

# WYNDHAM

**BASKETBALL**



## **REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER AND PARENT INFORMATION PACK**

**VJBL U12, U14, U16, U18**



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# OVERVIEW “ABOUT OUR PROGRAM”

## ABOUT WYNDHAM BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (WBA)

The Wyndham Basketball Association is a growing and evolving sporting association in Melbourne's West. Our vision is to be the basketball association of choice in Melbourne's West, providing the opportunity for everyone to participate in the game of basketball.

Our goal is to grow and strengthen our community by providing basketball pathways that are affordable, accessible, and inclusive for players, coaches, and officials of all abilities.

Formally known as Werribee, our representative arm includes a junior representative program competing in the Victorian Junior Basketball League (VJBL), beginning at U12s through to U20s.

The senior representative program plays in the Big V competition and includes senior men and women, and youth men and women teams (Under 23s). Both the senior and junior Wyndham Basketball programs have a very successful history. Our junior teams have won numerous championships over the years and produced basketballers who went on to play at state, national and international levels.

## THE NATURE OF REPRESENTATIVE BASKETBALL

Representative basketball players “represent” the Wyndham region within the VJBL & BIG V Programs, in addition to playing local domestic basketball. Players from all domestic clubs are welcomed and encouraged to try out for the representative program.

### Benefits of Representative Basketball:

1. Opportunity to compete at an advanced level.
2. Improved basketball skills and knowledge of the game.
3. Exposure to different coaches and coaching methods.
4. Developing new friendships and social networks.





## GETTING STARTED IN REPRESENTATIVE BASKETBALL

As representative basketball is highly competitive, there are increased expectations for players to listen, learn, and improve their basketball skills and knowledge. Most players enjoy this challenging environment and thrive; however, it is important to note that there are generally higher expectations and more pressure than in domestic basketball.

### Key Differences Between Rep and Domestic Basketball:

- **No Guarantee of Selection:** Trying out for representative basketball does not mean the player is guaranteed placement in a team, and placements cannot be appealed or disputed.
- **Roles:** Players are allocated specific roles in the team based on their size, abilities, and those of their teammates. They often don't have the opportunity to play in all positions in a game situation.
- **Court Time:** Players are not rotated evenly. Players will have more or less time on court during the game, depending on factors including skill level, match-up to opposition players, participation and attendance at training, and performance on the night.

## COMMITMENT REQUIRED

### Under the Mid Week Sessions:

- **Under 12 Girls** - Monday
- **Under 12 Boys** - Tuesday
- **Under 14 Girls** - Wednesday
- **Under 14 Boys** - Tuesday
- **Under 16 Boys** - Thursday
- **Under 16 Girls** - Thursday
- **Under 18 Girls** - Monday & Wednesday (No Sunday Training)
- **Under 18 Boys** - Thursday

All Wyndham VJBL players are expected to attend and actively participate in:

- One Sunday team training session each week
- One mid-week team training session each week
- One scheduled VJBL game each week (usually Friday night)

Attendance at all trainings and games is compulsory unless prior approval is granted by the coach or team manager. Consistent attendance helps ensure team cohesion, skill development, and a positive playing experience for everyone.



## OUR MISSION

To grow and strengthen the community by providing basketball pathways that are affordable, accessible, and inclusive for all.

## OUR VALUES

Community Engagement • Respect • Volunteering  
• Teamwork • Inclusiveness • Equality



# VJBL COMPETITION

THE VJBL COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO THREE PHASES:

### PRACTICE GAMES (OCTOBER – NOVEMBER)

These games allow teams to prepare before grading against other teams. While we aim to schedule matches for all teams, this may not always be possible if the opposing Association has a different number of teams. In such cases, additional training sessions may be arranged as an alternative. Practice games will come at a \$100 cost per team. This is to be split by all the players in the team.

### GRADING SEASON (NOVEMBER – MARCH)

Team performance during this period determines placement for the Championship season. Initial grades are nominated by the VJBL, with teams either retaining their grade or being moved based on performance.

### CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON (MARCH – SEPTEMBER)

Teams compete in their final graded division for the season.

## VENUES

Home games are held at Eagle Stadium. Away games may be scheduled at venues across Melbourne and Regional parts of Victoria.

## FIXTURES AND RESULTS

Fixtures are available on the **PlayHQ website** and or the **My Hoops App**. During grading, fixtures are usually released less than a week before each phase, and crossover game fixtures are released the week of the game. Team Managers will upload the training and game schedule to **Stack Team App**.



## FRIDAY NIGHTS

### Grading and Championship Games

- Grading games are played in two phases, usually three games: home, away and neutral.
- Championship games are generally one home game followed by an away game the next week.
- Games are on Fridays, including the last Friday of school terms.

### Travel & Neutral Venues

- Matches over 210 km between home venues will be played at a neutral location.

### Postponed Games

- If a game needs to be postponed due to illness, injury or other reasons, the Director of Coaching (DOC) will discuss this with Admin, Head Coach and Team Manager, if a decision is to be made the DOC will make this decision with the VJBL and WBA Admin.
- Both teams must agree on a new date and time in writing before submitting the request to the VJBL.

## PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Score table officials are not provided at games. Each team must supply two scorers for every match. Participation in Friday night scoring by families is mandatory. The Team Manager will create a roster, and all families are expected to complete their assigned duties. Coaches and Team Managers do not perform scoring, as their focus is on coaching and managing the team throughout the season and at training.

### VJBL Score Bench Rules

- **Home team** (first named team): operates the game clock.
- **Visiting team** (second named team): manages the scoresheet or electronic scoring device.



## FINALS QUALIFICATIONS (INJURY MANAGEMENT & MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS)

### GAME QUALIFICATION

**PlayHQ:** A player is considered to have participated in a game if they are in uniform and take the court, even if they enter at any point during the game.

To qualify for finals, players must play 40% of their teams games rounded up to the nearest whole number.

At Wyndham Basketball Association (WBA), we are committed to supporting the physical and mental well-being of all players. We recognize that 'injury' encompasses both physical injuries and mental health issues. This includes a range of physical injuries from soft tissue strains and joint pain to more severe injuries like concussions. Mental health issues such as anxiety, stress, and depression are also included.

### INJURY REPORTING AND MANAGEMENT

#### Immediate Reporting:

If a player suffers an injury, it must be reported to the Team Head Coach immediately. The player must stop any activities (including training and games) that could aggravate the injury and seek professional assistance from a relevant health professional (e.g. Physiotherapist, doctor, psychologist). It is the responsibility for the head coach to notify the WBA Representative Staff.

#### Participation During Recovery:

While recovering, the player is exempt from participating in training and games. However, if the injury is not worsened by attending, the player is required to attend training and games to support their team without physical participation.

#### Return to Play:

A player must provide a medical certificate from a health professional to resume training and games. This must be sent to [programs.admin@wyndhambasketball.com](mailto:programs.admin@wyndhambasketball.com)

#### Head Injuries:

In the event of a serious head injury during a game or training, the player must stop immediately and not return to play or training until cleared by a medical practitioner. The guidelines set by Basketball Australia for head injuries should always be followed: <https://www.australia.basketball/news/3579681/concussion-protocols>

Updates on Basketball Victoria's concussion protocol will be communicated once available.

### Medical Exemptions

- Medical certificates can be used to exempt players from game participation requirements due to injury or illness.
- **Grading Phase:** Certificates for injured players must be emailed to the Representative Administrator by the Monday before any crossover game.
- **Championship Season:**
  - Injuries before 1 July:** certificates must be submitted before 1 July.
  - Injuries on or after 1 July** (except the last two rounds): certificates must be submitted within 14 days of diagnosis. Certificates covering the last two rounds of the season must be submitted by the Monday following the final game.

