

VJBL FAQ's

What is Representative Basketball?

The Victorian Junior Basketball League (VJBL) is a competition conducted state-wide and provides the highest level of junior competition in Victoria. The last VJBL calendar year 18,751 games were scheduled at 79 venues. 13,949 registered players participated across the competition.

The competition includes the U12 to U20 age groups, in a graded structure from Victorian Junior Championship League (VC) to VJL8.

How do I play Representative Basketball in the VJBL?

The VJBL is a competition for high performance and representative players. To be selected for a team you are required to go through the tryout process.

At the Sunbury Jets, you must be selected in a team to represent the club in the VJBL. Tryouts are held at the end of each year and athletes must undertake the tryout process to be selected in a team.

What is the correct age group for my child?

U12's – 2014, 2015, 2016 Born.

U14's – 2012, 2013 Born.

U16's – 2010, 2011 Born.

U18's – 2008, 2009 Born.

How do I register for tryouts?

Register via the link on our website under the "VJBL Tryouts" page.

In order to attend tryouts, you must register via this link before tryouts commence.

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/13178e>

What if I am unable to attend Tryouts due to other commitments?

There is an expectation that all tryouts are attended to be considered for a team.

However, if pre-existing commitments are already in place, you are required to fill out the below form prior to Tryouts.

<https://form.jotform.com/242181387043050>

What should my child expect from the tryout process?

Tryouts will look different in each age group. Everything will be taught and demonstrated to all players beforehand. These sessions will generally include the below.

- 1- Shooting Drills.
- 2- Small Sided Games (3v3, 4v4) – Breaking down concepts within our Jets Style of Play.
- 3- 5v5 Scrimmages – applying our Jets Style of Play.

Intra club games will be then used to finalise selections. Teams may be picked as squads for these games.

Can parents attend tryouts?

We understand as a parent there may be concerns around tryouts, but we kindly ask all parents to be excluded from the playing court area before, during and after tryouts for the benefit of both players and coaches.

An exception may be made for a player with underlying health concerns that need to be constantly monitored.

How many teams are there?

The numbers of teams vary from year to year. Determining the number of teams per age group each year is dependent on balancing the following factors:

- Availability of quality coaches
- Balance between bottom age and top age players in certain age groups
- Court availability for required training
- Ensuring sufficient teams to accommodate varying stages of development

The above factors are highlighted by the fact that the Jets Program is a representative program for talented players and the SBA is not obligated to field teams to satisfy every player who shows interest.

What about players from other Associations?

At the Sunbury Jets we are always looking to strengthen our teams. Players coming from other representative clubs are welcome to try out.

All players wanting to tryout for another association must have a signed “permission to train” form and provide proof of age prior to the pre tryout session.

In 2024, the VJBL Permission to Train link will become available on Monday 23rd September. Athletes can register to tryout but cannot take the floor until a PTT has been signed.

To play in a team at Sunbury after playing a season at another club, you will require a Clearance (via the Basketball Victoria website).

For players who do join the Club from another Association, it is the responsibility of the player/parent to pay and submit their clearance form to the VJBL. New players will not be able to participate in VJBL scheduled games until they have been cleared and listed on the VJBL clearance list.

VJBL rules place a limit of two external 'Representative' players who can be included to a new team in any one season, for teams that play in VJL 3 and above.

How are teams announced?

Teams will be announced via our website on the VJBL Tryout page.

How often do the teams train?

Each team trains twice a week – at one of the numerous stadiums in Sunbury.

Final session times and venues will be organised by BOM and will be announced once teams are allocated.

When and where are games played?

Games are played Friday evenings and generally alternate between our home stadium- Boardman, and away venues. There may be large travel requirements on Friday evenings to away games for other team's home stadium.

The younger age groups tend to have games scheduled earlier (6.40pm or 7.40pm), whilst U16, U18 and U20 game times are more likely to fall around 8.40 or 9.40pm.

What tournaments happen throughout the season?

The Sunbury Jets encourage tournaments as they are great for team bonding and accelerating development.

We have two main tournaments that we boost teams to participate in every year. These are:

Australia Day Weekend Tournament – January

Ballarat Tournament – Kings Birthday weekend, June

If Sunbury Jets Victorian Championship (VC) teams qualify for the Junior Classic on the King's Birthday weekend in June it is expected that teams will compete in that over the Ballarat tournament.

How much does it cost to be a Jets Rep Player?

- Costs for 2024 were as follows: Club annual membership \$700 per player, which includes all court hire costs.
- Weekly Team Sheet Fees - \$15 Per Week Approx.
- Tournament Fees - \$50 Per Tournament Approx.
- Full uniform - TBC

More Questions?

If you have any further questions regarding VJBL, here is the important contact information:

- all VJBL fixturing & player registration/qualification queries to president@sunburybasketball.com.au, cc: bom@sunburybasketball.com.au
- all player registration/fee queries to finance@sunburybasketball.com.au
- all uniform queries to jetsshop@sunburybasketball.com.au
- all general VJBL queries to admin@sunburybasketball.com.au, cc: bom@sunburybasketball.com.au
- all on court, playing style, team/player/coach/spectator behaviour issues, player/team performance issues to bom@sunburybasketball.com.au