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# **Southern Peninsula Junior Rep Information Pack**

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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, coaches, and team managers the best of luck for the coming 2017-2018 VJBL season, and to remind you that you are now part of the Southern Peninsula Basketball Association Representative Program which has a proud history. I ask that you conduct yourself in a manner that continues to see the SPBA develop and be the leading junior representative sporting program on the Mornington Peninsula.

## 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&D Gerard Hillier*

#SharksPride

Gerard Hillier

Director of Coaching & Development

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 Rep program is to promote the game of basketball within our community and to develop players.

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 listen and improve, 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 Melbourne. Teams play at three levels:

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

**Victorian Junior Leagues** - Divided into four tiers in 2009; VJL 1, VJL 2, VJL 3 and VJL 4

**Regional** - There are two competitions: Eastern Qualifying and North Western

Shark's players must continue to participate in the Domestic Competition to be eligible to play representative basketball; this includes U18's. Administration will conduct an audit in February. High Performance (NITP, NPP, State) exemptions can be acquired through SPBA Director of Coaching and Development, 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 season:

**Geelong Tournament:** 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017 (All age groups compulsory)

**Southern Peninsula Tournament:** 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017 (All Age Groups compulsory)

**Eltham/Dandenong Tournament:** 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (All Age Groups compulsory)

Intra-Club Night: 27<sup>th</sup> October (All Age Groups compulsory)

Grading Phase One (VJBL) – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Grading Phase Two and Championship Season – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

Championship Season begins – 9<sup>th</sup> March (VC) or 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (**For all other Divisions**)

## **Weekly Practice Schedule:**

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

### **Practice:**

1 x 120min Program session – **Conducted by Team Coaches**

1 x 90min Team session – **Conducted by Team Coach**

1x 120min BVC HP session (if selected) – **Conducted by BVC HP Staff**

1 x 120min Senior Sharks session (if selected) – **Conducted by Senior Coaches**

***Absence from weekly training sessions may alter this ruling, as will any possible disciplinary matters.***

All players should arrive at training, ready to start at their allocated time. Training is compulsory and 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. ***Note to pay for your second child at the discounted rate please contact the office*** (5981 0347)

All registration for the 2017-2018 SPBA Junior Representative program will be online, please visit [www.sharksbasketball.com.au](http://www.sharksbasketball.com.au) and click on the “Sharks / Junior” tab to find your step by step guide to registering online. All online registrations must be completed by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October**.

Registration Fee Includes:

- Geelong Tournament (subsidized)
- SPBA Tournament Entry Fee
- Eltham/Dandenong Tournament entry
- Entry into the Classic Tournament (for VC teams that qualify)
- Entry into the Country Victoria Championships (1<sup>st</sup> Teams Only)
- Training Court Hire
- Coaching
- SPBA Program Administration
- Melbourne Boomers and Melbourne United Partnership

## Uniforms

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

- Playing Singlet and Shorts \$100.00
- Reversible Training Singlet \$40.00

**Total Uniform Package: \$140**

### Sample Images:

Playing Singlet



Shorts



Training Singlet



It is important you pay this total by the due date **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** to ensure our uniforms arrive in time for Grading Phase 1. Team Manager to provide sizing chart to all parents. Please text your sizes to the Team Manager who will place the order.

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 Grey T-Shirts or Hoodies Club 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

- Warm up long sleeve T-Shirt \$35
- Warm up T-Shirt \$30
- Hoodie \$65
- Back Pack \$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](http://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 Manager does 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:

**Geelong Tournament:** 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017 (All age groups compulsory)

**Southern Peninsula Tournament:** 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017 (All Age Groups compulsory)

**Eltham/Dandenong Tournament:** 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (All Age Groups compulsory)

### **Victoria Country Championships:**

- Future Stars (U12's) 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in Bendigo (1<sup>st</sup> Team Only)
- Gold Star (U14's) 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in Ballarat (1<sup>st</sup> Team Only)
- Div. 1&2 (U16's) 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018 in Shepparton (1<sup>st</sup> Team Only)
- (U18's) 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018 in Shepparton (1<sup>st</sup> Team Only)
- Div. 3&4 (U16's) 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in Bendigo (1<sup>st</sup> Team Only)
- (U18's) 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in Bendigo (1<sup>st</sup> Team Only)

Note: Teams are more than welcome to attend additional tournaments at the coach and Team Managers' discretion however, 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 competent 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:** 15<sup>th</sup> October

**Time:** 10:00am

**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.**

There are two key parameters that determine the court time an individual player may receive:

- The game environment – at the discretion of the coach, playing time is subject to:
  - The level of competition,
  - The role of the player in each game, and
  - The importance of the game.
  