*All medical certificates must be sent via the Association's official contact.*



# AGE GROUPS

- **Rising Stars** : Eligible players must not turn 10 in 2026 (born in 2017 or 2018)
- **Under 12** : Eligible players must not turn 12 in 2026 (born in 2015 or 2016)
- **Under 14** : Eligible players must not turn 14 in 2026 (born in 2013 or 2014)
- **Under 16** : Eligible players must not turn 16 in 2026 (born in 2011 or 2012)
- **Under 18** : Eligible players must not turn 18 in 2026 (born in 2009 or 2010)
- **Under 20** : Eligible players must not turn 21 in 2026 (born in 2007 & 2008)

## COACHING AND TEAM SELECTION

### TEAM/PLAYER SELECTION

Each Wyndham Junior Representative team has a minimum of 8 players. Selection focuses on building the best balance of players; guards, forwards, role players, scorers, defenders, rebounders and passers, rather than simply choosing the most skilled or athletic individuals.

Key considerations include skill, athleticism, basketball IQ, work ethic, attitude, commitment, conduct, teamwork and potential. No player is guaranteed a place from year to year, and each season is assessed independently with different teams, players, and coaches.

The VJBL is a performance-based competition, and the number of teams entered is set before each season based on resources. Players are placed in teams that best match their level and potential. While most teams have 10 players, special circumstances may result in 8 or 9, and U18/U20 teams may have up to 12. Train-on positions may be offered, allowing players to join training sessions and, if required, tournaments.

Selections are made by Team Coaches in consultation with Head Coaches, and approved by the Director of Coaching (DOC). Teams may be adjusted before Grading Phase 2 to ensure balance across positions. Teams are not final until the start of Grading Phase 2 each year. A Selection Criteria document may be available upon request.

### COACH SELECTION

Coaches are appointed based on their experience, qualifications, coaching philosophy, and ability to develop players on and off the court. The DOC oversee the selection process ensuring each team has a coach best suited to the team's needs, player development and program goals.



# PLAYING DOMESTIC BASKETBALL

All players participating in representative basketball are required to also play domestic basketball at Wyndham. Exemptions apply in certain circumstances. Please email [programs.admin@wyndhambasketball.com](mailto:programs.admin@wyndhambasketball.com)

## WYNDHAM REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM PATHWAY

The Wyndham Basketball Representative Program offers opportunities for players across all age groups and levels. Our pathway includes Youth League (23 years and under) and Senior Teams competing in the Big V Competition.

We aim to provide a clear development pathway, encouraging all junior players to aspire to represent Wyndham at Youth League and NBL1 levels.

From Under 18s onwards, players may be invited to try out, train, and, if ready, play with our Youth League or Senior Big V Teams. Under 18 players must prioritize their commitments to their U18 team before participating with senior teams.



# BASKETBALL VICTORIA CODES OF CONDUCT

## PLAYER, COACH & PARENT CODES OF CONDUCT

All participants, including players, coaches, officials, and spectators, must adhere to the; Basketball Victoria Codes of Conduct. These codes ensure respectful and fair behaviour on and off the court.

<https://www.basketballvictoria.com.au/resources/association-resources/policies#codes-of-conduct>

## CHILD SAFE POLICIES

At Wyndham Basketball Association (WBA), we are dedicated to ensuring that children are safe, happy and empowered. We prioritize the safety and well-being of all children, as well as the support and respect for our staff and volunteers.

## PROCEDURES AND REPORTING

### Our commitment to child safety is unwavering:

- Zero Tolerance for Abuse: We have zero tolerance for child abuse. All allegations and concerns regarding safety will be handled with the utmost seriousness, in line with our comprehensive policies and procedures.
- Legal and Moral Responsibilities: We are legally and morally obligated to report any concerns about a child's safety to the appropriate authorities, and we adhere to this rigorously.
- Preventing and Managing Risks: We are committed to preventing child abuse by identifying and mitigating risks early. We strive to create a safe environment for all children.

