



2023 SEASON

# JUNIOR SHARKS REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION PACK

# ABOUT JUNIOR SHARKS

## History of Southern Peninsula 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. The number and quality of our teams continues to grow in both our Girls and Boys program, along with the number of State & National representative players and coaches.

This information guide will help explain representative basketball to new and existing families.

## Our Culture

- Our culture is intrinsically linked to our Association's Core Values - Respect, Inclusiveness, Trust, Enjoyment & Excellence
- Holistic development of players and coaches within our program
- Experience based learning and 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 and progress as a program, moving forward together.



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## Useful Resources

Southern Peninsula Basketball Association - [sthpen.com.au](http://sthpen.com.au)

Victorian Junior Basketball League (VJBL) - [vjbl.com.au](http://vjbl.com.au)

Basketball Victoria - [basketballvictoria.com.au](http://basketballvictoria.com.au)

We strongly encourage members to follow our Facebook and/or Instagram for updates and announcements!

**"Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." – Vince Lombardi**

# MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF BASKETBALL

## Welcome

Dear SPBA Families,

Welcome to the 2022-23 VJBL Season. Southern Peninsula is excited to kick off what is shaping up to be one of the most exciting VJBL seasons we have experienced for a number of years. We are excited to implement a new structure to the way our VJBL season will be held, with a mindset focused on developing our players, our coaches, and our organisation as a whole.

The growth that we have experienced over the past two years has helped push our association in a new direction, specifically, ensuring that we deliver a program that is inclusive and fair for all our participants.

We are wishing the best to every single one of the athletes participating in the upcoming VJBL competition this year. Please take some time throughout this season to get to know and support other SPBA teams, players, and coaches to help us create a family culture within our club.

Thanks everyone and we can't wait to see you on the court for this upcoming season.

**Matt Brassler**

Head of Basketball

## Playing Representative Level Basketball

Junior representative basketball is an elite level 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 important elements of playing in a representative team. All parents also 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.

# COMMITMENT

The VJBL season is scheduled from mid-November through to early September each year. The competition breaks over school holiday periods and generally teams will not train during the school holidays. There are numerous tournaments and clinics for player development throughout the year along with specific programs tailored for athletes which the club oversees in conjunction with Basketball Victoria and Basketball Australia.

## Weekly Commitment

### GAMES

- **1 x 60 minute VJBL game (weekly games on a home and away schedule)**

All players should arrive at training at least 30 minutes prior to games so they can warm up and get ready for the game with their coach and team.

### TRAININGS

- **1 x 75 minute team training sessions per week (Tuesday nights)**

*The mid-week session is based around skill development led by the Director of Coaching and team coaches.*

- **1 x 90 minute team training sessions per week (Sundays)**

*The weekend session is an academy style training led by the Director of Coaching and team coaches.*

All players should arrive at training at least 15 minutes prior to training so they are ready to start at their allocated time.

Training is compulsory and the Coach must be notified if you are unable to attend as soon as practical.

Coaches spend significant time preparing training sessions based on all players being in attendance.

The days and times of training sessions are set by the club. Players are expected to commit to these training times. The club will try to avoid other sports on a larger scale but can not work around individual outside commitments in scheduling training.

Some athletes will be selected for further training as part of our High Performance Program. For more information on this program, [CLICK HERE](#).

## Domestic

Sharks players must continue to participate in the SPBA Domestic Competition to be eligible to play representative basketball; this includes U16s, U18s and U21s. Administration will conduct an audit in February. Exemptions will only be given to athletes participating in Basketball Victoria SDP, NPP and State programs relevant to their workload by the SPBA Head of Basketball.

## Tournaments

The Southern Peninsula Tournament is compulsory. Basketball Victoria Country Championships are also compulsory for first teams. Teams may attend additional tournaments in consultation with, and only after approval by the SPBA Head of Basketball. 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.

