



VICTORIAN JUNIOR  
BASKETBALL LEAGUE



# ASSOCIATION CONTACT HANDBOOK

2026/27 Season

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## WELCOME:

This handbook has been created to support Association day-to-day contacts and meeting delegates in understanding key responsibilities and relevant VJBL requirements.

As the primary contact for your association, you will receive the most VJBL correspondence and are responsible for ensuring this information is communicated to the appropriate people within your association. Day to Day contacts will be the main source of communication and Delegates will receive all meeting advice.

All verbal contact and correspondence from your association to the VJBL should be directed through you. Parent enquiries will also be referred back to the designated Association contact.

While responsibilities vary between associations, this handbook outlines the key requirements relevant to your role as the VJBL Association contact. The Rules of Operation provide further guidance on common queries.

If you have any questions or require further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the VJBL team.

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## KEY CONTACTS:

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**FRIDAY NIGHT PHONE-** Contact VJBL can on Friday evenings via **0430 541 847**, between **5pm-11 pm**.

## OUR COMPETITION:

The Victorian Junior Basketball League (VJBL) is a statewide representative competition held on Friday evenings at associated venues across Victoria. Refer to the VJBL calendar on the website for details.

Each week, the competition brings together more than 1,700 teams across approximately 845 games, 240 courts and 90 venues, making it the largest junior basketball competition of its kind. The VJBL provides a graduated competition structure, offering junior players opportunities to develop their skills and compete at a level suited to their ability- from introductory pathways through to the highest levels of junior representative basketball.

The VJBL supports the development of junior basketball and provides the pathway for players to progress within the sport.

### AGE GROUP ELIGIBILITY

All players must be under the specified age as of 31st December 2027.

- **UNDER 12:** eligible players must not turn 12 in 2027: they are born in 2016, 2017, 2018
- **UNDER 14:** eligible players must not turn 14 in 2027: they are born in 2014, 2015
- **UNDER 16:** eligible players must not turn 16 in 2027: they are born in 2012, 2013
- **UNDER 18:** eligible players must not turn 18 in 2027: they are born in 2010, 2011
- **UNDER 20:** eligible players must not turn 20 in 2027: they are born in 2008, 2009

**PLAYERS BORN IN 2019 (or later) are not eligible to play VJBL in the 2026/27 season**

### SEASON

The games within the VJBL structure commence 20<sup>th</sup> November 2026 and go through to 17<sup>th</sup> September 2027.

- **Grading Phase One & Two:** 20<sup>th</sup> November- 26<sup>th</sup> February
- **Championship Phase:** 5<sup>th</sup> March – 17<sup>th</sup> September

### FIXTURES, LADDERS and RESULTS

These can be obtained from the VJBL website or MyHoops app.

### TEAM SHEET FEES

A team sheet fee is applied to each team for games played at their home venue and away games. This covers players and spectators, regardless of numbers.

**Currently team fees are:**

\$125 per game (60 min timeslot- 4x10 min Quarters)

\$160 per game (80 min timeslot- 4x7 or 4x8 min Quarters)

These fees can be managed in one of two ways.

**1) Included in association season fees-** The association pays the applicable venue directly each week.

**2) Managed by individual teams-** Teams arrange the weekly payment through their team manager, who can pay by credit card at the venue or directly via TeamPay.

Refer to the [TeamPay Information Drive](#) for further details.

## REGISTRATION

All associations are responsible for ensuring that their players are correctly registered, have provided their correct playing number and are in the correct uniform.

Player registration remains valid until the player progresses into senior basketball (after U20's) or until an approved clearance or transfer has been processed by the VJBL.

Players must be registered within 14 days of their first game.

## CLEARANCES & TRANSFERS

Clearances are processed through the PlayHQ system.

Once your clearance signatory has signed off on a player clearance, please inform Warren Brown if they are a '**Required**' or '**Not Required**' player.

\*\*A 'Not Required' player is someone that has attended tryouts and not made a team, or a player that physically has no team to play in due to the association not entering a team in that specific age group.

