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Information Sheet : 2027 Hockey Program

Gippsland Sports Academy (GSA) will again run its Hockey Program in 2027

To register your interest in this program, please complete the Expression of Interest via the following link: https://tinyurl.com/eoihoc2627

Please see below a brief overview of the program:

Athlete Selection	Athletes will be selected from Trials after EOIs and/or Invitation after Talent ID at the Gippsland Championships on **10th October.**
Trial Information	Date: **Sunday 8th November 2026** Venue: Latrobe City Synthetic Sports Facility Mary Grant Bruce Drive, Churchill, VIC 3842 Time: 9.00 – 10.30 am (boys); 11.00 am – 12.30 pm (girls)
Selection Outcome	A Letter of Offer will be sent to successful athletes as soon as possible **Enquiries: Jude Bergmann - judeb@sportgippsland.org.au** **Phone:(03) 5127 0174**
Induction Information	**Date:** Sunday 13th December 2026 **Venue:** TAFE Gippsland, Yallourn Campus 225 Monash Rd, Newborough 3825 **Google Maps Ref:** R8F5+63 Newborough **Time:** 11 am - 3 pm **Registration:** from 10.45 am ***** Includes Fitness Test ***** Athletes should wear their GSA uniform (if they have one) or appropriate fitness attire including sports shoes. Your induction is a compulsory part of your program as it provides valuable & vital information including Sports Psychology, Nutrition & Fitness Testing.

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Session Information

A total number of **6** training sessions will be held as follows:

- from January to March 2027;
- with an additional practice match day at the end of the program.

Proposed dates and venues are below and will be confirmed once trials are held.

DATE:	WHAT:	WHERE:
8th Nov 2026	Trials	Churchill
13th Dec 2026	Induction Day / Fitness Tests	Yallourn
31st Jan 2027	Training 1 - 9am – 11.30am	Churchill TBC
7th Feb 2027	Training 2 - 9am – 11.30am	Sale TBC
14th Feb	Training 3 - 9am – 11.30am	Churchill TBC
21st Feb	Training 4 - 9am – 11.30am	Sale TBC
28th Feb	Training 4 - 9am – 11.30am	Churchill TBC
14th Mar	Training 6 - 9am – 11.30am	Sale TBC
21st Mar	Match Day - TBC	Parkville
7th April	ACE Day / Fitness Tests	Yallourn
7th May	Awards Night	Morwell Bowling Club

Cost & Payment

To be advised in Letter of Offer.

Levy does not include uniform costs or travel costs.

Fees will be invoiced upon acceptance of your position in the program. *NOTE: Final costs are determined by the final number of athletes that accept their position with the Academy.

Uniform Requirements

The required GSA uniform for your sport is required to be ordered, if you do not already have one - singlet, short/skort, & socks and GK shirt if needed. All other items are optional.

Athletes are to wear their GSA uniform at all sessions (including S&C and ACE Day). No Club uniforms are to be worn at GSA sessions.

Additional optional merchandise items are also available to purchase.

- Uniform is to be ordered, and paid for online;
- You must order the items required for your sport as outlined in your Letter of Offer;
- Uniform will be delivered to athlete's home address.

This should be done promptly so that you will have your uniform to wear to your first session.

Uniform link will be provided to successful athletes.

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Strength & Conditioning Information	• 2 x COMPULSORY Fitness Testing sessions (if athlete cannot attend set dates, an additional reschedule fee may apply). • 2 x Face to face sessions per month - S & C sessions to be held in Bairnsdale, Inverloch, Sale, Traralgon/Newborough & Warragul (based on athlete home address) from **Feb – Apr 2027 (TBC)**. • Individual Home programs based on Musculo Skeletal Screenings and logged through Lumin Sports. This is a critical component of the program, attendance is expected.
Musculo-Skeletal Screening	All athletes new and returning who have not been assessed in the past 12 months must undergo a Musculo-skeletal screening. *More information will be supplied in the athlete invitation.
Sport Integrity Australia (SIA)	All athletes will have a presentation on Sport Integrity Australia and MUST complete the required Sport Integrity Australia level: • New athletes to complete Clean Sport 101 • 1st year Returning athletes to complete Antidoping Fundamentals • 2nd + year Returning athletes to complete annual update The link is: https://elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au/login/index.php Completion of Sport Integrity is a requirement by the Victorian Institute of Sport and Sport and Recreation Victoria and therefore must be completed to be eligible for graduation.
Expectations of Athletes	Athletes are expected to attend all Academy activities, where possible, this involves committing to: • Attend all training sessions except athletes who have an agreement with the GSA Head Coach to attend State or National opportunities. • Follow the strength and conditioning program, including completing components at home & face to face sessions. • Completing sports science components of the program as and when required. • Attend other Academy functions such as: • **ACE Day: Wednesday 7th April 2027** • **Awards evening: Friday 7th May 2027** • The coaches are contracted to review and gauge the athlete's progress. If the coaches are adamant that an athlete is disruptive to the group or not suited for the program, then the Academy has the right to revoke that athlete's membership. • Register as a member of **Hockey Victoria**

For any further information please contact Jude at judeb@sportgippsland.org.au

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