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2024/25 VJBL PROGRAM PARENT INFORMATION

About Geelong United Basketball

Geelong United Basketball (GUB) 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. The season runs from November 2024 to September 2025, with breaks for school holidays. Games are played on Friday nights, with over 1200 teams from 54 associations, competing across five different age groups at more than 80 venues across the state.

Geelong United Basketball Vision

- To be recognized 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.

Season 2024-25 Age Groups

- Under-12: Born 2014, 2015 or 2016
- Under-14: Born 2012 or 2013
- Under-16: Born 2010 or 2011
- Under-18: Born 2008 or 2009
- Under-20: Born 2006 or 2007

Geelong United Basketball Commitment

With selection to the GUB VJBL program, parents and players should recognize that participation is a major commitment of time, effort, and money, and that there is no guarantee of court time.

VJBL basketball is 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.

All players wanting to be considered for GUB VJBL selection must register via PlayHQ and attend tryouts. ([Click here to register for trials](#))

Whilst we require a large commitment by players and parents alike, we believe basketball offers many rewards, which may include strong friendships that will be forged during the years that children are involved with GUB.

Key Expectations

- It is mandatory for all GUB VJBL players to participate in our Community Competition. If you are new to GUB it is expected that you will take the appropriate steps to contact and register with one of our community clubs. You can find the contact details for all of our community clubs on the GUB website.
- All players must always be financial with the GUB VJBL program. If you become unfinancial you will be deemed ineligible to participate.
- GUB players are required to train and play, irrespective of any other commitments. You are **choosing** to be a part of the GUB VJBL pathway, and thus **you are committing** to becoming the best basketballer that you can be.
- Court time in the VJBL teams is not guaranteed and will be given at the coach's discretion.
- VJBL training will be held on Saturdays or Sundays depending on your allotted training time. Some teams may opt for an optional additional session during the week.
- Home and away games are played across Victoria. Travelling to away games is a **requirement** and is a commitment for those choosing to be a part of the GUB VJBL program. Players and parents are required to make their own way to games.
- All players and parents must agree to and abide by the GUB and Basketball Victoria codes of conduct.

What are the costs?

- Trials – A levy of \$15.50 will be charged upon registration for trials.
 - This fee covers coaching and court hire for the trials sessions
- Registration – The annual GUB Player Levy is \$580 per player. The first (non- refundable) payment of \$250 is due upon acceptance of a VJBL offer, which secures your position in the team. There will then be three future payments of \$110 that will be due throughout the season.

The player levy amount is determined based on the costs incurred by GUB for the following:

- Court hire for training sessions
 - VJBL Grading phase team entry
 - VJBL Regular season team entry
 - GUB VJBL Tournament Entry (Nov 2024)
 - Coaches (education, apparel, appreciation gift)
 - Administration staff
 - Equipment (match basketballs and training equipment)
 - Presentation and awards
 - Entry costs for teams attending Country Championships and National Classic
 - Casual shooting (AWA Stadium)
- Weekly fee – Approx. \$20 per player per week (covers weekly game fee, additional training session (if applicable)). This amount will be confirmed by each team's Team Manager.
 - GUB Uniform & Apparel
Compulsory uniform items for Season 2024/25 as follows
 - Playing singlet (New Balance reversible)
 - Playing shorts
 - Reversible training singlet

Optional items also available for purchase:

- Warm-up top
- Backpack
- Hoodie
- Trackpants
- Socks

All uniforms will be ordered online via the New Balance shop, size fittings will be held during trials.

Player Levy Schedule of Payments

- Team offers sent out 8th Oct
- Acceptance of position due 10th of Oct and first installment of \$250 due
- Second instalment \$110 due 17 February 2025
- Third instalment \$110 due 17 April 2025
- Fourth instalment \$110 due 17 June 2025

Important Dates

2024

- Team offers sent out 8th October
- Acceptance of position and first installment (\$250) due 10th October
- GUB Tournament 1st, 2nd & 3rd November
- VJBL Grading games commence 15th of November

2025

- Eltham / Dandenong Tournament 24th, 25th, 26th & 27th January (*optional*)
- Bendigo Junior Classic 24th, 25th, 26th & 27th January (*optional*)
- Second instalment (\$110) due 17th February
- U16 & U18 Basketball Victoria Country Championship (Bendigo) 15th & 16th February (1st teams only)
- Colac Junior Tournament U16 & U18 22nd - 23rd February (*optional*)
- Colac Junior Tournament U12 & U14 1st - 2nd March (*optional*)
- U14 Basketball Victoria Country Championship (Ballarat) 5th, 6th & 7th April (1st teams only)
- U12 Basketball Victoria Country Championships (Bendigo) 11th, 12th & 13th April (1st teams only)
- Third instalment (\$110) due 17th April 2025
- Ballarat Junior Tournament 7th, 8th & 9th June (*optional*)
- Fourth instalment (\$110) due 17th June

Geelong United Basketball Social Media

The best place to stay up to date with all GUB information is our website and our social media pages. If you would like to learn more about Geelong United Basketball, please visit:

- Website: <https://geelongunitedbasketball.com.au>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GeelongUtd/>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/geelongunitedbasketball>