

Geelong United Basketball

Vision

To be recognised as the leading regional basketball association in Australia

Purpose

1. To create a framework for clubs, athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers to contribute and grow
2. To create pathways for participation and excellence in Basketball
3. Showcase the health, lifestyle and social benefits of Basketball

Values

UNITED-INCLUSIVE-PROFESSIONAL-INTEGRITY

Pathways

Create pathways for every player, coach and official to achieve excellence according to their desires and abilities.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Geelong United Basketball Junior Representative Program is a performance program with a specific focus of the preparation of players and coaches (U12 – U21) for competition in the VJBL and relevant State or National Championships.

To help achieve this, Geelong United Basketball will provide:

- A sound, safe and caring environment;
- Fun whilst participating in a disciplined, team-based setting;
- Continual development of skills;
- A pathway to higher levels of representative basketball.

Supported by:

- Knowledgeable and accredited coaches;
- Team officials who have their “Working with Children” accreditation;
- Age and skill level expectations and review of representative players;
- Ongoing coach development programs.

SELECTION POLICY:

Each athlete will be considered against all the selection criteria outlined below.

- *The athlete must demonstrate outstanding potential and desire to represent Geelong United Basketball*
- *Athletic Talent (basketball specific) size, speed, quick hands & strength*
- *An athlete in great physical shape*
- *A shooter who can consistently make shots both in-close and from range*
- *A great defender and/or have the ability and attitude to work hard at the defensive end of the floor*
- *Basketball Talent – a player who has a very good basketball skill set and/or “feel” for the game (i.e. above average decision-maker)*
- *The athlete must demonstrate the potential to adapt and be socially compatible within a group/team setting*
- *Be highly receptive to coaching*
- *Outstanding desire and commitment to working hard at improving mental, physical and basketball capabilities*
- *The athlete must be prepared to accept and carry out the Geelong United Basketball Code of Behaviour*

Very few young players identified will have all the criteria outlined above. However, a prospective junior representative player would, in most cases, demonstrate a number of the selection criteria.

Selection to a Geelong United Basketball junior representative team is also based upon positional balance in that team.