### Immediate Action and Support

- Immediate Risk: If you believe a child is at immediate risk of abuse, please call 000.
- Questions and Concerns: For any issues or questions related to child safety, contact our Child Safety and Wellbeing Officer at [welfare@wyndhambasketball.com.au](mailto:welfare@wyndhambasketball.com.au)

### Child Safe Policy, Code of Conduct, and Reporting

- Policy and Procedures: Our Child Safe Policy, Code of Conduct, Procedures, Reporting Process and Incident Report form can be accessed on our website at Wyndham Basketball Child Safety.



# CONCERNS AND GRIEVANCES

Our Grievance Policy provides a structured process for addressing and resolving disputes or concerns within the program. This policy ensures that all grievances are handled fairly and in a timely manner.

## COURT TIME

Parents may request to meet with a coach at a mutually agreed time and location that is convenient for the Head Coach. All meeting requests must be made through the Team Manager.

No meeting requests are permitted within 24 hours after the conclusion of any training or game. Any parent who contacts a coach or team manager within this 24-hour period will receive an automatic warning from the Association. We encourage all families to raise concerns in a constructive manner and to be open to feedback provided.

If a meeting is agreed to by the Head Coach, the following people will be present:

- Parent/s
- Player (Optional)
- Head Coach
- One additional official (Team Manager, WBA Administrator and/or Director of Coaching)

Meetings must remain respectful at all times. Coaches reserve the right to end a discussion immediately if emotional, aggressive, inappropriate or offensive language or behaviour occurs.

Head Coaches may discuss with an athlete (and/or their parents) topics such as:

- Performance and progress within the team
- Development of individual skills and team play
- Clarification of the player's role and expectations
- Areas for improvement and ways to add value to the team

The following topics will not be discussed under any circumstances:

- Team tactics or strategies
- Player rotations or court time
- The performance of any other player on the team

The Head Coach and Directors of Coaching focus on coach development. They are not responsible for addressing concerns or grievances during training sessions. Parents are not to approach the Head Coach, Assistant Coach or the DOC directly during training.

## OTHER

If an athlete or parent has a concern or grievance relating to their team, the program, or the Association more broadly, Wyndham Basketball has a formal complaints procedure in place. This process is outlined in the Association's policies, available on our website and via the Stack Team App upon request.

Our aim is to ensure all matters are addressed and escalated if necessary in a fair, timely, and reasonable manner, with the goal of reaching a satisfactory outcome for all parties wherever possible.



# TOURNAMENTS

Throughout the year, Wyndham Basketball teams have the opportunity to participate in various tournaments, including those that are compulsory.

The WBA will determine which tournaments are mandatory, and these will be announced by the Association.

Tournaments play an important role in team bonding and ongoing skill development. For non-compulsory tournaments, the Head Coach and/or Team Manager must obtain written approval by the WBA.

## For the 2025/2026 season, Wyndham Basketball's mandatory tournaments are:

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| <b>Geelong Tournament</b>          | - November 1st and November 2nd          |
| <b>Eltham/Dandenong Tournament</b> | - Held on the Australia Day long weekend |
| <b>West Vic Challenge</b>          | - (Under development)                    |

In addition:

- **National Junior Classic** - Mandatory for all VC teams that qualify. Held over the King's Birthday long weekend in June.



# FEES

Providing a high-quality basketball program requires significant investment. At the Wyndham Basketball Association (WBA), it is our policy that all representative players contribute by paying their fees. We understand that financial circumstances can be challenging, and we work hard to keep our fees as reasonable as possible to support families.

## For the 2025/2026 season, the registration fee for each U12, U14, U16, U18 player will be as follows:

\$90 Commitment Fee. Payable upon confirming acceptance of position in a team and due Wednesday 8th of October 2025. The season fees are \$670 if paid in full by November 30th 2025 or there is the option of paying via two instalments \$350 due by November 30th 2025 and the second \$350 due by March 30th 2026.

Please note: There will be no payment plans available.

The registration acceptance link will be made available online when you receive your selection offer. Completing this registration process and payment in full by the specified deadline confirms your place in the Wyndham Basketball Program for the 2025/2026 season. Failure to meet this deadline will result in your spot being offered to another player.

