



VICTORIAN JUNIOR
BASKETBALL LEAGUE



PARENTS & PLAYERS

HANDBOOK

2026/27 Season

WELCOME:

This handbook has been created to provide appropriate information to players and parents regarding Victorian Junior Basketball League Representative Competition.

Parents and players should not contact the VJBL directly. All enquiries must be submitted through your Association's authorised representative.

The VJBL consists of several leagues of competition:

- Victorian Championship (VC)
- Victorian Junior League (VJL)
- Regional League

This structure provides pathways and opportunities for players, officials, coaches, spectators and administrators to participate across all levels.

<http://www.vjbl.com.au>

<http://www.basketballvictoria.com.au>

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 20th November 2026 and go through to 17th September 2027.

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

- **COST**

Associations pay a fee to enter representative teams into the VJBL. This cost is generally a component of the subscription paid by participating players to their respective association.

UNIFORM COSTS

Costs for uniforms differ between associations. The VJBL expects a high standard of presentation of teams on the court.

- **FIXTURES, LADDERS and RESULTS**

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

- **FINALS QUALIFICATIONS**

All players in each grade (VC, VJL and 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 AND INJURIES

See [Rules of Operations](#) for full details on medical certificate restrictions

LEAGUE MANAGEMENT:

TEAM MANAGERS

Most associations appoint a Team Manager for each representative team. They are generally a volunteer parent/guardian who assists the team throughout the VJBL season. Team managers at all levels are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that does not discredit themselves, their children and their club.

Team Managers are the only person from the team who is eligible to approach a referee supervisor at the request of their coach.

REFEREES

The referees are an essential part of the game. While decisions may not always go as expected, verbal or other forms of abuse towards referees are unacceptable and set a poor example to young players.

A copy of Basketball Victoria's Codes of Conduct is available on the BV website. All players, parents & team managers are encouraged to read and understand these Codes of Conduct.

BEHAVIOURAL TECH FOUL

Behavioural Tech Fouls are in place to discourage players, coaching and bench staff from negative behaviour. [Tech Foul Rule](#)

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](#)**

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 1st July must have their medical certificates emailed into the VJBL Administration before the 1st July.

Any player diagnosed with an injury on or after the 1st 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.