



MELTON BASKETBALL

VJBL Player and Parent Terms and Conditions

MELTON THOROUGHBRED BASKETBALL STRIVES TO: -

- Develop and support high quality talented athletes, coaches, team managers, referees and administrators.
- Field Victorian Junior Championship League and Country Victoria level teams in all age groups.
- Foster a healthy competitiveness in all our athletes and teams.
- Provide pathways for continued playing opportunities from juniors through to seniors.
- Promote and encourage participation in the sport of basketball.
- Sustain the pride and sense of team within our Club.
- Support all our players at every level to achieve their personal best and to be part of a team.
- Promote the values of sportsmanship, teamwork, integrity, commitment and fair play while developing skills at all levels of competition and a lifelong love of the game.
- Provide basketball opportunities for all athletes that are accessible, positive, fair and safe.

VJBL

Victorian Junior Basketball League has many divisions with Victorian Championship (VC) being the highest level of Junior Club competition anywhere in Victoria and is played at multiple venues across Melbourne and surrounding regional cities.

The Competition is split into 3 Phases with games being played on a Friday night.

- **Grading phase 1** – January - February
- **Grading phase 2** - February – March
- **Championship Season** - runs from April to September.

Team Grading is set for the Championship season by performances during the grading season. Initial grading is nominated by VJBL. Teams can either retain their grade or be moved to another grade depending upon their performances.

BVC COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE 2021

For an Athlete to be eligible to represent an Association at the Country Championships they must satisfy the following criteria;

1. The Athlete must reside at a "Country" residential address as defined by the Basketball Victoria High Performance Boundary.
2. The Athlete must be a registered, financial and regularly competing member of the Associations current domestic competition.

Regularly competing means qualified for domestic finals.

If an athlete is eligible to represent two or more associations, the athlete will determine which representative program they wish to play for.

Melton Basketball will send its first named team to these championships with consideration to those players selected in the second Melton team then Country Victoria (CV) Jamboree, CV Academy or CV State Development programs if positions are available.

Dates for BVC Country Championships:

TBA

TEAM STRUCTURE

Coach

The coach has been selected based on their knowledge, skill and experience.

Should you wish to discuss your child's progress, training or performance please talk to the Team manager and make a time to speak to the coach.

It is Club policy that a 24-hour period lapses after any game before discussion (including text, email or social media contact) between a coach and a parent takes place regarding the Friday night game. There will also be a third person in that meeting as an observer.

Breaching this rule may attract varying disciplinary actions by the Club.

Team Manager (TM)

Every team has a TM, this role is assumed by a parent/volunteer within the team. The TM is a liaison between the coach and parents, as well as the team and the club.

The TM's role is to perform administrative tasks associated with managing the team so that the Coach can focus on player development. Any administrative questions regarding your team or the club should be referred to your TM.

The TM does not get involved with coaching matters but in conjunction with the coach looks after player welfare.

If you have any concerns do not hesitate to speak to your Team Manager, who will be able to guide you to the person you need to contact.

Should you have an issue in regard to your child's training or games the following steps are to be taken

1. Contact the Team Manager and make an appropriate time with the coach to discuss.
2. If initial approach via the TM does not resolve the issue, then the issue should be taken directly to the Director of Coaching

Our primary source of news and information is through emails. All families must advise the Club of a reliable email address. Your Team Managers (TM) are our communications network for the Club. Please ensure that you check TM emails. A Club newsletter is emailed monthly to all families and posted on our website.

If the issue is substantial and/or directly involves the TM and/or Coach contact the VJBL Delegate.

If you have any concerns with scores, fixtures or anything associated with the VJBL, please direct these concerns to the TM.

TEAM SELECTION

The Melton Thoroughbred basketball teams are selected on the basis of the best players for the team. Consideration is given to skill, performance, attitude team chemistry and fair play.

NO position is promised or guaranteed to any player.

The Head Coaches of each Age Group or Director of Coaching may adjust teams to balance out positions. Such adjustments are based on skill development of each player with consideration given to the number of players and their playing positions in each age group.

Teams are not final until the commencement of Grading Phase 2.

TECHNICAL FOULS

Players who receive behavioural technical fouls in games during the VJBL/Country Championship playing calendar year will have the following penalty applied.