- For clear disciplinary reasons – a coach may reduce court time if the player:
  - Does not attend all practices,
  - Is not punctual for all practices and games,
  - Does not give 100% effort during games and practices,
  - Does not attend a training session without notifying the coach, and
  - Displays poor sportsmanship towards players, officials or spectators.
  - Participation Games (rotating benches)
  - 1 x 60min Tournament Games (multiple games over a 2-day tournament)
  - 1 x 60min VJBL Metro/Regional Games (weekly games, home & away schedule)

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

- Competition Games (not guaranteed minutes)
- 1 x 90min VJBL VC Games (if ranked)
- 1 x 90min Big V Games (if selected)
- BV/BVC/BA Tournaments (if selected) (Country Champs, National Classic etc.)

Note: These events do not attract the “rotating bench” rule; this is purely based on whatever the team needs to win in that particular game.

Players or parents who are concerned about playing time should initially discuss the matter with the Team Manager who will explain the situation to the Coach and Assistant Coach. If you do not believe the matter has been resolved or you require any further information, then you should contact the Director of Coaching and Development Gerard Hillier at ghillier@sharksbasketball.com.au.

Note: Coaches are to make themselves readily available to discuss any matters regarding to the players with the team with the Team Manager present.

Note II: Please do not approach coaches directly after the game as this is not the most appropriate time to raise your concerns, the best time would be before the teams next scheduled training. Simply text or call the Team Manager who will pass your concerns onto the Coach and request a quick catch up prior to training commencing.

### **Team Manager Duties**

#### **Games:**

- Bring the kit bag to game, which includes 2 Basketballs. Medical Kit. Coaches Board & Texta. Please ensure basketballs are always accounted for. If any team balls are lost the team will have to pay for a replacement
- Collect team games fee for games (numerous teams have a kitty where they collect \$50 from each parent for the games. During the season this will need to be topped up)
- Pay for team games fees at venue
- Complete Weekly Team Sheet; players are normally listed in numerical order (the sheet may be populated with the player’s name/numbers). If there is a player not playing, please draw a line through their number & name. If there needs to be any corrections to their names/numbers, please add this to the comments area on the rear of the Team Sheet). **Online Scoring will eventually replace game sheet at all venues**
- Please ensure all players sign against their name. Coach & Assistant Coach’s name is to be completed on the Team Sheet (please ensure Team Sheet is fully completed as this will incur a fine against the association which is payable by the team). Number of fines differ depending type of fine (we will provide you with the description of the fine and the amount at a later date)
- Sit near/on players bench and keep them motivated
- Fill water bottles during the game (Bottle holder supplied with Kit Bag) – Ask parents to leave a bottle with the Team Manager during the season and this will be returned when the season is completed.



## **General:**

- Attend all Team Managers' Meetings
- Ensure Medical Kit is replenished if anything is used
- Maintain a list of players/parents' names, addresses, telephone no's and D.O.B. Team Manager needs to be aware of any health issues such as asthma, allergies etc. and list it next to Players name
- Check website for any updated information
- Inform parents if any change of games/training times etc.
- Prepare scoring roster for all parents of the team
- Ensure you place an experienced scorer with a novice scorer
- Ensure parents that have not scored or would like a refresher to go to scoring school which is organised by the Team Manager's Co-ordinators (Sunday 30th October & Sunday 22nd January @ 10.00am Dromana Stadium)
- Prepare scoring roster for parents (which includes dates, times & venues)
- Prepare scoring roster for SPBA Tournament and any other Tournaments during the season
- Prepare roster for parents for Senior Rep games (Big V) – numerous duties to be filled on the day. Players need to be present in playing uniform with their parents
- Any issues or concerns within the team need to be addressed to the Team Manager who will then speak with Team Co-Ordinator
- Support Coach/Assistant Coach
- Notify Director of Coaching by phone if any player has left the team and follow up with email to Director of Coaching and Administration Staff so records can be updated

## **Team Managers Meetings**

- Team Managers Co-ordinators from both Boys & Girls Teams will hold meetings together for all Team Managers at least 2-3 times during the season (more if necessary)
- This will enable any Team Manager to come to the meetings to discuss any concerns they may have during the season and seek assistance/guidance.

### **Co-ordinators for Team Managers:**

Boys: Penny Di Santo: 0447 893 366 penny@financenegotiators.com.au

Girls: Tanya James : 0419 504 972 or tmjames1@bigpond.com

## **Uniforms**

If a player forgets their uniform, they simply don't play

## **Photos**

Each season players have their team photos. This is at a cost to each family. They will also take individual photos. Team Manager will inform team of a date & time when known.

## **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 NITP/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 NITP/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 & Development, Gerard Hillier on [ghillier@sharksbasketball.com.au](mailto:ghillier@sharksbasketball.com.au).**

### **Useful Website**

**Basketball Victoria:** [www.basketballvictoria.com.au](http://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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