



YMCA Basketball Club

Frequently Asked Questions

Where Should my Child Start playing Basketball?

If your child has never played basketball before and is looking to try the sport without a commitment, it might be a good idea to start them in a “Learn to Play” program. The Geelong YMCA runs such a program. If this is what you are interested in, please contact Katrina DeGoldi on 5223 2714 or newtownstadium@ymca.org.au

If, however you are looking to get your child into a more structured program in a team with game and training nights then please read on.

When do the Seasons Run?

The Geelong United Basketball (GUB) has two seasons each year. The Summer season commences at the start of Term 4 (October) and runs through till the end of Term 1 (March). The Winter season commences at the start of Term 2 (April) and goes through until the end of Term 3 (September) The age groups change prior to the start of the Summer Season

What Age group is my Child in?

Basically, age groups run from Under 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 and Under 20 before progressing into senior competitions. To compete in an underage competition, you cannot turn top age in the year of competition. For example, to compete in Under 14 competitions you can't turn 14 at any time during that year of competition. If the summer season runs 2022/2023 you cannot turn 14 during 2023, because if you do, you must play in the Under 16 Age Group .

When do Age Groups change.

All age groups change at the commencement of the summer season (Oct to March) and when the teams are selected prior to the commencement of the season, all players are eligible to play in that age group for at least the next 2 seasons (12 months) of participation.

How are teams selected?

Traditionally the club has tryouts prior to the commencement of the summer season which normally occur in the first part of September each year. Teams are selected based on those tryouts, as well as input from coaches and coordinators. Whilst we try and ensure that your child gets to play with friends, teams are selected based on the players abilities and what is the best for their, and the teams ongoing development.

Does my child need a clearance to play for the YMCA?

If your child has competed within the last 2 years with another club within the GUB competitions, they will need to apply for a clearance. If you are wishing to come across from another club, we ask that you talk to your existing club to let them know what you are intending to do as a courtesy to them.

If your child is, or has been playing with the Geelong Supercats program, they may carry a points value that may prevent them from being cleared to our club. Please make sure you talk to somebody at GUB, or one of our coordinators if this might apply to you.

What are the Nights of Competition?

As a general rule, GUB competitions run every night of the week and most of Saturday. Currently games are played at a number of different venues.

Under 10 Boys	Sat morning	U10 Girls	Sat morning
U12 Boys (Champs & Div. 1)	Mon night	U12 Girls	Thursday Night
U12 Boys (Div. 2 & lower)	Sat morning	U14 Girls	Tuesday Night
U14 Boys (all divisions)	Mon Night	U16 Girls	Tuesday Night
U16 & Under 18 Boys	Wed night	U20 Girls	Tuesday Night
Seniors	Mon/Tues Night	Seniors	Mon/Tues Night

NB Nights of play can vary and may be changed by GUB from time to time

When do the Teams Train?

We are very fortunate at our club to have access to the Geelong YMCA courts in Riversdale Road in Newtown, and all training is done at that venue. Training nights and times vary depending on teams and age groups. A current training timetable is available on the YMCA Basketball website that you give you some indications of training times.

What are the Costs for Playing?

Unfortunately, as is the case with most indoor sports, the cost of competing is not cheap and here is a breakdown of costs to play

Club Membership Fees – YMCA Basketball Club Fees are around \$55 per season (\$110 per year) but discounts do apply for families of more than one participant. This covers training costs, team entries, presentation days, training equipment and the like.

Geelong United and Basketball Victoria Fees - On top of club membership fees, all participants must be registered with GUB and Basketball Victoria (BV). Combined registration fees for both BV and GUB are \$145 per annum for juniors and \$159 for seniors. Part of this fee is paid annually, and part is paid per season. These costs amongst other things cover players insurances.

Game Night Costs – A \$12 playing ticket is required each night which is purchased at the venue where the game is being played.

What Uniform is Required

All participants will need to purchase their own reversible singlet at a cost of \$55 which is purchased through the club. Some limited second-hand uniforms may be available. Players wear a standard black sports short which is available through most outlets such as K-Mart, Target and Rebel Sport.