1st Technical foul in any VJBL game (qualifying or regular season) a player who receives a technical foul will automatically receive a 1-game suspension from all competitions in which they participate.

2nd Technical foul in any VJBL (qualifying or regular season) a player who receives a 2nd technical foul will receive a 2-game suspension (not including bye game)

3rd Technical foul in any VJBL (qualifying or regular season) a player who receives a 3rd technical foul will receive a 3-game suspension (not including bye game) and their position in the team will be reviewed.

Technical fouls for flopping will not be added to your quota.

HOME COURT, EXPECTATIONS, TRAINING, GAMES & FIXTURES

Thoroughbred Basketball home court is:-

Melton Indoor Recreation Centre (MIRC)
159 Coburns Road

Melton West Victoria 3337

Injured players are expected to attend training and games to watch the plays and maintain the team focus. If a player is unavailable for training through illness or injury, that player must provide a Doctors Certificate to their Head Coach prior to their next available game to play. If a player is unavailable for training /Games due to family/school commitments for the team coach should naturally be provided with adequate prior notice of any such intended absences.

Players playing time is directly dependent on this courteous communication and the 3 "A's" OF COURT TIME, actual attendance and effort and development at training.

This is an issue that all parents and players are concerned with.

3 "A's" OF COURT TIME

Attendance, Attitude and Aptitude. Playing time is **EARNED**, not guaranteed. A spot on a Thoroughbred team and consequently game time is a **PRIVILEGE**, not a right.

- **ATTENDANCE:** Attend every practice prepared to give 100% effort. Attend every game prepare to give 100% effort in whatever role is given. Those roles could range from being a starter to defensive specialist to coming from the bench to impact the game to supporting the players on the court at any given time. Practice to play at yours and the team's highest level. Playing time will be adjusted due to missed practice time. All of these roles are extremely important to your team's success.
- **ATTITUDE:** Show respect toward coaches, officials, teammates and opponents. The tone of your voice, body language, reaction to instruction and facial expression all reflect your attitude.
- Remember, it doesn't matter how talented someone is, a poor attitude will destroy a team.
- **APTITUDE:** This is the skill, knowledge of the game and of what the team is trying to achieve, and how each player's abilities in those areas relate to the team success.

Examples;

- Basketball IQ within our offence, defence and what to do in game situations. (Knowing game plays and being able to execute with confidence and a timely manner)
- Ability to listen and follow instructions.
- A high level of physical conditioning (speed, endurance, strength, agility).
- Key basketball fundamentals; play defence/offence with intensity, take good shots, block out and rebound, avoid turnovers and a desire to jump on loose balls.
- Selection to a team **DOES NOT** automatically guarantee equal court time.
- The amount of court time given to players varies according to the team needs, individual performances, strategies & tactics employed by the Coach. Due to the nature of Representative Basketball, players cannot be guaranteed equal court time.
- The Club is committed to giving your child the best training that can be provided but the skill application, home practice and desire to play may also earn them more court time.
- Players are required to arrive 10 minutes prior to training and 30 minutes before a game to prepare for the game adjust to stadium lighting, court markings, warm-ups and team talks. **All mobile phones are to be put away to allow focus on the coach and warm up.**
- VJBL governing body requires a medical certificate within two weeks of an injury that may require extensive time away from the game (otherwise the athlete may not qualify to play in finals).

SCORING

Each team must provide 2 scorers for every game. Scorers are not provided at venues. The Coach and Team Manager do not perform this job as they have the responsibility and the workload of coaching and administering their team on Friday nights and at training for the whole year.

Friday/tournament scoring by families is compulsory. The TM will draw up a roster, all families are expected to fulfil this duty.

Home team (first named team) must work the clock and Shot clock (if applicable) **Visiting** team (second named team) must do the Stadium Scoring (Electronic Scoresheet).

Score bench duties

Two parents are rostered on for score bench duties each week. One parent will call the player numbers while the other will record details on the sheet. If we are on the clock, one parent will operate the shot clock (VC only U14 age group and up), the other the time clock. However, please check what is recorded on stadium scoring after every point scored or foul given as mistakes can easily be made in the excitement of the moment.

