

## REPRESENTATIVE BASKETBALL 2019/20 SEASON

### What is Representative Basketball?

Representative Basketball gives you the opportunity to improve your basketball and compete against other metropolitan and regional Associations. All teams are graded according to their ability up to 'Victorian Championship' which is the highest standard of basketball you can achieve in Victoria at a junior level.

Ivanhoe Darebin Basketball Association has girls' and boys' teams representing the association in the Melbourne United Victorian Junior Basketball League (MUVJBL). We have a strong development program headed by Coaching Director Michael Follacchio, and we are looking for eager, talented players of all ages to try out for our teams.

### Guiding Principles

- To provide an opportunity to play at the highest level.
- Everyone to achieve their personal best.
- A year-long commitment to play against other committed teams in the basketball community.
- Fair and reasonable court time commensurate with commitment and ability (but not necessarily equal court time).
- Squad approach to training.
- Honesty and respect between players, coaches and parents.

### When and where are games?

Games are played on Friday evenings, with commencement times between 6.40pm and 9.40pm. Younger age groups (U12 and U14) usually play at the earlier game times.

Ivanhoe Darebin Knights home games are played, usually every second week, at Darebin Community Sports Stadium (Reservoir High School). Away game locations depend on home locations of opposing teams.

### What is involved in Rep training?

Players are expected to train with their Rep squad twice per week. Training is usually held on Sundays, as well as one week day evening, typically, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Most training sessions are held at our home courts at Darebin Community Sports Stadium, however other venues such as Charles La Trobe Secondary College may be used.

Most training sessions go for 90 minutes, although some may be 60 minutes.

Whilst our domestic training schedule makes every effort to avoid clashes with Rep training, sometimes this can not be avoided. In the event that Rep training clashes with Domestic team training, then we expect the player to negotiate an arrangement suitable to both coaches. We can assist in this process if required.

### How long is the season?

Representative basketball requires year-round commitment. The season begins in October with selection trials and practice matches. Grading matches are conducted from November to March, and the season of 18 rounds runs from March to August.

Finals are in August/September.

### What are the age groups?

Teams comprise players who are under the age of 12, 14, 16, 18 and 21 on 31st December of the year in which the season finishes. This means that you generally play for two seasons in each age group.

### What level of commitment is required?

All players are expected to:

- Attend nominated training and skills sessions.
- Attend all games even when injured (although not when ill).
- Understand that accepting a place in a team is a season-long commitment to that team.
- Report all injuries to the coach before playing or training.
- Meet financial commitments in full.
- Speak directly with the Team Manager if unable to meet any of the above commitments.
- Give notice and negotiate the impact of school sporting or other activities on their basketball commitment, e.g.: dates of anticipated conflicting school commitments or family holidays that will be taken during the season.

Representative players are strongly encouraged to also play for Saturday Domestic teams in the EDJBA Basketball Association, and/or to coach or referee if old enough.

## What are the selection guidelines?

- Attendance at all three selection trial sessions
- Basketball skills
- Commitment to training and games.
- Balance of player numbers / skills / attributes in teams
- Ability commensurate with receiving reasonable court time.
- Commitment to the Saturday Domestic program.

Full details of selection criteria are in the [Rep Program Handbook](#) which can be downloaded from the association website at <https://idba.org.au/member-information/>

## What does it cost?

### Registration fee

This covers training, coaching expenses, team registration with MUVJBL, insurance, trophy costs and administration. The registration fee for the 2018/19 Rep season was \$700, or \$640 if paying up-front in full. 2019/20 fees TBA.

### Game costs

This works differently from the Saturday games. For Rep, there is a weekly cost of entry into stadiums (players and spectators all pay) plus scoresheet fees. Most venues charge \$3 per person entry, and the scoresheet averages out at around \$8 to \$9 per player per game.

### Uniform

The uniform is different from the domestic (Saturday) uniform and it can be purchased from our supplier Fiddes Sport, Unit 15, 24 Brand Drive, Thomastown. Players are required to purchase the playing shorts, singlet, and a hoodie.

It is anticipated that a uniform package will be available, comprising a singlet and shorts, training uniform and bag.

### Tournaments

Players are expected to be available for a tournament on the Australia Day weekend in January, unless they have a notified long-standing prior commitment. Tournament starts at 5pm on the Friday, continues throughout the weekend with the finals normally on Australia Day.

Representative teams may also play in 1-2 other tournaments during the season, on a weekend, long weekend or school holidays during the season. Possible tournaments will be discussed by coaches and team managers early in the season.

All tournament costs (team entry/stadium entry/transport/accommodation etc) are the responsibility of players and their families.

## Codes of Conduct

Players and parents must agree to be bound by the Ivanhoe Darebin Basketball Association and Basketball Victoria, Player and Parent Codes of Conduct. You sign and return these to your Team Manager prior to start of season. Ivanhoe Darebin Basketball Association requires that all club members and officials have read our Rep Handbook and comply with our codes of conduct.

## Other parent commitments

One parent on each team is required to be the Team Manager, and all parents are expected to volunteer to score for games. Many teams have a roster for this.

## Want to play Rep with the Ivanhoe Darebin Knights?

Visit our website: [idba.org.au/Jnr Rep](http://idba.org.au/Jnr Rep), where you will find Member Information (handbook, codes of conduct), and

[Rep Tryout Dates \(October 2019\)](#) which can be found at <https://idba.org.au/Jnr Rep/Registration & Tryouts>

You will need to:

1. Register your intention to try out at <https://www.trybooking.com/BEAGHc>
2. Attend all tryouts for your age group—if you are unable to attend all the sessions, please send an email to [rep@idba.org.au](mailto:rep@idba.org.au)
3. Bring a permission to train form to the first try out—if you are currently registered with another MUVJBL association (playing rep for another club). Complete the [Permission to Train form \(PDF\)](#) which can be found at <http://vjbl.com.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2016/04/Permission-to-Train.pdf>
4. On the day of the tryouts, you should arrive 20 minutes early and bring a basketball, water bottle, and either a reversible singlet or dark and light singlets.

All tryouts will be at Darebin Community Sports Stadium, 857 Plenty Rd, Reservoir.

Attendance at trials does not mean that you will definitely be offered a place in a Representative team. The number of teams is limited by availability of training venues and coaches and by the selection guidelines.

## Questions and Further Information?

If you have any questions or need further information, please send an email to [rep@idba.org.au](mailto:rep@idba.org.au) or visit our website at [idba.org.au/Jnr Rep](http://idba.org.au/Jnr Rep)