

REPRESENTATIVE BASKETBALL 2019/20 SEASON



What is Representative Basketball?

Representative Basketball gives you the opportunity to improve your basketball and compete against other metropolitan and regional Associations. All teams are graded according to their ability up to 'Victorian Championship' which is the highest standard of basketball you can achieve in Victoria at a junior level.

Collingwood Basketball Association has girls and boys teams representing the association in the Victorian Junior Basketball League (VJBL) in a range of grades.

Guiding principles

- To provide an opportunity to play at the highest level – 'strive for excellence'
- Everyone to achieve their personal best
- A yearlong commitment to play against other committed teams in the basketball community
- Fair and reasonable court time commensurate with commitment and ability (but not necessarily equal court time)
- Squad approach to training
- Honesty and respect between players, coaches and parents

When and where are games?

Games are played on Friday evenings, with commencement times between 6.40pm and 9.40pm. Younger age groups (U12 and U14) normally play at the earlier game times.

Collingwood home games are currently played at Princes Hill Secondary College and Melbourne Girls College, and will be played at Collingwood College from later this year. Away game locations depend on the level of competition – generally the higher levels of competition have further travel.

How long is the season?

Representative basketball requires year round commitment. The season begins in October with selection trials and practice matches. Grading matches are conducted from November to March, and the season of 18 rounds runs from March to August. Finals are in August - September.

What are the age groups?

Teams comprise players who are under the age of 12, 14, 16, 18 and 21 on the 31st December of the year in which the season finishes. This means that you generally play for two seasons in each age group except U21.

Players are under 12 for the 2019/20 rep season (starting Oct 2019) if born in 2009, 2010 and 2011. Players are under 14 for the 2019/20 rep season if born in 2007 and 2008 etc.

What is the commitment required?

All players are expected to:

- Attend nominated week night training and Sunday skill development sessions
- Attend all games even when injured (although not when ill)
- Understand that accepting a place in a team is a season-long commitment to that team
- Report all injuries to the coach before playing or training
- Meet financial commitments in full
- Speak directly with coach and team manager if unable to meet any of the above commitments
- Give notice of, and negotiate the impact of, school sporting or other activities on their basketball commitment eg: dates of anticipated conflicting school commitments or family holidays that will be taken during the season

Representative players are strongly encouraged to also play for our Saturday domestic teams in the EDJBA, and/or to coach or referee if old enough. They are also expected to support our Big V program eg attendance at games, team of the round, floor wiping etc

What are the selection guidelines?

- Attendance at selection trial sessions and selection games
- Basketball skills
- Commitment to training and games
- Balance of player numbers / skills / attributes in teams
- Ability commensurate with receiving reasonable court time
- Commitment to the Saturday domestic program

Full details are in the Rep Program Policy document that can be downloaded from the association website at www.collingwood.basketball.net.au

What does it cost?

Registration fee

This covers week night training, Sunday skills development sessions, coaching expenses, team registration with VJBL, insurance, trophy costs and administration.

The registration fee for the 2019/20 rep season is \$560, with discounts for players who also play in the domestic competition. You have the option to pay in full or in two instalments. Fees will be due as follows:

- First instalment or in full: by 30 October 2019, two weeks after a player has been offered a place in a representative team.
- Second instalment: due in February 2020

Players who have not paid their fees by the due dates may not be able to play for their representative team until the payment has been made or alternative arrangements have been made and approved by the Club.

Game costs

This works differently from the Saturday games. For Rep, there is a weekly cost of entry into stadiums (players and spectators all pay) plus scoresheet fees. Most venues charge \$3 per person entry, and the scoresheet averages out at around \$8 to \$9 per player per game.

Uniform

The uniform is different from the domestic (Saturday) uniform. Girls wear a (different) black uniform and the boys a white uniform. Players are required to purchase the playing shorts (\$45) and singlet (\$55) or \$95 if purchased together. All players are also required to purchase either an All Stars hoodie or T-shirt to wear over their uniform.

Tournaments

Players are expected to be available for the Eltham tournament on the Australia Day weekend in January (dates TBA but possibly starting the evening of Friday 24 January and all day Saturday 25, Sunday 26 and Monday 27 January), unless they have a notified long-standing prior commitment. They should also play in one other tournament during the season. Possible tournaments will be discussed by coaches and team managers early in the season. All tournament costs (team entry/stadium entry/transport/ accommodation etc) are the responsibility of players and their families.

Codes of Conduct

Players and parents must agree to be bound by the Basketball Victoria Player and Parent Codes of Conduct. You agree to these when registering, and Collingwood Basketball Association requires that players and parents conform to these codes of conduct

Further information

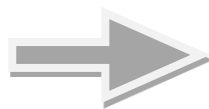
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Other parent commitments

Representative teams all have weekly training sessions. The club requires that every team designates at least one parent to remain in attendance for the entire training session (usually 1½ hours) to provide an additional adult presence as well as the coach. Many teams have a roster for this.

One parent on each team is also required to be the Team Manager, and all parents are expected to offer their services for scoring. Again, many teams have a roster for this.



What happens now?

Rep Selection Trials

- Prospective rep players are expected to attend all trial sessions for their age group
- U12-U18 players are also expected to attend selection matches on Friday 11 October
- All players trying out from other associations must provide a signed "Permission to Train" form in order to attend the Collingwood Selection Trials

Attendance at trials does not mean that you will definitely be offered a place in a Representative team. The number of teams is limited by availability of coaches and training venues and by the selection guidelines.

Season Dates 2019-20

2019

Oct 6, 8, 13 – Selection Trials
Oct 11 – Selection matches
Oct 18, 25 – Practice matches
Nov 1 – No games (Cup weekend)
Nov 8 – Spring Practice games
Nov 15 – Pre Grading & Spring Practice games
Nov 22 & 29, Dec 6 – Grading games (except U21)
Dec 13 – X-over game (pre grading U21s if required)
Dec 20 – Makeup week (if required)

2020

Jan 24 to 27 (TBA) – Eltham Tournament
Jan 31, Feb 7, 14 – Grading games (including U21's)
Feb 21 – X-over Round 1 grading game
Feb 28 – X-over Round 2; VC 12-18 Bye
Mar 6 – X-over Round 3; VC 12-18 Round 1
Mar 13, 20, 27 – Fixtured games
April 3 & 10 – No games (school holidays)
Apr 17 – Fixtured games (except No VC 12-18)
Apr 24 & May 1, 8, 15, 22 – Fixtured games
May 29 – Fixtured games (except VC)
June 5 – no games
Jun 6-8 Queens Birthday weekend tournaments
Jun 12, 19, 26 – Fixtured games
Jul 3 & 10 – No games (school holidays)
Jul 17, 24, 31, Aug 7, 14
Aug 21 – Fixtured games (VC) or finals (VJL)
Aug 28 & Sept 4 - Finals
Sept 11, 12, 13– Grand Finals (VJL)
Sept 13 – Collingwood All Stars Presentation Day
Sept 18 - VC Grand Finals