

***2012-2013
VJBL Contact and
Delegates Handbook***

Welcome

Following is information to acquaint VJBL Contacts and Delegates with information pertaining to the Victorian Junior Basketball Leagues Representative Competition.

The Victorian Junior Basketball Leagues consists of various levels of competition, Victorian Junior Championship League, Victorian Junior League 1 - 4, Regional Competition North West Conference and Eastern Qualifying. The competition provides a pathway and extends opportunity to all players, officials, coaches, administrators and spectators to participate in across all levels.

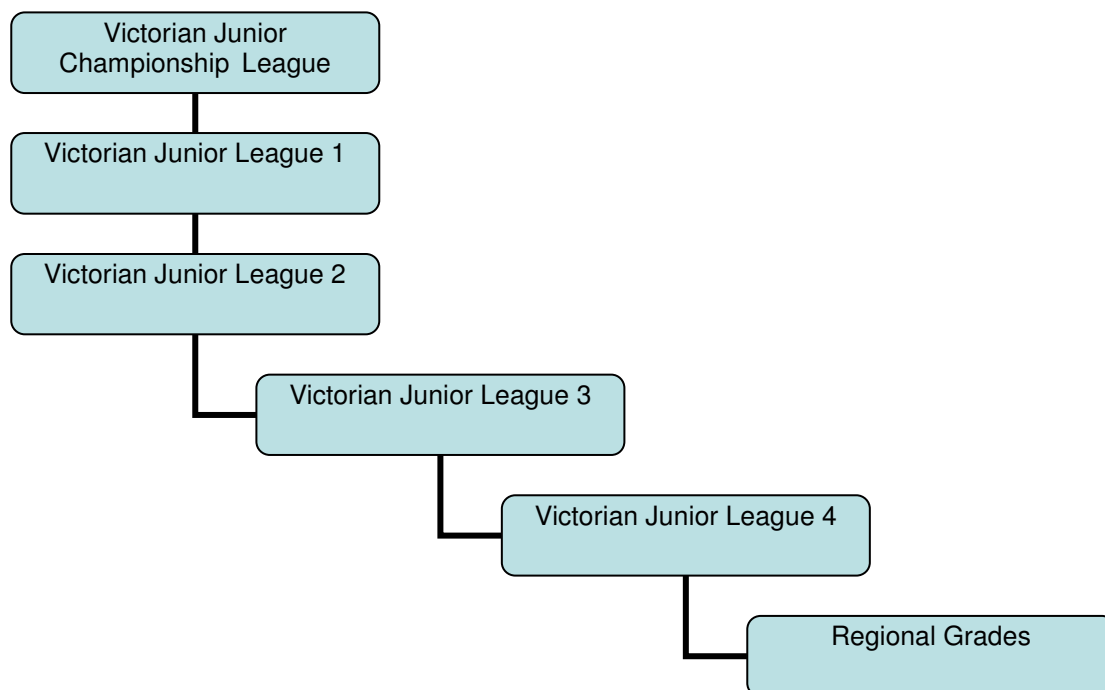
Our Competition

The VJBL is played on a Friday evening at associated venues across the state. Each week approx. 1017 teams participate in the competition which equates to about 507 games on 150 Courts. The VJBL is arguably the largest competition of its kind, offering a graduated system of junior basketball competition giving opportunities for players to reach the peak, but also to climb the foothills.

The VJBL is made up of associations who enter representative teams. In most cases, these teams are selected from a 'domestic' competition that is played out of that particular association.

The VJBL Competition comes under the governing body of Basketball Victoria.

The League was designed to give keen junior basketball players an opportunity to participate at a more competitive level than their local domestic competitions. The VJBL allows teams to compete against composite teams from other Associations. The competition has developed as such to incorporate Associations Victoria wide.



There are 3 tiers of competition within the VJBL:

1. Victorian Junior Championship League (highest level of competition)
2. Victorian Junior Leagues 1 through 4
3. Regional Competition – Eastern and North West

Age Grouping

Players are 'grouped' depending upon age. Age grouping's are as follows for 2012/13

Under 12 – eligible players must not turn 12 in 2013, they are born in 2002 or later

Under 14 – eligible players must not turn 14 in 2013, they are born in 2000, 01

Under 16 – eligible players must not turn 16 in 2013, they are born in 1998, 99

Under 18 – eligible players must not turn 18 in 2013, they are born in 1996, 97

Under 20 – eligible players must not turn 20 in 2013, they are born in 1994, 95

Season

Games within the VJBL structure are played for about 40 weeks of the year commencing approximately early-mid November and going through to late September the following year. There are three phases of competition played throughout the year and in 2012/13 the dates are as follows:

- Spring Phase 9th and 16th November 2012.
- Pre Grading and Grading Phase One: 16th November 2012 – 14th December 2012.
- Grading Phase Two: 1st February 2013 – 22nd February 2013.
- Championship Phase – Early March through to the end of September.

A calendar for the 2012/2013 season can be found using the following link.

http://www.vjbl.com.au/fileadmin/user_upload/images/PDFs/2012-13_Calendar.pdf

Team sheet Fees

A list of team sheet fees for the associations can be found on the VJBL website.

http://www.vjbl.com.au/fileadmin/user_upload/images/PDFs/2012_stadium_charges.pdf

Inter-Venue Passes

These passes should be made available at all stadiums from the Venue Manager and should be handed out, when the spectator departs from the venue on the way to another stadium on the same night.