When working on the score bench you are **NOT** allowed to barrack for your team or make comments to the referees during the game. It is inappropriate and a distraction to have younger children sitting with you while completing score bench duties. The team will be fined by Basketball Victoria for each infringement on the score sheet, for example not recording the name of the coach, assistant coach or not indicating that a VJBL ball is used or players not signing the team sheet.

FIXTURES

Fixtures can be found on www.vjbl.com.au click on fixtures. During grading fixtures are released less than a week before the first phase. Crossover game fixtures are released the week of the game.

TM's will contact their team with the fixture but it is a good idea to check it yourself regularly.

Grading games are played at neutral venues. During the Championship season there is generally one home game, followed by an "away" game. Games are played on Fridays including the last Friday night of school terms. During the season all fixtures will be advised by your TM.

Weekly game results can be found on the VJBL website. Depending on what league your team competes in the top 4 or 5 teams qualify for finals.

Game times vary. Usually the younger age groups play from 6.30pm and the older age groups (U16, U18, U21) may play as late as 9.50pm.

Melton Basketball Association expects that all parents, athletes and spectators, respect the role of all game officials (scorers, coaches and referees).

Under NO circumstances are you permitted to approach an official before, during or after any sanctioned game. Any breach of the above will result in disciplinary action as sanctioned by VJBL and or Melton Basketball Association.

Melton Thoroughbreds strives to provide the best available coaching, and facilities for the development of your child. This development and the opportunities provided, can give your child the chance to play at the highest levels, as a junior and later as a senior player.

To do this we need to work together on and off the court as a team.

We hope that your child enjoys playing with the Melton Thoroughbreds

PARENTAL/GAURDIAN INVOLVEMENT

When your child is selected to play Representative Basketball for the Melton Thoroughbreds, parents & family are an integral part of the Thoroughbred program and you will be required to:

- Help and encourage your child through hard training and competition.
- Help make Melton Thoroughbreds a strong Club by supporting all of its basketball activities from Under 12 to senior levels.
- Help your Team (e.g. Team Manager, scoring when rostered, providing carpooling when required).
- Help your Team by providing enthusiastic and fair support at games (see Codes of Conduct).
- Help support Melton Thoroughbreds by supporting its special events.
- Being involved will help your family become part of the Thoroughbred Family. It is also good fun, with plenty of opportunities to meet other parents and enjoy social events
- Although at times you may not agree with coaches decisions or instructions to the team please refrain from coaching your child from the sidelines. This is not only distracting to your child and the team it is also placing pressure on your child and can cause confusion to the team.
- Parents will be required to volunteer 1 hours (min) of their time during the season to help out with fundraising, big v and or canteen duties. (Compulsory)

FEES

Type	Costs
Player Registration	\$375.00
Additional Siblings Registration	\$337.50
Game Sheet & Training*	Approx \$15.00 p/week
Uniform**	\$175.00

* Game Sheet and trainings fees may change dependant upon structure to be decided by VJBL

** Uniform compulsory for new players

\$50 of Player Registration will be collected upon registration and is non-refundable.

The remainder will be invoiced to parents prior to the 3rd January 2021.

Payment plan advice will be sent with Invoice if necessary.

UNIFORMS

Melton Thoroughbred Basketball has a distinctive uniform which is worn with pride by our athletes. Some items are compulsory.

Uniform price list

Playing Kit (Warm up Top (SL), Playing Top, Playing Shorts, Training Top)	\$175.00	Compulsory
Individual Items		
Warm up Top Short Sleeve	\$40.00	Compulsory
Playing top (reversible)	\$60.00	Compulsory
Playing Shorts	\$60.00	Compulsory
Training top (reversible)	\$40.00	Compulsory
Hoodie	\$60.00	
Track Suit Pants	\$50.00	
Water Bottles	\$8.00	

Please remember when wearing Club clothing you are seen as a representative of the Melton Thoroughbreds. Please act as great ambassadors for the Club.

The Club is looking to ensure our image and presentation is consistent. For this reason, only Melton Thoroughbred Club apparel is to be worn in games you represent the Club.

Players require the compulsory starter pack comprising Thoroughbred playing singlet, shorts, warmup top and reversible training singlet. In addition, a Thoroughbred hooded wind cheater during winter is required.

