

JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM

PARENT INFORMATION

ABOUT GEELONG UNITED BASKETBALL

The Geelong United Basketball (GUB) junior representative program aims to create pathways for every player, coach and official to achieve excellence according to their desires and abilities.

GUB participates in the Victorian Junior Basketball League (VJBL) which is Australia's largest junior basketball competition. Games are played on Friday nights, with over 1,300 teams competing at venues across the state.

Many of Australia's top basketball players graduated from the VJBL competition, including Matthew Dellavedova.

THE GEELONG UNITED BASKETBALL VISION

- To be recognised as the leading regional basketball association in Australia
- To create a framework for clubs, athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers to contribute and grow
- To create pathways for participation and excellence in basketball
- Showcase the health, lifestyle and social benefits of basketball

THE GEELONG UNITED BASKETBALL COMMITMENT

Selection in the GUB program is a significant achievement and parents and players should recognise that participation in a representative basketball program is a major commitment of time, effort and money and that there is no guarantee of significant court time.

Representative basketball is only for players (and their families) with a serious intention to achieve and to contribute to team performance even when this involves some sacrifices to the individual. It is not for players wishing to necessarily play with other players of their choice or a specific team or coach.

Whilst we require a large commitment by players and parents alike, we believe basketball offers many rewards. Many strong friendships can be forged during the years that children are involved with Geelong United Basketball.

THE NON-NEGOTIABLES

- **It is mandatory for all GUB players to participate in the Geelong United Basketball domestic competition. Players must participate in at least the minimum number of games that would deem them eligible for finals qualification in the domestic competition.**
- All GUB players are required to train and play regularly, irrespective of any other commitments.
- VJBL training will be held on Sundays.
- Home and away games are played on Friday nights across Melbourne, Geelong and in some instances regional-Victoria. Players and parents are required to make their own way to games.
- The VJBL season runs from November 2020 to September 2021 (excluding school holidays).
- All players and parents must abide by the GUB Codes of Conduct.
- Any player who remains unfinancial from Season 19/20 will be deemed ineligible to be placed in a 2021 team until such time as outstanding monies are resolved.

THE COST

- Registration – The annual GUB registration fee is \$500 per player. The 1st (non-refundable) payment of \$100 is due upon team announcements to secure your position in the team.
- Game fee – Home-game fees are incorporated into the Player Levy.
- Away games require teams to pay the “Team-sheet” fee. Most teams collect up to \$10 per player to cover this cost.
- Stadium admittance – All stadiums charge entry fees on Friday nights and these are approximately \$3 - \$4 per person (including players and spectators).
- Compulsory GUB Uniform – the 2020/21 Player Uniform Pack will be approximately \$165 per player. This will include playing shorts, reversible training singlet, warm up top and backpack. All uniforms will be ordered online through KonQa Sports apparel (more details will be provided when team selections are announced)
- Tournaments – Your team may play in other tournaments throughout the season. The GUB program will cover the cost of entrance into one tournament (up to \$300 per team). Subsequent tournament entry will need to be met by the individual team. You may also be required to meet accommodation and other incidental costs.

IMPORTANT DATES

- TRY OUT Dates to be confirmed once government restrictions are eased
- 1st Instalment \$100 due upon acceptance of position into 2021 team as announced following completion of trials.
- 2nd Instalment \$100 due 20th February 2021
- 3rd Instalment \$100 due 20th March 2021
- 4th Instalment \$100 due 20th April 2021
- 5th Instalment \$100 due 20th May 2021.

AGE GROUPS

- Under 12 players: Born 2010, 2011 or 2012
- Under 14 players: Born 2008 or 2009
- Under 16 players: Born 2006 or 2007
- Under 18 players: Born 2004 or 2005
- Under 21 players: Born 2001, 2002 or 2003

GEELONG UNITED BASKETBALL SOCIAL MEDIA

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- <https://geelongunitedbasketball.com.au/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/GeelongUtd/>