



PHILLIP ISLAND 'RIPS' REPRESENTATIVE BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Information for parents and players

About Phillip Island Rips

Phillip Island Rips is representative-level basketball. It is a higher standard than domestic, with different objectives and a higher level of commitment required from both players and parents.

In addition to improved skill development, players will enjoy the experience of working as part of a team over an extended period of time, and playing against varied and challenging opposition, as well as learning from our most experienced local coaches. There are many other positive outcomes including the social opportunities with other players and families, travelling to other basketball centres, and belonging within a family-friendly, positive environment.

It is expected that players will take pride in representing Phillip Island basketball and work hard to help their team achieve the best results possible.

Selection of teams

The following information is provided to explain the process involved in team selection:

- Playing representative basketball is a privilege – the team environment and pride in representation are paramount over the individual
- Selection into the Rips program is not guaranteed for any player or coach prior to selection.
- Playing representative basketball is a step up from the domestic competition
- The try-out training session will be the key component of the selection process. At this try-out players will be assessed on various factors including their skills, size, experience, ability to listen and learn, team play and physical ability. In addition to this try-out, a player's form in the domestic competition and previous experience in the Rips environment will also be taken into consideration

All selections are the responsibility of the Coach of each respective team. Our coaches are experienced and in the best position to make their decisions, and have the support of the Rips committee. Any issues regarding selection should be discussed with the coach. If an official complaint is made it will be referred to the Rips sub-committee headed by the Club President.

Based on feedback and previous experience please also note the following points:

- All U10s should have played at least one season of domestic basketball to be eligible for selection
- Any player that neither registers nor attends the try-outs is not eligible for selection
- Any player that is registered but does not attend and does not have the prior permission of the coach is not eligible for selection (permission to be based on communicating a reasonable excuse such as injury/illness prior to the try-outs)
- All eligible players are treated equally up to and including the try-outs
- Try-out sessions will follow a set format that includes a minimum of 20 minutes competitive game style play to provide opportunity for player comparisons

Eligibility for selection

To play in a Phillip Island Rips representative team a player must be a registered and paid up member of the Phillip Island and District Basketball Association and be playing in one of our domestic competition (NEWHAVEN COLLEGE). Players who only make themselves available to play for the Rips will not be selected. The exception to this rule are players who are members of the club, but unable to play in a domestic competition because they are playing elsewhere at a higher level (for example VJBL or NITP).

Players must also be eligible to play for Phillip Island at the Victorian Country Championships. Any player associated with another club must have permission and/or a clearance to play for Phillip Island before they can play in a Rips team. This is the responsibility of the player to complete.

Commitment to Rips basketball

Players:

- Players need to be available to play at all nominated tournaments throughout the season for their age group. Details of which tournaments we enter will be made available after training has commenced. As a guide we start at the Korumburra Tournament in October and enter the Warragul Tournament in February. Other tournaments including the State Country Championships (February-April) will be decided in consultation with each team coach, parents and the committee
- Players must also be available for at least 80% of training sessions. In the event that a player is unable to attend training, he/she must notify his/her coach or team manager. Players failing to attend training may not be selected for future tournaments or have limited court-time at the discretion of the coach

Parents:

- Parents must be committed to ensuring that their child/children are available at all training sessions and tournaments, unless otherwise arranged with the coach directly
- All parents are required to score on a roster system at tournaments, determined by the team manager Assistance will be given to parents who are unsure how to score
- It is an expectation that parents will support the program, the coach and manager in their efforts. They are also expected to adhere to the Basketball Victoria Country Zero Tolerance Policy of Behaviour for Parents and Spectators
- All Fees must be paid in full prior to the first tournament
- Parents may be asked to support fundraising efforts during the season

Court time

Please note court-time is not equally shared in representative basketball. In line with Basketball Victoria guidelines, Phillip Island Rips supports the allocation of “reasonable court time” to all players. The essential elements with relation to court time are as follows:

- Playing representative basketball is a step up from domestic basketball
- The team is first priority. It is expected that players will take pride in representing Phillip Island basketball and work hard to help their team achieve the best results possible
- We believe in providing all players with reasonable court-time according to their ability, the needs of the team, the situation in the game and the level of the competition. It is very unlikely that court time is shared equally and there is no guarantee that every player will play in every game (with the exception of u10s). In u10s the aim is that all players will get on the court in each game
- Coaches are committed to providing opportunities and developing all players, while serving the needs of the team as a whole. It is a tough job and there will be times where coach’s decisions may not be immediately obvious to parents
- Parents are not to approach coaches regarding selection or court-time issues during or immediately after games or during training. Rather, parents are encouraged to request a suitable meeting time outside of these main times so as not to distract the coach or other players

Our coaches, managers and committee members are volunteers who dedicate their time and skills to providing a positive experience for all. We will endeavour to do the best job we can. Please assist us by showing your support and encouraging a positive and co-operative environment.

Fees/costs

- ***Training and tournament entry costs:***
A Rips fee will be separate to club membership or domestic competition fees and based on the number of tournaments and training hours to cover costs. The full committee may choose to subsidise entry of Rips teams in the Country Championships, budget permitting. As a general rule any extra tournaments and training time will require additional fees to be paid on a full cost recovery basis
- ***Uniform costs:*** Playing uniforms (singlet and shorts) are provided as part of the above fee. All uniforms must be returned at the end of the Rips season. If a uniform is lost during the season, a cost to replace the uniform advised
- ***Other:*** All other costs including accommodation at tournaments, food and travel are the responsibility of the player/family