



## Welcome to the Diamond Valley Junior Championship program information guide for season 2019-2020

**This information guide will help you understand all aspects of playing representative basketball for the Diamond Valley Basketball Association (DVBA) in the Victorian Junior Basketball League (VJBL).**

The Diamond Valley Junior Championship program (Eagles) is a representative basketball program managed and operated by Diamond Valley Basketball Association (DVBA) and the Junior Championship Committee (JCC). DVBA is then managed and operated by an administration office and an Executive Committee.

Our committees consist of a dedicated group of volunteers, whose purpose is to promote and support the development of junior basketball in the Diamond Valley area. Across the season, the Junior Championship Committee (JCC), conduct functions and fundraising activities, whilst also ensuring all teams are court ready and able. Within our committees there are many important roles that must be filled by volunteers.

All our representative teams, selected primarily from within the DVBA domestic competition, are given the opportunity to play against the best players from around the Melbourne metropolitan and Victorian country areas. Games are mostly played on Friday nights.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Being a representation of the best players in the Diamond Valley Basketball Association, no player's position can ever be guaranteed.

**It must also be clearly understood that selection in a team does not guarantee any player time on the court.**

The DVBA Junior Championship program will always endeavor to give your child the best basketball preparation and coaching that we can provide. At this higher level, the governing principle is "court time is earned, not just given". Representative basketball is an elite competition and is not the same as domestic basketball. It is only for players with a serious intention to achieve and to contribute to team performance. This may involve some sacrifices to the individual. **Player ability, attitude, commitment, team spirit and willingness to learn, are all factors that go into how a coach determines player court time.**

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Our basketball program enables you to practice and improve your skills with our representative coaches, as well as contributing to a strong sense of team and sporting community.

### **INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION**

There are **5** main sources of information distribution for all families involved with the Eagles:

#### **1. Team Managers**

Each team has a Team Manager who will receive information from the office throughout the season. Team Managers are expected to check for receipt of information regularly and distribute accordingly to all team members. Information will normally relate to tournament fixtures, changes to training, order forms for merchandise, etc. This is often our only means of informing parents and players of certain events, planned changes, etc., which may be of importance to you. Please make sure you obtain all information from your child or the Team Manager and read it carefully.

#### **2. Website**

Our website, located at [www.dvbasketball.com.au](http://www.dvbasketball.com.au), is where important news and information will be posted as it comes to hand. You should make a habit of looking at the website on a regular basis to see if there is any news. **It is your responsibility and failing to do so, may cause inconvenience and could have consequences.**

#### **3. DV phone App**

Diamond Valley Basketball uses a phone application called 'Team App', to communicate announcements to teams, coaches and players. The app also allows you to also check schedules, ladders, news and much more. If you do not have this app, we highly recommend downloading it from the apple or android app store and creating an account. During this process, you must link it in with Diamond Valley Basketball Association.

#### **4. Email**

When you registered online you were required to enter a current email address. We will use this email address to send any relevant information to you. **Please advise the DVBA office immediately if your email address changes during the season.**

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### 5. Facebook

Make sure to follow the Diamond Valley Basketball Association Facebook page to keep up to date with news such as club events, player achievements or game updates. Like our page at [www.facebook.com/DVBBasketball](https://www.facebook.com/DVBBasketball)

### JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP AGE GROUPS

The age qualification cut-off date for all players playing in the VJBL is December 31st of the year in which the Championship season occurs - i.e. a child turning 14 at any time in 2020, must play in the Under 16 age group, not Under 14. In both boys and girls' programs, the Championship season consists of under 12, 14, 16, 18 and 21s age groups.

### COACHING AND TEAM SELECTION

At Diamond Valley Eagles, the following coaching hierarchy is in place for both the boys and girls' programs:

- **Championship Teams Mentor**
- **Age group coordinators (12-14) (16-18)**
- **Age Group Head Coach (first team coach) and**
- **Team Coach**

Teams are selected in accordance with the “**Junior Championship Tryout/Selection Policy and Process**”, which is currently being revised. Each season provides a new mixture of talent, where all potential players (including new and current players) try out in the hopes of being selected into a team. Every effort is made by the coaches to finalize teams prior to the beginning of the grading season. The grading season determines which section, or grade, each team plays in during the Championship season. **Team selection is the responsibility of the coaching hierarchy only.**

