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**Southern Peninsula Junior Rep
Information Pack**

“Sharks Pride”



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WELCOME TO THE SOUTHERN PENINSULA JUNIOR SHARKS

The Southern Peninsula Basketball Association (SPBA) was formed in 1967. Not long after, the SPBA entered several junior representative teams in Basketball Victoria's (BV) junior competition in metropolitan Melbourne, known as the Victorian Junior Basketball League (VJBL).

The SPBA also has senior representative teams that compete in the Big V League, third only to the NBL (National Basketball League), in senior basketball.

Over the past few seasons there has been considerable growth in basketball across the Peninsula, this has been demonstrated in the continual growth of our Representative teams. The number and quality of teams continues to grow in both our Girls and Boys program, along with the number of State & National representative players/coaches.

This information guide will help explain the world of Representative Basketball to new families and reinforce the message to those who have been with us for a while. Please read over the following carefully, as much of the common Q&A are outlined within this document.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our players the best of luck for the upcoming trials.

The Sharks Culture

“Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work” – Vince Lombardi

- Our culture is intrinsically linked to our **CORE VALUES; Commitment, Respect; Willingness to Learn, Competitiveness and Club Pride.**
- Holistic development of players & coaches within our program
- Experience based learning & growth as a key element in everything we do
- Long term development overrides short term success
- Knowledge and experiences will be openly shared throughout the program
- We will develop & progress as a program, moving forward together

“Everything we do within the Southern Peninsula Junior Sharks Program has a long term development focus, it is a long term process, and short term gains and successes will not override the bigger picture” - SPBA DOC&P Gerard Hillier

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Gerard Hillier

Director of Coaching & Pathways

Southern Peninsula Basketball Association

Playing Representative Level Basketball

Junior representative basketball is an elite competition. It is for players who are committed to developing and improving their basketball skills and knowledge. At Southern Peninsula, we provide individuals and teams the opportunity to maximise their potential by competing at the highest level possible, given their own ability. The aim of the Southern Peninsula Junior Sharks program is to promote the game of basketball within our community and to develop players and coaches alike.

All players in a team at this level have an important role to play despite how much court time each player may or may not receive. Coaches will want all players to develop steadily, not just the best players on the team. Playing representative basketball is very different to Domestic Basketball.

Attitude to your team mates, your coach and your willingness to improve and develop, along with your level of skill are all factors in what will determine the number of minutes played. **All parents to need to be aware of this.**

The Southern Peninsula Sharks Junior Teams play other representative teams in a competition across the state. Teams play at two levels:

Victorian Junior Championship - Known as 'VC', this is the highest level at which junior teams can play.

Victorian Junior Leagues - Divided into numbered tiers; VJL 1, VJL 2, VJL 3 and so on.

Shark's players must continue to participate in the Domestic Competition to be eligible to play representative basketball; this includes U16s, U18s and U21's. Administration will conduct an audit in February. High Performance (SDP, NPP, State) exemptions can be acquired through SPBA Director of Coaching and Pathways, Gerard Hillier.

Playing Times & Venues

Matches are played on Friday nights ranging from a 6:40 start for the younger age groups through to a 9:40 start for the senior age groups. Venue locations will vary from week to week, however a home game at Rosebud/Dromana Stadium (SPBA's home court) will typically occur every second week once the Championship season commences. Players are expected to arrive 30 minutes before tip-off. For parents with multiple children, car-pooling has proven a successful option.

Key Dates

The following gives an indication of key dates for the coming months:

Junior Sharks Training Sessions Commence: Sunday 20th October

Intra Club Night & Scrimmage: Friday 8th November

Pre Grading Games (for only some teams): Friday 15th November

Southern Peninsula Tournament: Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th November

MUVJBL Grading Phase 1: Friday 22nd November – Friday 13th December

Eltham/Dandenong Australia Day Weekend Tournament (2nd & 3rd teams only) – 1st teams will go through a one day camp at Dromana over the weekend.

Weekly Practice Schedule:

The below is an overview of the new **“Sharks Weekly Practice Plan”**, which covers our U12, U14, U16, & U18 programs:

Junior Sharks Program – Team Practice Sessions:

1 x 60min small group session (half team) – Individual skill set development focus

1 x 90min team session (full team) – System of play/concept development focus

All MUVJBL Games – Experience Based Learning (rotating benches):

1 x 60min MUVJBL game (weekly games, home & away schedule)

All players should arrive at training, ready to start at their allocated time. Training is compulsory and the Team Manager must be notified if you are unable to attend. This will then be relayed onto the Coach/Assistant Coach

Registration and Uniform (Compulsory Online Registration)

Registration fee is \$500.00 per player. Families with more than 1 player this is reduced for the second player to \$480.00.

