



## **New Player – Welcome Letter**

Welcome to the South Geelong Kings Basketball Club. As a player, parent and member of our club we congratulate you and your family on your choice in joining us and look forward to your participation in the wonderful and exciting sport of basketball. Our club was incorporated in 2010 is a member club of the Geelong United Basketball Association.

We encourage active involvement and participation by our members, as per our by-laws and rules. Everyone with our club has the opportunity to become a coach, manager, scorer, committee member and player.

### **Getting Started**

Our club web site contains all the information you will need to make a start, here are the first steps:

1. Register and pay our online club membership fee by using the membership link on our web site – Search our domain name at [southgeelongkings.com.au](http://southgeelongkings.com.au) to find us.
2. Go to our membership link and follow instructions for online membership where you can also order a playing singlet if you require one.
3. To complete your uniform, purchase yourself a pair of plain black basketball shorts at a sporting retailer or store that sells sporting apparel.
4. The membership link from our website also goes to the Geelong United Association website where you can pay your Association fees.

### **Contacting Us**

Our club web site contains our email and committee members mobile contact numbers, feel free to email us at [southgeelongkings@hotmail.com](mailto:southgeelongkings@hotmail.com) for any questions or contact one of our committee members for direct help, otherwise always refer to your team manager and coach in the first instance.

### **Training**

Kings club/team training is available at the indoor basketball gym at the Montpellier Primary School, Mt Pleasant Road in Highton mostly on Sundays. Our training schedule sessions will be listed on the web site for regular club training, not usually during school holidays.

## **Teams**

Your team will be coordinated and managed by a nominated team manager, usually a parent of one of the players, this can be a shared duty and usually consists of communicating with the team and helping out on game days/nights, also supporting the coach by organising a scorer every game among the parents.

Team lists, with the name and contact details of coaches and team contacts/managers will be posted and updated on our web site from time to time as new seasons approach. The committee updates these lists; please notify us if you are missing from one of our team lists so we can make the necessary amendments.

## **Scoring**

Scoring is a club requirement and shared duty among all parents as per our by-laws.

## **Manager**

The team manager should have your email and mobile number contact details and if you are not sure about who your team manager is remember to contact the club and ask us, we will connect you. Also you can check the team lists online for details of each team's coach and manager.

## **Coach**

The team coach may be appointed by the club or nominated from among the parent group. As parents make great coaches we will support/mentor any parents who wish to coach, but may not feel confident at the start, to help you along the way and also provide opportunity to improve coaching skills should you wish to attend courses. There is a level 1 basketball coaching manual to download on our website.

## **Culture**

The Kings basketball club is a community focused sporting club welcoming anyone who wishes to play basketball, all we ask is that those who join us be prepared to step up and be part of the club, its community ethos, culture and statement of purpose.

'We want juniors especially to enjoy playing sport, have fun, learn and develop as they grow without the added pressure of a win at all costs mantra. Although we are all competitive on the court, sportsmanship, leadership, a positive attitude, honest effort and desire to practice are all the things that come first, before winning, which comes last of all, as a result of what you put in.' – *Bob Pupavac President SG Kings 2009.*