## 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 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

- Junior Sharks Tryouts - 11th September - 16th September 2022
- Teams Announced - 23rd September 2022
- Feedback provided to all athletes - 30th September 2022
- Training Sessions Commence - Week of 3rd Oct 2022
- Age Group Parent Information Sessions - 4th October 2022
- Registration payment due - 7th October 2022
- Parent Scoring How To - 11th October 2022
- Sharks Academy (compulsory) - 7th, 14, 21st, 28th October 2022
- Inter-club games - 4th November 2022
- Southern Peninsula Tournament - 12th & 13th November 2022
- VJBL Grading - From Friday 18th November 2022 onwards
- Training recommences after Summer Break - 22nd January 2022
- VJBL Games recommence - 3rd February 2022
- Basketball Victoria Country Championships (1st teams only) - TBC between Feb-April
- End of Season Celebration Night - 10th September 2022

# FEES

## Registration Fee:

- 1st Team = \$630
- 2nd/3rd Team = \$580

## Registration payment due by 7th October 2022

## Uniform orders due by 5th October 2022

The registration fee covers:

- VJBL Team Entry Grading & Season
- Court hire for training at external courts
- Contribution to capital and maintenance for training at Association run venues
- Wages associated with program
- Equipment including team bag supplies
- Awards night tickets
- Coaching fees
- Subsidised cost of Rep Camps
- Team entry into Southern Peninsula Tournament
- Subsidise team entry costs for one other tournament
- Team entry into BVC Country Championships (1st teams only)
- Team entry into VJBL National Classic (for VC teams that qualify)

## Per Game Costs:

- Team sheet fees - usually \$12-\$15 per player which is collected by the team manager in bulk amounts and paid to the venue each game
- Door entry - no cost, team sheet fees are all inclusive



# OTHER COSTS

## Payment Plans

When registering you can choose to pay up front or select the Buy Now, Pay Later option through our third party provider.

If you choose the Buy Now, Pay Later option, you must set this up by the due date.

## Refund Policy

SPBA has the below refund policy for registration fees:

1. All refund requests must be made in writing to the SPBA Basketball Administrator at [basketball@sthpen.com.au](mailto:basketball@sthpen.com.au).
2. Refunded amount will be determined as per below:

Date	Refund Amount
8th October onward	\$400
1st November onward	\$300
1st December onward	\$200
1st February onward	\$100
1st March onward	No Refund

3. Uniform purchases will not be refunded.

The refund of fees dates are strict as registration fees go predominately towards expenses incurred early in the season and are still incurred by SPBA even if they withdraw.

# UNIFORM

## Uniform Requirements

All Sharks players must have a minimum of the playing uniform, training singlet, training shorts and hoodie or t-shirt. Players must also have a foam roller for warm ups and cool downs.  
 At games, players must have their outer most layer of clothing being a Southern Peninsula t-shirt or hoodie.  
 At trainings, players must wear a Southern Peninsula reversible training singlet.

**All uniforms must have the new Southern Peninsula logo and branding. This includes playing uniform, training uniform and off court apparel.**

Mouth Guards are also recommended, please visit our friends at Mouth Guards Victoria for more information: [www.mouthguardsvictoria.com.au](http://www.mouthguardsvictoria.com.au).

## Pro Shop

A range of apparel can be purchased through the Pro Shop at Dromana or via our online shop at [sthpen.com.au](http://sthpen.com.au). Some of our range is below:



## Uniform Pack Options

Purchase in a pack to save money on individual pricing!

Pack 1 - \$190	Pack 2 - \$240	Pack 3 - \$350
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playing Singlet</li> <li>• Playing Shorts</li> <li>• Training Singlet</li> <li>• Training Shorts</li> </ul> <p>Save \$18</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playing Singlet</li> <li>• Playing Shorts</li> <li>• Training Singlet</li> <li>• Training Shorts</li> <li>• Socks</li> <li>• Drink Bottle</li> <li>• Short Sleeve Tee</li> </ul> <p>Save \$36</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playing Singlet</li> <li>• Playing Shorts</li> <li>• Training Singlet</li> <li>• Training Shorts</li> <li>• Socks</li> <li>• Drink Bottle</li> <li>• Short Sleeve Tee</li> <li>• Tracksuit Pants</li> <li>• Backpack</li> </ul> <p>Save \$54</p>

### Or purchase items individually

- Playing Singlet - \$69
- Playing Shorts - \$59
- Training Singlet - \$45
- Training Shorts - \$35

All other items are at Pro Shop prices when purchased individually. Items in packs are discounted.



