i. VTG theme is 'Communicate, Celebrate, Educate' and everybody that is a part of VTG embodies these three concepts. The Games provides an opportunity for Teachers to reconnect and communicate with past colleagues, university friends, local community and sporting organizations, celebrate their year so far and prepare to enter their last term of teaching while receiving education in and learning more about sports on offer in Victoria. Teachers will return to school reinvigorated, with new learning, new friendships and plenty of great stories to share.
 - ii. The major sponsor's values/vision are to be incorporated into the criterion as per Section 2.3.
2. 2020 Criteria:-
 - i. Consistently engaged and invested in both sporting and social activities and provide a significant competitive and spiritual contribution to the outcome of the event – "event focused".
 - ii. Communicate, listen, support and empower VTG people (colleagues, friends, local community) to be their best
 - iii. Consistent in attendance, easy to navigate, work with other participants/staff and are present throughout the entire day of competition
 - iv. Stand out by being authentic, honest and proud to do the right thing.
 - v. Celebrate their participation and the Games in the spirit of VTG; show passion, and actively portray team bonding and team spirit by valuing individuality and diversity.
 - vi. Engage in the educational component of the event by learning, growing and improving collective knowledge about the sport and their fellow teammates/competitors, and participate/show interest in professional development activities (engagement in relative programs).

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This policy reflects current practice.
2. This policy is the responsibility of the Victorian Teachers' Games Manager.

ENDORSEMENT

This policy was endorsed by the CEO of School Sport Victoria (Rayoni Nelson) in May, 2019.

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REVIEW

This policy is to be reviewed every two years or at the commencement of a new hosting agreement with a regional capital of Victoria.

ELECTRONIC FORM

School/Team: _____

VTG Event: _____

Date: _____

School/Team's Result: _____

Grounds for a nomination: (Indicate with a tick)

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Details of grounds for the nomination – why does this team deserve the Minister's Cup?

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Event Convener

VTG Manager Endorsement

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