**There is an expectation that ALL girls and boys who represent Diamond Valley in their Junior Championship program will play domestic basketball in the Diamond Valley Basketball Association.**

**Any player requesting NOT to play in a DVBA domestic competition during their Championship season must apply in writing to the Junior Championship Committee immediately. Exceptions may include:**

- **State Basketball, including NITP (National Intensive Training Program) commitments;**
- **BIG V/SEABL representation**
- **Country players and/or geographic reasons.**

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### **TRAINING AND PLAYING**

Regular team training is on Sunday mornings for all age groups and conducted at the **Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre** in Greensborough or **Community Bank Stadium** in Diamond Creek. Midweek training sessions are also conducted across a range of different venues. Your coach will notify you of where and when your child will train.

**ALL training is compulsory, unless adequate notice is given to the coach, with a satisfactory reason for not being able to attend.** Even when injured or suspended, attendance at training is compulsory, as players can still learn by observation. Although consistency of training times is our intention, times can change depending upon coaches' commitments, court availability and other unavoidable factors. If a player is unavailable for training or to play on a specific day, the coach must be given the reasons why, with fair and adequate prior notice of such absences. Again, please ensure you check the website and your email regularly for updates, as these are the preferred communication channels. Occasional fitness or additional skills training is sometimes organised by DVBA and all players are required to attend if their team or age group is scheduled.

**All players are required to wear a reversible training singlet to training  
(reversible green for boys & reversible red for girls).**

### **CODE OF CONDUCT - IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL PARENTS/SPECTATORS**

**At no time during the game is a coach, parent or spectator permitted to step onto the court. This will be enforced, even if a player or your child is injured or has been involved in an altercation with another player. You can only step onto the court when invited to do so by the referee official. Failure to adhere to this instruction can result in the offender being reported and potentially banned from attending future games.**

Basketball Victoria has Codes of Conduct to give participants guidance regarding its expectations of those participants. At Diamond Valley Eagles, we are committed to following these Codes and the Committee wishes to take this opportunity to draw your attention to them. They can be found on the Basketball Victoria website. (<http://basketballvictoria.com.au/policies/codes-of-conduct/-all-in-one.pdf>)

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### **'Play by the Rules'**

#### **I will**

- Act within the rules and spirit of the game
- Give positive comments to encourage players
- Respect officials' and coaches' decisions
- Keep my emotions in check
- Thank players, coaches and officials

#### **I won't**

- Use bad language or harass anyone
- Criticize or ridicule anyone's performance

### **SEASONS - GRADING AND CHAMPIONSHIP**

Unlike domestic basketball which is played in two seasons a year, representative basketball is played throughout most of the year in three phases. The first two phases are grading, where teams are sorted into pools of similar level of ability, followed by the home and away competition itself. Grading Phase 1 starts in early November and concludes roughly in line with the end of Term 4 in mid-December. Games resume in February for Grading Phase 2. The 'home and away', or Championship season, starts early March and runs through to the end of August, with finals taking place in September.

**The breakdown of the playing year for the VJBL currently is:**

- **Grading Phase 1**                      **22nd November – 6th December 2019;**
- **Grading Phase 2**                      **31st January – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020;**
- **Official Season**                      **6<sup>th</sup> March – 18th September 2020 (VC Grand Finals).**

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### TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

In addition to the home and away season, Diamond Valley Eagles players participate in a number of tournaments, including the **Australia Day** and **Queens Birthday weekends**. These tournaments offer opportunities for team building, consolidation of team plays and more competition time. Diamond Valley Eagle players also have the opportunity to attend NITP and other Basketball Victoria camp programs, restricted to players who play representative basketball. A number of our junior players and coaches are involved in Basketball Victoria programs. Diamond Valley conduct very informative development camps throughout the year.

1. **All teams are required to play in the Eltham/Dandenong Tournament in January 2020 (Australia Day weekend).** Team entry to this tournament is paid by DVBA, but players and spectators will still be required to purchase passes to gain entry to each venue over the long weekend.
2. **All teams that qualify for the National Junior Classic Tournament in Victorian in June 2020 (Queens Birthday weekend) are required to play.** It is expected that all players in teams that qualify for the Classic will commit to playing in this tournament. Players who are not prepared to make this commitment should advise their coach immediately and be prepared to accept any team selection changes that may follow. Where other inter league sports are concerned (football, netball, etc.) parents and players should be in discussions with coaches now as to how they plan to schedule their weekend if the player intends on doing two sports. It will be expected that these players will participate in the Classic regardless of other commitments.
3. **For the Queen's Birthday weekend, all other teams have the option to participate in the Ballarat or Nunawading tournaments** ie; it is not mandatory, registration and payments are the responsibility of each team. Teams considering playing in Ballarat should decide their intentions well before December 2019 so that accommodation can be booked, and registration/entry can be made.

