



MINISTER'S CUP POLICY

RATIONALE

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

VTG is a major event on the Department of Education (the department) calendar and provides an opportunity for education professionals to participate and connect through a range of sporting, recreational, wellness and social events.

The VTG's theme is 'Participate, Connect, Inspire'.

Open to all eligible participants, the event provides an opportunity for educators to participate in a variety of events, connect with like-minded professionals and find inspiration via the means of increased health and wellbeing and an understanding of the value of school sport.

Teams of staff from within schools view the event as a unique way to build team morale and enhance staff health and wellbeing.

Over the years, the VTG has earned the respect of being an event that produces competitive yet friendly competition, warm social fellowship and a sense of occasion that brings about a special community atmosphere. Participants have helped contribute to the success of the many events that make up the VTG – in a physical, behavioural, and emotional sense.

POLICY

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

SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The Minister's Cup is a prestigious, perpetual award presented to the team and/or school who best epitomises the spirit of the VTG.
2. The Minister's Cup is an annual award presented to the team and/or school who best meets relevant criteria.
3. The Minister's Cup is to be housed at the winning school from the time of presentation until the commencement of the following years' VTG.



SECTION 2: NOMINATION PROCESS

1. Conveners of VTG sanctioned events can submit nominations for the Minister's Cup to the VTG Organising Committee via an electronic form indicating satisfaction of relevant criteria (refer Section 3).
2. There shall be a maximum of one (1) team nomination per session, per event.
3. Nominations must be received no later than the close of business on Wednesday 24 September 2026.

SECTION 3: NOMINATION CRITERIA

1. Nominations for the VTG Minister's Cup shall be assessed by the VTG Organising Committee based on criteria that embodies the 'spirit' of VTG, in alignment with the VTG theme of 'Participate, Connect, Inspire'.
2. The criteria for the 'spirit' of VTG is:
 - a. Active engagement and positive participation in a sporting, recreational, wellness and/or social event.
 - b. Warmly connects with fellow VTG participants through active networking, teamwork, encouragement and companionship.
 - c. Inspires and empowers the event and its people by showcasing exemplary behaviour and by going that extra mile to ensure the event runs successfully.
3. The VTG Organising Committee will also consider whether a team and/or school has received one or more nominations across one or more events.

SECTION 4: AWARDING PROCESS

1. The winner of the VTG Minister's Cup shall be assessed and awarded by the VTG Organising Committee via the following process:
 - a. All nominations must be formally lodged via the electronic form by the relevant personnel as outlined in Section 2 of this policy.
 - b. The VTG Organising Committee will assess the nominations against the criteria as outlined in Section 3 of this policy.
 - c. Following assessment, the VTG Organising Committee will recommend the team and/or school and seek formal endorsement from the VTG Chair (SSV CEO) to award the Minister's Cup recipient.
2. The winner of the Minister's Cup will be notified via phone call and email.
3. The winner will be announced by 31 October 2026 via the VTG website and social



media channels.

4. All decisions of the VTG Organising Committee are within its absolute discretion and not subject to review or appeal.

SECTION 5: PRIZE

1. The winner of the Minister's Cup receives the engraved perpetual Minister's Cup, which is permitted to be housed at the school for the year until the next VTG event.
2. The winner shall receive positive recognition by acknowledgement on the VTG website.
3. The winner shall receive the opportunity to have the presentation of the Minister's Cup at their school.
4. The winner shall receive any further prizes as arranged by the VTG Organiser.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This policy reflects current practice.
2. This policy is the responsibility of the VTG Organising Committee.

ENDORSEMENT

This policy was endorsed by the Chief Executive Officer of School Sport Victoria in May 2026.

REVIEW

This policy is to be reviewed annually.