## ADDED PLAYER FORM

If an association wishes to add a player to their team **once the Championship season starts**, then an 'Added Player' form must be completed, and approval is required BEFORE this player is permitted to play.

[ADDED PLAYER FORM](#)

## FILL IN PLAYERS

If a team has fewer than **eight players in VC** grades or **seven players in VJL** grades, a player from a lower-graded team within the same association and age-group may fill in.

- Players may play a maximum of 2 games with the higher-graded team
- Permission to exceed 2 games may be requested from VJBL administration in exceptional circumstances. (Holiday unavailability is not considered an exceptional circumstance)
- Requests must be submitted in writing by **no later than 1 pm** on the day of the game

Players may participate in more than one age group during the same round but **cannot play twice within the same age group**.

## PLAYING UP AN AGE GROUP

Where a team requires additional players, a player from the same association from a lower age-group can play in the older age group.

This must be approved by VJBL administration.

To avoid a forfeit, a player outside of the program may be permitted to fill in.

**Contact the emergency line 0430 541 847 before the player takes the court.**

## RULES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

All associations must ensure that Coaches, Team Managers, Venue Supervisors and Referees are familiar with the ***VJBL Rules of Operation***.

**VJBL Rules of Operation take precedence over local rules**

### SCREENING

VJBL screening requirements, as outlined in the Basketball Victoria Member Protection By-Laws, apply to all associations.

### PENALTIES APPLY TO ALL ASSOCIATIONS THAT FAIL TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS

All Coaches, Administrators, Team Managers and other Association personnel who have contact with children under 18 (face-to-face, telephone, written, electronic or social media contact) **must hold a valid WWCC**.

### UNIFORM RULES

#### VJBL STYLE GUIDE & COMPETITION LOGO

Player uniforms must comply with the current **VJBL Style Guide**

When a change to uniform or colours is necessary, associations **MUST** notify VJBL Administration in writing and provide a sample for approval.

#### UNIFORM CONTRAST

The home or first name team must change singlets if their opposition is in the same category. The game will still be played if there are no alternate tops but please **ADVISE** VJBL as there will be a fine for the home association.

### MEETING ATTENDANCE

Each association is required to have a Representative attend all scheduled VJBL meetings. Failure to attend any required meetings during the VJBL calendar year will incur a fine.

### SPECTATOR BEHAVIOUR

Spectators must not approach a referee at any time before, during or after a game.

Spectators must not approach a referee supervisor during a game, only the **Team Manager** is allowed to at the request of their coach.

All spectators must comply with the **[Basketball Victoria Spectator Code of Conduct](#)**.

Further information is available in the **VJBL Competition Resources: [VJBL Behaviour Policy](#)**

## FINALS QUALIFICATIONS

All players in each grade (VC, VJL, RL) must play 40% of Games with the relevant team to qualify for finals.

- This includes games played during **Grading Phase Two and Championship Season**
- When 40% does not result in a whole number, round up. *E.g. 9.2 becomes 10 games.*
- A player who is ineligible for finals cannot participate unless VJBL administration grants permission in exceptional circumstances.

## MEDICAL CERTIFICATES

Medical certificates may be accepted as evidence of injury/illness and can be used for exemption to game qualification criteria. For a player to be eligible to use a doctor's certificate, they must be nominated as part of the team prior to the injury taking place.

During Grading phases, injured players must have their medical certificates emailed into the VJBL Administration by close of business on the Monday before any Cross over game. During Championship season, players injured prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> July must have their medical certificates emailed into the VJBL Administration before the 1<sup>st</sup> July.

Any player diagnosed with an injury on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> July (except last 2 rounds) will have 14 days from diagnosis to produce a doctor's certificate to the VJBL Administration via email.

A medical certificate submitted to cover either or both of the last two rounds for the season must be received by VJBL Administration by close of business on the Monday following the last game.

Medical certificates must be sent through by the Association official contact.