During the year, some Eagles teams may be entered in additional city, country, or interstate tournaments. This is usually determined by the Coach in consultation with the Director of Coaching, prior to the players' families and all fees are the responsibility of each team.

### SCORING

**Scorers are NOT provided at venues** (except for Grand Final games), and so each team must provide scorers, preferably two scorers from each team for each game. At all **HOME games** the scorers are responsible for the **clock** and **AWAY games** the scorers are responsible for the **game sheet**. The coach and assistant coach cannot score, the Team Manager has his/her hands full organizing the team sheet and players and assisting players on the bench during the game, so it is up to the parents to pitch in and help, even if you have not scored before.

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The Team Manager will usually draw up a scoring roster for the team's games and all parents are expected to take their turn. If you have not scored before, a competent scorer should be able to help you when it is your turn. As Victorian Junior Championship (i.e. 'A-grade') games employ a "24 second shot clock" rule, it may also be required that a person help operate the "shot clock" during those State Championship games played at Eagles home venue(s).

### **WHEN AND WHERE ARE GAMES PLAYED?**

The competitions are conducted on Friday nights. Game times may vary from approximately 6.30pm to 9.30pm, with the later times generally being for the older age groups. The competitions are usually not played in the middle week(s) of term school holidays; however games are often played on the last Friday night of school terms and on the last Friday night before school recommences and also on the Friday night of long weekends (except at Easter).

Eagles home games are played at both Community Bank Stadium in Diamond Creek and Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre in Civic Drive, Greensborough. Away games require travel to venues across "metropolitan" Melbourne. There is the possibility of a few trips to play against country teams. For venue information see the VJBL website [www.vjbl.com.au](http://www.vjbl.com.au)

**Important! Always check your team's roster for game starting times. Please arrive at a game at least 30 minutes prior to starting time (or as designated by the team coach).**

### **PRESENTATION DAYS & AWARDS**

At the completion of each Championship season, coaches are required to nominate recipients for annual awards. Coaches are required to nominate (3) three awards, a Most Valuable Player (MVP) and usually a Coaches Award and Best Defensive Player Award.

### **UNDER 18 PRESENTATION / GRADUATION NIGHT**

Top age U18 players are hosted at a **Presentation Night** as they leave the Junior Program at the end of that season. The age group presentation of awards to the teams is part of the evening so it is mandatory for all U18 players to attend this evening. We encourage all families to participate and understand how we recognise and farewell our players completing their junior participation in basketball.

Break up gatherings are organised by the Team Manager for U12, 14 and 16 age groups, as soon as practical after the season, for their team and incorporates the presentation of awards by the coach.

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### **PLAYER REGISTRATION, GAME AND TOURNAMENT FEES**

The Eagles Junior representative teams are self-financing yet incur significant costs to operate each season. There is a registration fee that applies to all players wishing to play for the Eagles. The player fees contribute in part towards the following expenses:

- **Team entry in competitions**
- **Coaches' Fees**
- **Court hire training fees (Sunday and midweek sessions)**
- **Training equipment**
- **Insurance**
- **DVBA Office administration costs**

### **Fees for 2019/2020 season are as follows:**

All players will receive a TAX INVOICE and all fees are inclusive of GST

**Player's fees are \$520. Payment in full is preferred, no later than Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020.**

### **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

Payments can also be made by installments as outlined below:

<b>Installment 1</b>	<b>No later than Monday 11th November, 2019</b>	<b>\$260 per player</b>
<b>Installment 2</b>	<b>No later than Monday 2nd March, 2020</b>	<b>balance of \$260 per player</b>

**Under no circumstances will there be any refunds.**

**All Junior Eagles will receive a complimentary 3 game membership to our Senior Eagles 2020 season.**

**Preferred payment method is by direct deposit (BSB: 013 333 Account: 465973953) Reference: Child's Name**  
Payments can also be made by: Cash or EFTPOS. **\*\*Note this is a new bank account, if you have saved our bank details previously please ensure that they are updated\*\***



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DVBA understands the issues and timing of fee payments may present to some families. If you anticipate difficulties making your payment, an arrangement can be discussed with the DVBA Office and this approach must be made immediately.