All registration for the 2019-2020 SPBA Junior Representative program will be online, via the Sports TG platform regardless of your payment method. The registration link will be available via our website www.sharksbasketball.com.au.

Registration fees this season can now be payed in two installments.

Installment 1: \$250.00 must be payed by **Friday 18th October, 2019**.

Installment 2: \$250.00 must be payed by **Friday 31st January, 2020**.

Simply select the relevant product in the registration field.

Families can also elect to pay in full.

Payment options:

1. Via the Sports TG platform.
2. SPBA offer Direct Debit options at an additional processing charge, please contact the office for further information.

Registration Fee Includes:

- SPBA Tournament Entry Fee (each team is still required to find a divisional or program sponsor)
- Bayside Tournament entry (2nd and 3rd teams only)
- Entry into the Classic Tournament (for VC teams that qualify)
- Entry into the Country Victoria Championships (1st Teams Only)
- Training Court Hire
- Coaching
- SPBA Program Administration
- WNBL and NBL partnerships

Refund Policy:

SPBA has the below strict refund policy for registration fees:

1. All refund requests must be made in writing to the Administration & Finance Manager
E| accounts@sharksbasketball.com.au
2. Refund requests made before the end of grading phase 2, 50% will be refunded.
3. Refund requests made after grading phase 2 and before mid way point of the season, 25% will be refunded
4. No refunds will be made after the midway point of the season
5. SPBA will not refund uniforms purchased

Our refund policy is in place to cover administration costs including: VJBL registration fees, court hire, coaches payments, game night staff etc..

Uniforms

All new players are required to purchase the below items online when you pay your registration fees:

- **Total Uniform Package: \$140**
OR individually
 - Playing Singlet \$50.00
 - Playing Shorts \$50.00
- Reversible Training Singlet \$50.00

It is important this is paid by the due date **Friday 18th October** to ensure our uniforms arrive in time for Grading Phase 1.

There will be a sizing chart available online and limited sizes available to try on in the Pro Shop at Dromana Stadium. All orders are to be placed online. Details will be provided on our website in the Junior Sharks section.

Sample Images:



Playing numbers will be chosen by SPBA to ensure we have no clashes in future seasons.

Uniform Requirements

All Sharks players must be in the Southern Peninsula T-Shirts or Hoodie when coming to and from games. This must be their outer most layer of clothing. SPBA **do not** accept casual hoodies or t-shirts to be worn over playing uniforms.

Additional items for purchase from the Pro-Shop @ Dromana Stadium

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|------------------------|------|----------------|------|
| ○ Short Sleeve T-Shirt | \$40 | ○ Polo Shirt | \$50 |
| ○ Long Sleeve T-Shirt | \$45 | ○ Socks | \$20 |
| ○ Hoodie | \$65 | ○ Backpack | \$65 |
| ○ Track Pants | \$65 | ○ Drink Bottle | \$12 |

Mouth Guards are also strongly recommended, please visit our friends at Mouth Guards Victoria for more information: www.mouthguardsvictoria.com.au

Additional Costs

- Team sheet fees (\$6-8 per game per player – dependant on venue)
- Door Entry (\$2 to \$4 per person – for players and all spectators – dependent on venue)

At the beginning of the season the Team Manager will organize a kitty where parents will be asked to pay to fill up the kitty. During the season the kitty will need topping up. This works well as Team Managers do not need to collect money on every game night.

Tournaments

The Southern Peninsula Shark's use tournaments as part of their development plan. Below you will find a list of compulsory tournaments for each age group:

Southern Peninsula Tournament: 16th & 17th November 2019 (All Age Groups compulsory)

Eltham Dandenong Tournament: 24th-27th January 2020 (2nd & 3rd teams only)

Victoria Country Championships:

- U12's 3rd – 5th April 2020 in Bendigo (1st Team Only)
- U14's 28th – 30th March 2020 in Ballarat (1st Team Only)
- Div. 1&2 (U16's & U18's) 15th & 16th February 2020 in Bendigo (1st Teams Only)
- Div. 3&4 (U16's & U18's) 14th & 15th March 2020 in Ballarat (1st Team Only)

Note: Teams may attend additional tournaments in consultation with, and only after approval by the SPBA Director of Coaching & Development. Additional tournaments will not be funded by the SPBA and it is the responsibility of the Team Manager to complete the required administration for additional tournaments.

