

Sabres Important Information

Non-Attendance:

- Non-attendance at any trial without a written reason to our DoCs will result in your name being removed from our tryout lists.
- Please note that players are entering into a tryout process. Attendance at all 3 tryout sessions is expected.

Player Absences:

- If your child is unable to attend a session, you must notify our DoCs via email prior to the session.
- Skye Hawkins: skye@southernbasketball.com.au
- Evan Vallance: evan@southernbasketball.com.au

Publishing Tryout Lists/Squad Selections:

- Players will need to check the SBA website the day after their tryout to see if they have been selected to attend the next one.
- We will usually release tryout results on the SBA website in the afternoon once school is finished.
- Sabres Preliminary teams can and will be changed subject to player fit/ability throughout the pre-season practice matches and up until the end of VJBL Grading Phase #1.
- We anticipate being in a position to announce Preliminary Sabres Squads on the SBA website by Monday 12th of October.
- Sabres training will begin Tuesday 14th of October.

Participation in SBA Domestic Competitions:

As per SBA bylaws (12 and 13), players playing in Sabres VJBL teams need to play in SBA domestic competitions - either A Grade or B Grade in their current age group. If players from other representative clubs are successful in obtaining selection in a Sabres team they must be aware of and fulfil SBA domestic requirements by the beginning of the following domestic season (January/February 2027).



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Proof of Birth:

We require all players that are NEW to the tryout process to bring proof of their date of birth (passport/birth certificate extract) when they attend their first trial.

DOBs will be cross-checked against PLAYHQ registration details.

If players do not bring proof of their birthdate to the first trial, unfortunately they will not be permitted to participate.

Under 12 Boys - Monday 14th September

Under 12 Girls - Tuesday 15th September

Under 14 Boys - Wednesday 16th September

Under 14 Girls - Sunday 4th of October

Under 16 Boys - Thursday 17th September

Under 16 Girls - Sunday 4th of October

Under 18 Boys - Friday 2nd of October

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If your child played Sabres in 2026, you do not need to bring proof of birth.

ALL Permission to Train players need to present proof of their birthdate at the trials commencing Friday October 2nd/Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th of October.

Southern Peninsula Tournament:

The Southern Peninsula Tournament is played across the weekend of Friday 6th, Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th of November. Sabres will be entering all teams as preparation for VJBL Grading Phase #1.

VJBL Grading Phase 1:

Grading begins on Friday 20th of November, with final cross-over games completed on Friday 11th of December.

Melbourne Cup Weekend:

There is no basketball across this weekend, the program shuts down from Friday 31 October through Tuesday 4 of November inclusive.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Sabres Selection Policy - Administrative Criteria:

1. AMS Player evaluation from previous seasons;
2. MVP ranking from the previous season;
3. Additional information from previous season coach if requested by the Sabres Head Coaches;

Sabres Selection Policy – On Court Criteria:

1. Decision making;
2. Level of skill in dribbling, passing, shooting, finishing and defensive ability;
3. Knowledge of Sabres Style of Play;
4. Athletic Potential;
5. Team balance of guards, wings and bigs;
6. Discipline and engagement in practices;
7. Knowledge of game plays;
8. Coachability;

Parent Involvement:

Parents are not permitted inside the venue while tryouts are being held. All Sabres try out coaches are First Aid trained.

Feedback:

Due to the volume of participants we are not in a position to provide individualised feedback to players who ask for it.

Please refrain from approaching the coaches involved in tryouts to find out how your son or daughter went during a tryout session. Coaches are also asked not to disclose information about the tryouts to parents.

Games are played on Friday Night all across Melbourne including Geelong and other regional centres like Traralgon, Bendigo, Ballarat and Geelong.

Training for U12s, U14s and U16s are conducted on Sunday mornings and mid-week

Both training sessions for Under 18s are conducted midweek

