

## **2023/24 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. Games are played on Friday nights, with over 1200 teams from 54 associations, with over 13,000 participants competing across five different age groups at more than 80 venues across the state.

### **Age Groups**

- Under-12: Born 2013, 2014 or 2015
- Under-14: Born 2011 or 2012
- Under-16: Born 2009 or 2010
- Under-18: Born 2007 or 2008
- Under-20: Born 2005 or 2006

### **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.

### **Geelong United Basketball Commitment**

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

**VJBL 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.**

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 18 of community clubs on the GUB website.
- All players must be always financial with the GUB VJBL program. If you become unfinancial you will be 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.
- VJBL training will be held on Sundays. 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.
- The VJBL season runs from November 2023 to September 2024, with breaks for school holidays.
- All players and parents must agree to and abide by the GUB and Basketball Victoria codes of conduct,
- Any player who remains unfinancial from season 2022/23 will be deemed ineligible to be placed in a 2023/24 team until such time as outstanding monies are paid.

## **Our Costs**

- Trials – A levy of \$11 will be charged upon registration for trials.

- Registration – The annual GUB player levy is \$550 per player. The first (non-refundable) payment of \$130 is due upon acceptance of a VJBL offer, which secures your position in the team. There will then be three future payments of \$140 that will be due throughout the season.
- Game fee - TBC by VJBL Team Manager. Approx. \$20 per player per game (includes stadium door levy)
- GUB Uniform – the 2023/24 Player Uniform items will be approximately \$150 per player, which includes the following mandatory items
  - playing singlet
  - playing shorts
  - reversible training singlet

### **Optional items (available to purchase):**

- Warm-up top
- Backpack
- Hoodie
- Track pants
- Socks

All uniforms will be ordered online (more details will be provided when team selections are announced). Size fittings will be held during trials.

- Tournaments – Your team will play in the GUB 2023 Tournament and may also play in tournaments throughout the season, including Country Championships for first teams (excluding under-20s). The GUB program will cover the cost of entrance into **one tournament** (up to \$300 per team) and Country Championships. Other tournament entry will need to be met by the individual team. You will also be required to meet accommodation and other incidental costs for all tournaments the team participates in. Extra tournaments should be a mutually agreed decision between parents and the coach.

### **Important Dates**

- First instalment \$130 due upon acceptance of position into 2023/24 team as announced following completion of trials.

- Second instalment \$140 due 15 February 2024
- Third instalment \$140 due 15 April 2024
- Fourth instalment \$140 due 15 June 2024

## **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>