**NOTE: Apart from the above mentioned circumstance, any player who is not fully financial by 2nd March 2020 will not be able to participate in any games or training unless payment arrangements have been organised. This is your responsibility. Late payment may incur an additional administration fee.**

### Weekly Games/Fees

For weekly games there is usually an entry fee for all players and spectators (usually \$3) into the venue plus a game (or "Team Sheet") fee. Please note that different venues charge different amounts for this fee and payment is the responsibility of your Team Manager. Each player will be asked to contribute approximately \$7 to \$10 each week to cover this cost. Your Team Manager will usually develop a 'kitty' throughout the season that will contribute towards tournaments, team functions, end of season break-up, etc. Please approach your Team Manager before the start of every game and provide your share of the weekly fee promptly.

### UNIFORMS & MERCHANDISE

The **COMPULSORY** uniform for all DVBA players attending each game and training session is the official:

- a. **Playing & Training Singlet**
- b. **Playing Shorts**
- c. **Warm-up top**
- d. **Red Hoodie (subject to weather conditions)**
- e. **Eagles branded bag**

To maintain high standards of club appearance, the Junior Championship Committee requires that all players go through their on-court warm up in official uniform or with warm-up top over their singlet. **No player is permitted to take the court to warm-up in odd T-shirts, tracksuits, Classic or other tournament hoodies, etc.**

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Other player items such as socks, training singlets and carry bags are available from the DV Shop.

Supporter items such as the hoodies (winter) are also available. We encourage all parents and supporters to purchase an item to wear to games to indicate that they are associated with and support the Diamond Valley Eagles.

### **MERCHANDISE SHOP**

The Eagles Store – located adjacent to Court 1 - will generally be open as follows:

- **Monday - 6pm to 9pm**
- **Wednesday – 6.30pm to 9.30pm**
- **Thursday – 6.30pm to 9pm**
- **Friday – 6pm to 10pm (During season)**
- **Sunday – 4pm to 9pm**

If anyone would like to come in and try uniforms outside of these hours, they must first call the office on 9432 4720 and arrange a time to come in. Should the Eagles Store hours of opening change, these hours will be updated on the Diamond Valley website.

Ensure that you receive a receipt for all payments made.

### **Current Merchandise Price List (Subject to change)**

<b>Playing Singlet</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>Track Pants</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Playing Shorts</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>Eagles Socks</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Warm Up Top</b>	<b>\$55</b>	<b>Eagles Bags</b>	<b>\$40</b>
<b>Training Singlet (reversible)</b>	<b>\$40</b>	<b>Eagles Backpack</b>	<b>\$40</b>
<b>Eagles Hoody</b>	<b>\$65</b>		

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### **DEALING WITH CONCERNS AND OTHER ISSUES**

From time to time issues arise that may cause concern. It is important that these issues are raised and dealt with at the earliest possible opportunity, as they can often be explained or dealt with before they blow out of proportion.

**Parents or players should adhere to the following process if they have any concerns:**

- 1. Raise the matter with your coach.** However, be careful about timing - during a game is never appropriate, before the game is not ideal as the coach is preparing the team and directly after a tense game might not be the best. **It is advisable you arrange a suitable time to meet before or after training.**  
**Under no circumstances should a Parent confront a Coach after a game or on the night, we would suggest that you allow at least 24 hours before confronting the coach.**
- 2.** If still not resolved contact the Junior Championship Committee (JCC) in writing. The JCC meets regularly and a written response will be forwarded within 7 days of a meeting.
- 3.** Should there still be dissatisfaction; the issue can be raised with the Directors of the Diamond Valley Basketball Association.

**Team Managers are never a point of contact for raising any issues or concerns you may have.**

### **Useful websites:**

**Diamond Valley Basketball Association** - [www.dvbasketball.com.au](http://www.dvbasketball.com.au) - Latest news & updates

**VJBL** - [www.vjbl.com.au](http://www.vjbl.com.au) - Fixtures, venue locations, playing calendars, rules of operation, timing rules, score sheets and a host of information is available at this website.

**Basketball Victoria** - [www.basketballvictoria.com.au](http://www.basketballvictoria.com.au) - Codes of conducts and insurance details and other useful information can be found on this website.

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