Inter-venue passes should be made available to both spectators and players with the following restrictions:

- The player must pay at the venue at which he/she is playing irrespective of whether an entry fee has been paid for that player at an earlier stadium as a spectator.
- Upon completion of his/her game the player is entitled to an Inter-venue Pass for any stadium, as a spectator.

Only official VJBL inter venue passes should be accepted, if your association runs out please contact the VJBL for more passes.

Registration

All Associations are responsible for registering new players. This registration stays valid until the player moves into senior basketball (after U20's) or until they obtain a clearance and it is processed by the VJBL.

You can register your players online or by filling out the excel spreadsheet found online.

<http://www.vjbl.com.au/index.php?id=48>

Finals Qualification

- All players are required to sign the back of the scoresheet after each game they play. This is to ensure they play enough games to qualify for finals and crossover grading games.
- All players must play 40% of fixtured games during the Championship Season to qualify for finals, in the case that 40% of total games is not a round number then the total will be rounded up. (eg. 7.2 would be rounded up to 8 games).
- Exemption is only granted on the basis of documented medical reasons, medical certificates must be received within 14 days of injury.

Finals

Finals are allocated to association's which have applied to host finals. Games will be allocated to the most practical venue and the VJBL can not guarantee all games will be at neutral venues. Finals for all competitions will be played between 23rd August and 27th September 2013.

Please note Grand Finals may be delayed up to a week at the administrator's discretion if a team is missing players due to Australian Commitments.

Clearances

- If players wish to move from one association to another they must first obtain a clearance. Clearance forms can be obtained from the VJBL website. A fee of \$22 must accompany the clearance application.
- The new association must check the **clearance list** on the web site, for his/her name to appear before the player is eligible to compete for their new association.
- Players must lodge the clearance forms with the VJBL Office to be processed, please note each clearance may take up to 5 working days from the date the clearance is received by the office to be processed.
- Any player who participates in Grading Phase Two or any Championships season game will not gain "Permission to Play with a new Association" until the end of the Championship season, however a clearance can still be processed.
- Please don't register a player clearing to your association this will automatically happen once the clearance is processed.

Fixtures & ladders information can be obtained from the website

- Please note that in the early stages of the Grading Phases, fixtures are posted online on a weekly basis, especially for crossover games due to the VJBL needing the previous week's results, before completing the next round of fixtures.
- Championship Phase Fixtures will be released as quickly into the season as possible, however only 9 Rounds of VC, VJL1-4 and Regional will be released before the completion of the VC Split.

Coaches Screening

Any person who is over 18 years old who coaches in the VJBL is screened in accordance with the Basketball Victoria Screening By-Laws. A copy of these by-laws can be found on the Basketball Victoria website.

The VJBL recommends that as soon as you have selected your coaches that you start the WWC process, as all coaches must be screened by Round One of the Championship Season or fines and bans will be imposed on both the Coach and the Association.

Such bans include suspension or removal from the competition for both coaches and associations.

Referees

Associations that have teams trying out for VC should make arrangements and nominate referees for the Junior Panel so that they can have home games as per the Grading Entry Forms.

Please instruct all of your Coaches, Parents, Players and Team Managers, that referees are part of the game, and while we may not like their decisions at times, verbal or other abuse of referees is unacceptable behaviour and also sets a bad example to the children.

A copy of the Basketball Victoria's Code of Conduct is available on the Basketball Victoria Website. We encourage every parent/player to read this. Players at all levels are expected to conduct themselves in a manner which does not bring discredit to themselves, their parents and their club.

http://www.basketballvictoria.com.au/fileadmin/user_upload/PDF_ADMIN/ALL_Codes_of_Conduct.pdf

Friday Night Phone

The VJBL can be contacted via phone on Friday night 0430 541 847. This phone can be called between 5pm-11pm and is only switched on when VJBL games are being played.

Appeals Processes

If an Association Delegate wishes to appeal a decision by the VJBL office staff, who will make their rulings in accordance to the rules of operation, the delegate for the association will need to put the appeal on an association letterhead and address it to the Committee of Management.

The appeal letter should be sent to the VJBL – Operations Manager who will forward it on to the CoM. The CoM will endeavour to respond to all appeals within 5 business days.

Social Media

All of your Association members should be informed that **any person** involved in the VJBL competition as a participant or spectator must not use the social media to show disrespect to any other participant. Penalties apply.

Rules and Responsibilities

Please ensure your coaches, team managers, venue supervisors and referees are familiar with the Rules of Operation and the obligations of hosting associations. The VJBL Rules take precedence over all local rules.

Community of Organisers

You will gain benefit from friendly communication with other delegates, sharing problems and solutions. While associations are rivals on the court, we all benefit from working together for the strength of junior basketball.

Meeting Attendance

Each association is required to have a Delegate/Representative in attendance at each of these meetings. Failure to have a Delegate/Representative attend any one of these meetings during the VJBL Calendar year will incur a fine. (See Appendix D of Rules of Operation)

Important Dates

- All Spring and Grading Entry Forms due the 22nd October 2012
- Panel Referee Nomination forms are due back on the 1st November 2012
- Coaches Screening is due Round One of the Championship Season
 - Victorian Championship (Friday 1st March 2013)
 - Victorian Junior League and Regional (Friday 15th March 2013)
- National Junior Classic Weekend 8th-10th June 2013
- Delegate Meeting Dates:
 - Wednesday 20th March 2013 (AGM)
 - Wednesday 22nd May 2013 (VJBL Workshop)
 - Wednesday 21st August 2013
 - Wednesday 13th November 2013
- Championship fees due upon receipt of invoice

Websites:

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

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