Scoring

Each team must provide a scorer. The Team Manager should prepare a scoring roster with all parents taking turns and ensure that there is a competent scorer placed with a novice scorer. The Association will be running scoring schools at the beginning of the season to teach any parents about scoring (dates to be advised by your Team Manager).

***Note: Where teams have siblings please ensure the parents scoring roster covers both siblings and not just the family. This ensures an even spread of scoring turns.**

Scoring School

The Southern Peninsula Basketball Association will be hosting a "scoring school" for anyone that is interested. The school is designed to assist families understand how to score during VJBL games.

Date: TBA (Late October)

Location: Dromana Stadium

Court Time Management

Representative basketball is considered an elite development program and as such does not operate with the same guidelines as domestic competitions. A basic principle within the representative program is that **court time is not guaranteed for any player.**

All MUVJBL Games – Experienced Based Learning (rotating benches):

1 x 60 min MUVJBL Game (weekly games, home & away schedule)

Note: rotating benches means exactly that, rotate the bench and get all players some meaningful minutes, it's a development over winning mentality.

Note II: The coach reserves the right to restrict a players court time if the player has not met all the training requirements; or for disciplinary reasons.

Players or parents who are concerned about playing time should initially look to organise a time to discuss the matter with the Coach. Parents or players are not to approach coaches directly after a game in regards to court time. If a parent has a concern about this matter they should make contact with the coach later in the week to organise a suitable time to have a brief catch up.

If you do not believe the matter has been resolved or require further information, please contact the Director of Coaching and Pathways Gerard Hillier at ghillier@sharksbasketball.com.au.

Note: Coaches are to make themselves readily available to discuss any matters regarding to the with both the parent/s and player.

Junior Sharks Pathways

U10's – Aussie Hoops, SPBA Domestic Competition

U12's – BVC Skills Day, BVC Jamboree (if selected)

U14's – BVC Skills Day, BVC Academy Program (if selected), Gold Nugget Camp (if selected), Southern Cross Challenge or Albury Cup (if selected)

U16's – BVC SDP/NPP Program (if selected), Southern Cross Challenge or Albury Cup (if selected), Senior Sharks Program (if selected), BVC State Program (if selected), Basketball Australia Development Camps/Squads (if Selected)

U18's - BVC SDP/NPP Program (if selected), Albury Cup (if selected), Senior Sharks Program (if selected), BVC State Program (if selected), Basketball Australia Development Camps/Squads (if Selected)

For any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the
Southern Peninsula Basketball Association – Director of Coaching & Pathways, Gerard Hillier on
ghillier@sharksbasketball.com.au.

Useful Website

Basketball Victoria: www.basketballvictoria.com.au

News about what's happening in the land of basketball

Code of Conduct

Basketball is intended to be a recreational activity for enjoyment and health. This code of conduct has been developed by Basketball Victoria to give participants some guide to the expectations it has on those participants. It is intended to assist everyone to obtain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in basketball. As a result, the quality of participation will be improved so people are more likely to start and continue their involvement in basketball. Enjoy!! The Southern Peninsula Shark's abide by Basketball Victoria's code of conduct for players, parents and spectators. The full version of these expectations is located on the Basketball Victoria website and they can also be found posted on stadium noticeboards.

Player code of Conduct

- Understand and play by the rules.
- Respect referees and other officials.
- Control your temper.
- Work equally hard for yourself and for your team.
- Be a good sport.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated.
- Play for the "enjoyment of it" and not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
- Be prepared to lose sometimes.
- Listen to the advice of your coach and try to apply it at practice and in games.
- Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

Parent Code of Conduct

- Encourage your children to participate for their own interest and enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to always play by the rules.
- Teach children that an honest effort is always as important as a victory.
- Focus on developing skills and playing the game. Reduce the emphasis on winning.
- A child learns best by example. Applaud good play by all teams.
- Do not criticise your or others' children in front of others.
- Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
- Set a good example by your own conduct, behaviour and appearance.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators.
- Keep children in your care under control.
- Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

Spectator Code of Conduct

- Remember that most people play sport for enjoyment.
- Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
- Always be positive in your support for players.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form.
- Respect your team's opponents, officials and spectators.
- Encourage players to obey the rules and to accept decisions of officials.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language or harassing players, coaches or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
- Keep children in your care under control.
- Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

Contacts

All administrative questions can be directed to the stadium office:

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