There is 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 by the due date as notified by the SPBA Office. Details will be provided on our website in the Junior Sharks section.

# OTHER INFORMATION

## Scoring

Each team must provide two scorers per game. 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 a scoring how to session at the beginning of the season to teach any parents about scoring.

\*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.

The Southern Peninsula Basketball Association hosts a "scoring school" for anyone that needs to learn the scoring requirements of representative basketball or would like to brush up.

Date: 11th October 2022

Location: Dromana Stadium

## Issue Management

If any issues do arise, it is important that these issues are raised and dealt with at the earliest possible stage.

Parents must respect Coaches and realise that sensible and productive discussions rarely occur if a person is upset or emotional.

Most issues can be resolved through discussion with the Team Manager and/or Coach. Parents and players are advised to not raise a contentious issue with a coach immediately after a game. Please make time to meet with your coach outside of match times.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome or response you should direct your inquiry to the Head of Basketball at [doc@sthpen.com.au](mailto:doc@sthpen.com.au).

## Codes of Conduct

Basketball is intended to be a recreational activity for enjoyment and health. SPBA abide by the Basketball Victoria Code of Conduct which has been developed to give participants an outline of the expectations. It is intended to assist everyone to obtain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in basketball. The full version of these expectations is located on the Southern Peninsula Basketball Association and Basketball Victoria websites.

## Photography – opt out policy

If you do NOT wish for photographs of your child/children or yourself engaging in Junior Sharks activities to be published through our various media points for public relations purposes, please contact the [basketball@sthpen.com.au](mailto:basketball@sthpen.com.au).

Possible uses of photographs include but are not limited to; SPBA Basketball, VJBL, Basketball Victoria & Basketball Australia websites, Facebook, Instagram and Local Newspapers.

## Court Time Management

Representative basketball is considered an elite development program and as such does not operate with the same guidelines as domestic competitions. SPBA expect that players will receive relevant opportunity to develop through reasonable court time during the season. However, equal court time is not guaranteed for any player.

In consultation with the Head of Basketball, the coach reserves the right to restrict a player's 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 catch up.

If you do not believe the matter has been resolved or require further information, please contact the Head of Basketball at [doc@sthpen.com.au](mailto:doc@sthpen.com.au).

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

## Coaching

The Head of Basketball takes overall responsibility for coach appointments and management. Junior Sharks coaches are either qualified or in the process of becoming qualified under the Basketball Australia Accreditation Scheme.

A Head Coach will be appointed to each team, some teams may also have an Assistant Coach. All coaches are required to conform with VJBL and SPBA rules, which include the requirement for:

- Working with Children (WWC) checks
- Statutory Declaration
- Training in Child Safety and Health & Safety

All coaches should strive to improve their knowledge. This is generally undertaken by attending coaching sessions, getting involved in Basketball Victoria events and upgrading qualifications.

All coaching related queries should be referred to our Head of Basketball at [doc@sthpen.com.au](mailto:doc@sthpen.com.au).

## Team Manager Responsibilities

A Team Manager will be appointed as a volunteer and is usually a parent within the team.

If you are interested in this role, please contact [basketball@sthpen.com.au](mailto:basketball@sthpen.com.au).



# PATHWAYS

As part of Southern Peninsula's Vision a targeted objective is to create pathways for talented players, coaches and referees to progress to higher levels.

Working with Basketball Victoria, we have a rich history of players and coaches representing Victoria, Australia and playing overseas including College Scholarships.



