



## **Tuggeranong Southern Cross Basketball Club**

### **2024 Winter Junior Registrations – FAQs**

Like winter 2023, there are 2 separate Junior Basketball competitions run over the season. The top grade competition (JPL or Junior Premier League) is run separately to the rest of the competitions with different season dates and its own rego link.

#### **What are the season dates?**

Under 10s have an 18 round season starting on 17 March and ending on 1 September (with no finals).

For under 12-19s, the normal junior competition starts on 16-17 March with 3 grading rounds ahead of round 1 of the main season on 11-12 May (for under 12s and 14s) and 4-5 May (for under 16s-19s) on 29-30 April. The last round of the season is 31 August – 1 September with semi-finals and a grand final to follow (14-15 September).

The JPL competition has slightly different season dates (to work around ACT representative games). It is probably starting on 8 March (TBC) and goes through to round 18 on 6 September 2024. This is then followed but finals with the Grand Final on 20-22 September.

There are no games on long weekends or during school holidays.

#### **Are registrations still open for the 2024 Winter season?**

Registrations will open on 16 January and will close on 5 February 2024. After that date, players will only be able to register if there is a vacancy in a team. Please contact us at [info@southerncrossbasketball.net](mailto:info@southerncrossbasketball.net) to check.

#### **How will I be selected for a team?**

We had originally planned to use selection trials in November 2023 to select our teams but found this wasn't enough time. Instead, we concentrated on the JPL teams and will be working out the remaining teams (Div 1-6) in pre-season squad training in February. Players will be placed in squads based on their experience, coach comments and where possible, friend requests and then moved around to make sure teams are balanced and competitive at each level.

Under 10 players do not need to trial and will be placed into teams after the first trainings.

#### **What are the fees for next season?**

The fees cover the full season from March to September 2024.

| <b>Age group/grade</b> | <b>BACT fee</b> | <b><a href="#">BA (GDL) fee</a></b> | <b>Club fee</b> |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Under 10s              | \$60            | \$5.60                              | \$340           |

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|-----------------------|------|--------|-------|
| Under 12s-19s div 1-6 | \$60 | \$5.60 | \$395 |
| Under 12s-19s JPL     | \$60 | \$5.60 | \$435 |

Players selected for JPL will be sent an email with the link to register for JPL once teams are announced. JPL players should not register for the normal competition unless they are development players.

There are payment plans available for the Club fee component – please contact our [Treasurer](#) to organise one.

### **Are there any discounts for multiple siblings?**

Unfortunately, no. Our fees are structured to be as low as possible and we are unable to provide family discounts.

### **What age groups are available and how do you work out which one you should be playing in?**

There are 5 junior age groups competing in Basketball ACT competitions – under 10, under 12, under 14, under 16 and under 19.

What age group you play in is determined by what age you turn in the year of the competition (regardless of whether you actually reach that age in the competition itself).

This means that it's your year of birth that determines your age group as indicated in the table below:

| Year of birth    | Age at the end of 2024 | Age group for winter 2024 |
|------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2015 or later    | 9 or younger           | Under 10                  |
| 2013, 2014       | 10-11                  | Under 12                  |
| 2011, 2012       | 12-13                  | Under 14                  |
| 2009, 2010       | 14-15                  | Under 16                  |
| 2006, 2007, 2008 | 16-18                  | Under 19                  |

### **When and where are games?**

Games are all played on weekends apart from the under 12-19 JPL grades who play on Friday night (see table below).

|              | Friday              | Saturday              | Sunday                    |
|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Morning      | -                   | U12 Divisions 1-6     | U10/U14 Divisions 1-6     |
| Late Morning | -                   | U12/U16 Divisions 1-6 | U10/U14/U19 Divisions 1-6 |
| Lunchtime    | -                   | U12/U16 Divisions 1-6 | U10/U14/U19 Divisions 1-6 |
| Afternoon    | -                   | U12/U16 Divisions 1-6 | U14/U19 Divisions 1-6     |
| Evening      | U12/U14/U16/U19 JPL | U16 Divisions 1-6     | U19 Divisions 1-6         |

Games are usually held at either Tuggeranong or Belconnen Stadiums but other venues (such as Radford College and University of Canberra) can be used when more court space is required.

### **When and where are trainings?**

Our junior teams train at Tuggeranong Stadium between Monday and Thursday nights. Training can start as early as 4:30pm and finish as late as 9pm (for older teams). It is difficult to provide exact training times as this depends on the team that you are selected for. If there is a commitment that you need to work around, you should advise the girls or boys co-ordinator as this may impact your team selection.