Players are required to wear the following to all Games including during warm-up and whilst on bench:

- - Thoroughbreds playing singlet and shorts.
- - Thoroughbreds warm up top or Thoroughbreds hooded wind cheater.
- - Black Tracksuit pants.
- - Runners (Sliders may be worn in summer). UGG BOOTS and THONGS are NOT to be worn to games

Uniforms can be ordered upon registration with size completed at first training session.

TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

Tournaments are part of team bonding process and ongoing skill development and your Coach will determine whether you attend one of these tournaments. All tournament entries are the responsibility of the Team Manager. During the year, there are many tournaments available to teams. Decisions regarding tournaments are made by the Coach and TM in consultation with the team.

The Club recommends that teams consider contributing to the cost of their coach's expenses in tournaments.

June: (COMPULSORY)

Australian Junior Classic. This tournament is an invitation-only entry with the top ranked teams in VC and other teams from other states in Australia invited to participate.

Ballarat Tournament. The Club will place all teams not competing in the Australian Junior Classic to play in this tournament.

CLUB EVENTS

Throughout the year the Club runs some compulsory events — some are to fundraise and some are purely social.

Team Photos - TBA

End of Season Presentation - TBA

Fundraising and events will be held throughout the season. All Teams will be notified as events come up.

CODES OF CONDUCT

Every athlete and parent are required to acknowledge that they have read and will abide by the Player and Parent Codes of Conduct. These Codes of Conduct can be found on the VJBL website.

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

Please ensure that you have confirmed that you have read and will agree to the three following documents:

- Player Code of Conduct form
- Parent Code of Conduct form
- Photographic and Emergency Consent

Your TM will issue a calendar on which you should record all known dates that your child is unavailable e.g. School camp, family holidays, etc. This will then form the basis for scoring rosters, etc.

In addition you will be given a table listing contact details for the team. Please refrain from emailing team members about anything other than issues regarding training and game and scoring details.

Under no circumstances are you to email or make contact with other team members regarding a grievance.

Club Contacts Melton Basketball Association Inc.

Chev Rego – MBA VJBL Delegate

Chris Johnson – Director of Coaching

Ray Isaac – Basketball Operations Manager

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Melton Victoria 3337
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General enquiries and uniforms juniorthoroughbreds@meltonbasketball.com.au
Director of Coaching doc@meltonbasketball.com.au

Melton Thoroughbred Player/Parent Agreement

This Agreement outlines the requirements and expectations of players within the Melton Thoroughbred VJBL/Country Victoria structure.

Players and Parents should read this Agreement, sign and date the document, accepting the requirements/expectations laid out.

This Player/Parent Registration **MUST** be completed, indicating you are accepting the position offered by the Melton Thoroughbreds (the Club).

By accepting the terms and conditions, you the player and your parents are committing to play with Melton Basketball for the entire season.

Our Coaches are volunteers who give up their time to help players improve.

Players **MUST** comply with the Team Rules as laid out by the Coach

The Coach represents the Club and acts on the Clubs behalf. We expect players to listen, understand and work hard at all times.

Equal court time is not promised. Court time is earned, you must train hard and regularly. Court time is at the discretion of the coach.

The Coach must be informed of any pre-existing Medical conditions or learning disabilities at the start of the season. The Club/Coach can take no responsibility in dealing with any conditions that are not known to us.

If you are taking time out from playing/training (holidays, overseas trips or other sporting commitments), the Club/Coach requires you to communicate as soon as you know that you will not be able to play/train.

If injured, you will need to get from your doctor a Medical certificate and forward this to the MBA and/or Head Coach as soon as possible as this needs to be sent onto VJBL governing body immediately. This is important if you want to play in any final's games. Players returning from a long-term injury **MUST** produce a medical certificate before they can play.

FEES

All fees are required to be paid in full.

Fees cover 1 training session, public liability, team registration – VJBL Grading and VJBL competition season entry, Ballarat Tournament entry fee and first aid equipment and other associated costs.

In addition, players will be required to pay an approx. weekly fee of \$15. This fee covers hire of the mid-week training venue, Friday night game team sheet fee and other specified tournaments. This fee is collected by the team manager.

NOTE: If an athlete is ill or injured, they are still expected to pay their \$15 weekly fee.

By Registering your child you agree to the above.