U12 & U14 SKILLS DAYS



U12 JAMBOREE



U14 ACADEMY &  
GOLD NUGGET CAMP



STATE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



SOUTHERN CROSS CHALLENGE



AUS JNR COUNTRY CUP



STATE TEAMS



NATIONAL PERFORMANCE  
PROGRAM

Southern Peninsula's pathways go hand in hand with the Basketball Victoria pathways. Driving our Style of Play which aligns with the Victorian and Australian Style of Play underpins all of our programs within our pathway.

With the re-introduction of our Youth League Programs, SPBA continues to build a strong pathway for our junior and senior athletes to progress to higher levels.



AUSSIE HOOPS



DOMESTIC COMPETITION



FUTURE SHARKS



JUNIOR SHARKS



SPBA HIGH PERFORMANCE



BIG V YOUTH LEAGUE



BIG V SENIORS



## 2022/2023 CALENDAR

DATE	GRADING PHASE ONE			NOTES		
Tuesday, 18 November 2022	Round One (except Under 20's)					
Friday, 25 November 2022	Round Two (except Under 20's)					
Tuesday, 2 December 2022	Round Three (except Under 20's)					
Friday, 9 December 2022	X-Over Round					
Friday, 16 December 2022	Make Up Game If Required					
Tuesday, 23 December 2022	<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>					
Friday, 30 December 2022						
Tuesday, 6 January 2023						
Friday, 13 January 2023						
Tuesday, 20 January 2023						
Friday, 27 January 2023	<b>GRADING PHASE TWO</b>					
Tuesday, 31 February 2023						
Friday, 10 February 2023				Round One		
Tuesday, 17 February 2023				Round Two		
Friday, 24 February 2023				Round Three		
	<b>VC (12-18)</b>	<b>ALL (20)</b>	<b>VJL (12-18)</b>			
Friday, 3 March 2023	BYE	X-Over 2	X-Over 2			
Tuesday, 10 March 2023	1	X-Over 3	1			
Tuesday, 17 March 2023	2	1	2			
Friday, 24 March 2023	3	2	3			
Tuesday, 31 March 2023	4	3	4			
Friday, 7 April 2023	<b>NO GAMES</b>	<b>NO GAMES</b>	<b>NO GAMES</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>		
Tuesday, 14 April 2023	<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>					
Tuesday, 21 April 2023						
Friday, 28 April 2023	5	4	5			
Tuesday, 5 May 2023	6	5	6			
Tuesday, 12 May 2023	7	6	7			
Friday, 19 May 2023	8	7	8			
Tuesday, 26 May 2023	9	8	9			
Friday, 2 June 2023	10	9	10			
Tuesday, 9 June 2023	<b>NO GAMES</b>	10	11			
Saturday 10th, Sunday 11th and Monday 12th June	<b>NJC WEEKEND</b>			<b>QUEENS BIRTHDAY</b>		
Friday, 16 June 2023	11	11	12			
Tuesday, 23 June 2023	12	12	13			
Friday, 30 June 2023	<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>					
Tuesday, 7 July 2023						
Friday, 14 July 2023	13	13	14			
Tuesday, 21 July 2023	14	14	15			
Friday, 28 July 2023	15	15	16			
Tuesday, 4 August 2023	16	16	17			
Tuesday, 11 August 2023	17	17	18			
Friday, 18 August 2023	18	18	<b>FINALS</b>			
Tuesday, 25 August 2023	<b>FINALS</b>	<b>FINALS</b>	<b>FINALS</b>			
Friday, 1 September 2023	<b>FINALS</b>	<b>FINALS</b>	<b>FINALS</b>			
Tuesday, 8 September 2023	<b>FINALS</b>	<b>FINALS</b>	<b>GRAND FINAL</b>			
Friday, 15 September 2023	<b>GRAND FINAL</b>	<b>GRAND FINAL</b>				
Tuesday, 22 September 2023	<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>					
Tuesday, 29 September 2023						



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