Note also that game and training times are not finalised until closer to the start of the season. Although we try and make game and training times as consistent as possible, there is a fair bit of juggling to accommodate all teams with limited court availability in Canberra.

### **When do we start training?**

At this stage, we haven't decided what date training will start but we will send an email closer to the start of the season to let you know.

### **How do I register?**

For the normal junior competition, registrations open on 16 January 2024 and will close on 5 February 2024. The link is available on our website.

If you have been selected for the JPL competition, you'll receive a separate link

If you are a transferring player, please contact us before registering:

[info@southerncrossbasketball.net](mailto:info@southerncrossbasketball.net)

Payment is normally paid upfront when registering. However, we offer direct debit payment plans for the Club component of the fees (both the BACT and BA fee have to be paid up-front). Please contact the Treasurer ([tscbbtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:tscbbtreasurer@gmail.com)) for more information. For payment plans, you'll need to set up regular automated direct debit payments from your bank account (and email a copy of the transaction). We'll then send you a different registration link (or a voucher code) depending on the competition. Either way, you'll be able to register and only pay the BACT/BA fee. Note that these fees cover insurance and have to be paid in full before a player takes the court.

### **Transferring players**

If you are transferring from another club, please let us know ([contact us](#)) as we will need to complete a manual transfer form for you.

### **My child has never played basketball before, is this a problem?**

Not at all. You can register to play in any age group even if you've never played before. Our emphasis is on teaching fundamental skills at every level and we have a wide range of teams for all standard of players.

### **How young can a child start playing basketball?**

It will depend on the child but we have kids who are 5 and 6 years old playing basketball. If they are not quite ready to play in a team, we recommend that they register with the BACT run program [Aussie Hoops](#) which is run every term in a number of locations around Canberra including Tuggeranong Stadium. This is a great way of building skills until they are confident enough to play.

### **Do I need to order/purchase a uniform?**

We are moving back to players purchasing their own uniforms for winter 2024. All under 12-19 Div1-6 players need to purchase a uniform top (\$50) and shorts (\$30). For further information please email [uniforms@southerncrossbasketball.net](mailto:uniforms@southerncrossbasketball.net).

There will be uniform sessions closer to the beginning of the season and emails will be sent to players advising when and where these will be held.

**Under 10 players** have their uniform playing tops supplied by the Club for the season. They just need to purchase a pair of plain black shorts (from normal retailers – try BigW, Kmart, Target or Rebel). The shorts can be any style but must **NOT** have any pockets or zips. Uniform tops are provided for this age group.

**JPL players** have sponsored uniform tops thanks to the generosity of Audiotech (who is sponsoring our boys uniforms) and Jax Tyres (who are sponsoring our girls uniforms). They will just need to buy a pair of Club shorts (\$30).

### **Why is TSC a good basketball club to join?**

We are a very welcoming and inclusive club and cater for all levels of experience and interest. We provide a pathway from under 10s to adults and have a strong community core and values.

Our mission is to promote a healthy and active lifestyle and encourage a lifelong love of basketball. We develop fundamental basketball skills in a safe and positive environment while also teaching valuable life lessons in responsibility, respect, leadership, sportsmanship and team work. Our focus is on enjoyment and participation in community-based sport but we also emphasise the importance of dedication, self-improvement and helping others in the community.

### **How can I get involved as a parent/volunteer?**

Our club is a non-profit organisation run entirely by volunteers and the more “hands on deck”, the easier our work load. If you would like to help out in any way, we would be very keen to hear from you – just contact [our general info line](#). Even you don’t know what you can offer, don’t worry, we’ll find a good job for you!

If you have some basketball experience and are thinking of helping with coaching, please let us know as we can provide plenty of training and support.

### **Any other questions?**

Further details about the club are available on our website and Facebook and Instagram pages.



<http://www.southerncrossbasketball.net>



<https://www.facebook.com/TSCBballClub/>



[tscbasketball.canberra](https://www.instagram.com/tscbasketball.canberra)

For specific enquiries, email

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Boys teams - [boys-coordinator@southerncrossbasketball.net](mailto:boys-coordinator@southerncrossbasketball.net)

Fees or payment plans - [tscbtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:tscbtreasurer@gmail.com)

Uniforms - [uniforms@southerncrossbasketball.net](mailto:uniforms@southerncrossbasketball.net)

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