



Parent Information for representative basketball

Eligibility for Storm teams

Our association by laws require players to play domestic basketball in the BPBA domestic competition to be eligible for Storm teams unless they qualify for an exemption. Below are the by laws that explain the requirements. New players to the association would be expected to join the competition during the summer season and continue to play from there on if selected to a Storm team.

18.2 Players

Players **must** be a registered and playing member of the BPBA Domestic competition to be eligible to be selected as a player in a Storm team.

18.2.1 To be classified as a “playing member”, a player must participate in enough games to be eligible for finals in their domestic division.

18.2.2 BPBA will regularly monitor participation of all Storm players in the domestic competition.

18.2.3 It is expected that players meet the following:

Domestic Round #	Must have played in domestic competition:
5	3 games
10	5 games
15	8 games
18	9 games

18.2.4 A player failing to meet the requirement of domestic games may be suspended from the Storm program until they resume regular participation in the domestic competition.

18.2.5 Exemption shall be sought in writing to the DHPM. Exemptions are not automatically granted, and players should continue to participate in the BPBA domestic competition until notification of their request being either granted or denied. Exemptions will be granted for any player participating in State Development Programs U16 and above (SDP), State teams (Vic Country U16/U18 team competing at Nationals) or members of the main 12 player roster of our Storm BigV senior or BigV youth league teams. BigV training/development players may apply for exemption but will only be granted if they are participating in senior BigV games and training at the same frequency as a rostered player. E.g. They are playing minutes in games every weekend like a rostered player and competing in all practice sessions like a rostered player.

18.2.6 Players who are part of a Storm senior team or training squad are eligible to apply for a domestic competition exemption. This is to assist in the management of workload and basketball commitments to allow players best possible development opportunities.

Commitment (club value)

In line with our club values Storm players are expected to play in all games and attend all training sessions unless injured, ill or significant issue arises. It is expected that if an athlete can't attend training or play in a game that the coach is given as much notice as possible in case they require top up players or need to alter their training plans e.g. player ruled out of Friday game through injury on Monday inform the coach on Monday.

The ability of the athletes and teams themselves to develop can be significantly impacted by absences so these need to be minimised as much as possible.

Selection/TryOuts

Each year Storm runs a tryout process for athletes to be selected into our rep teams. This process usually involves 2 sessions where the athletes will undertake drills and scrimmage components to determine their suitability to rep basketball and which team they are suited to at that point in time. Selections are made by club appointed selection panels chaired by the High Performance Manager. Parent/Family member coaches are never appointed to or involved in selection panels for any age group where they have a child or family member trying out. They may assist running the drills on the court where required to help the session run but will be excluded from the selection process.

How many teams are selected?

Typically in each age group we aim to select 2-3 teams (occasionally 4 in lower age groups) of 9-10 players in each team.

Game Days

Games are played on a Friday night right across Melbourne and some country associations (Geelong/Ballarat/Bacchus Marsh/Bendigo) with games being a home and away basis. Typically for under 12's the divisions outside of the top division are more geographically regionalised after teams complete a grading process.

All players are expected to arrive 30 minutes prior to any scheduled game time (This may vary for some teams. Your coach will clarify their expectations with your team)

Training Day

Basketball is more than just one game on a Friday night; training is an integral part of developing the player and team. **Training is compulsory.** Storm teams train on a Sunday, at various times, depending on your age group.

Training times will be allocated by the Development & High Performance Manager.

Your team **may** also have a second training session during the week (this will incur additional expense to cover court hire fees). The coach will decide whether the team has a mid-week session. Typically only first teams train twice per week.

How long is the season?

In a normal year tryouts would take place in late September/early October with training starting early in term 4. Grading games are played from mid November through to a week before Christmas. A Second grading phase is played in February with the regular season normally commencing in March. The regular season concludes in August with finals played in late August/September. All school holidays are a break from the VJBL season. **Please be aware for U12 & U14 1st teams that the Country Championships tournament is usually held in the term 1 school holidays. This is a mandatory tournament for our first teams.**

What are the costs?

Player registration - \$600. This fee covers administration, team entry fees and Sunday training expenses and is payable prior to the first grading game in mid November.

Uniforms - Our Nike uniforms are fitted prior to the first tryout session for all age groups. New players to our program and any players requiring new uniform items or sizes need to fit them out at this time. The club will then order items fitted for all players who are selected to a team and confirm their spot in a team in the week after tryouts.

*After tryouts individual uniform items and club branded merchandise will be available to be purchased throughout the season through the online shop with the exception of replacement playing singlets. These items will be shipped directly to your address.

Game fees - \$125 per team (set by VJBL and subject to change). A team fee is payable at each game to cover the cost of referees etc. Team managers will collect an even split of the game night costs from each player in the team. The manager may set up the league specific payment app or pay by card at each game.

Tournaments

All Storm teams also play tournaments. These tournaments are played over weekends and have entry fees that are split between the members of the team. Typically a tournament will cost between \$35 and \$60 per player depending on the tournament's team entry fee cost. Accommodation is up to the individual team and its families to arrange if needed. Typically most teams will play 2-3 tournaments in the rep year.

Scoring

Parents are expected to take a turn to score, as scorers are not provided by the VJBL. The team manager will draw up a scoring roster. Two scorers should be rostered on to score each game with the opponents to also provide a scorer.

Court Time

The amount of court time given to players varies according to the team needs, individual performances, strategies and tactics employed by the Coach. Due to the nature of representative basketball, players cannot be guaranteed equal court time. We speak to our coaches about what is considered fair opportunity regarding court time. In first teams court time is not guaranteed.