### Registration Fees Include:

- Team Registration with Basketball Victoria
- Compulsory Tournaments
- 2 x Super Clinics (Subject to West Vic Challenge may be 1 x Super Clinic)
- Midweek and Weekend Training Court Hire
- Presentation Day

### Registration Fees Do Not Include:

- Additional Training Sessions Beyond Allocated Times
- Weekly Team Sheet Fees: VJBL will be cashless for the 2025/2026 season. The expected team sheet fee is approximately \$125 (VJL) or \$160 (VC), to be paid via Teampay. Final fees will be confirmed by VJBL. This fee is split by the team. If you don't play you are still required to make payment unless exempted by the WBA Representative Staff.
- Uniform
- Non Compulsory Tournament fees
- Non-Compulsory Events

Important Note: Once a player accepts a position within the Wyndham Basketball Program, they are bound by the listed fees. Refunds will only be provided under circumstances such as but not limited to injury or illness and a request must be in writing and is at the discretion of the Executive Committee, as accepting a position prevents another player from being selected.



# UNIFORM

At Wyndham Basketball Association (WBA), all players must be in full uniform when representing the program.  
For games: Yellow playing uniform, warm up top and the Wyndham hoodie with optional items such as Wyndham Tracksuit pants.  
For training: Reversible training singlet and black Wyndham training shorts.  
Streetwear, Sleepwear or other non-Wyndham Basketball apparel and merchandise is not permitted.

## Uniform Compliance:

- Players not in the correct full uniform will be unable to take the court for training or games or sit on the team bench.

## 2025/2026 Season Uniform Ordering:

- Uniform orders for the upcoming season are to be purchased online <https://www.impactsports.com.au/club/wyndham-basketball-uniforms/>
- Number allocation will be managed by the WBA Uniform Co-Ordinator once team selections are finalized. Size kits will be available for fitting, and a member of the Wyndham Basketball Uniform and Admin team will be present to assist.

## Payment:

- All uniform items must be fully paid for at the time of ordering.

## Uniform Try-On Days:

- Friday, October 10th, 2025

## Compulsory Uniform Pack for All New Players:

- Playing Singlet
- Playing Shorts
- Warm-Up Top
- Hoodie
- Reversible Training Singlet
- Training Shorts

## Additional Items Non-Compulsory:

- Socks (Black/White) - Sizes S, M, L
- Backpack
- Track Pants – Unisex

## Additional Notes:

The Uniform Coordinator will provide a blood singlet for use during games as required throughout the season. It is also expected you have your reversible training singlet in your bag at games.

## Uniform Inquiries:

For all uniform-related matters, please contact our Uniform Coordinator at [uniforms@wyndhambasketball.com.au](mailto:uniforms@wyndhambasketball.com.au)



# PRESENTATION DAY

The 2026 Wyndham Basketball Presentation Day will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2026.

## **At Presentation Day:**

We will award each player from each team with a medal to recognise their efforts throughout the year. Along with the following awards per team MVP, Most Improved & the Wyndham Way Award.

The presentation day will also award the below awards to our selected winners of our U18 players as chosen by our Executive Committee and Mrs Self for the Luke Self Award.

The Kevin Hornblower Award is to recognize outstanding contribution and achievements by a female VJBL player. Female players who have participated only in the Wyndham VJBL Program from U12 (bottom or top age) to U18 (top age) are eligible to apply for this award.

The Paul Watkins Award is to recognize outstanding contribution and achievements by a male VJBL player. Male players who have participated only in the Wyndham VJBL Program from U12 (bottom or top age) to U18 (top age) are eligible to apply for this Award.

The Adam Self Award is to recognise outstanding achievement at elite levels by a male or female VJBL player from U16 to U20. Award winners are selected by the Self family, based on their evaluation of the player against the award criteria. Sportsmanship, commitment and achievement are attributes that the player who wins this award must display during the season.

We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments and spirit of our players and coaches!



## **CONTACTS**

### **PRIMARY CONTACT**

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