



SABRES



2026/27 PARENT INFORMATION

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Welcome

WELCOME TO THE SABRES PROGRAM!

Congratulations on your child's selection in making a team for the 2026/27 season. We have set out below some key points that will help you understand what is involved in your child playing representative basketball for the Sandringham Sabres.

Our representative program is for athletes who want to develop their skills, play at a high level and progress to senior basketball. Our program allows athletes to be coached by some of our most experienced coaches and play at a high level.

GRADING

Grading phases 1 and 2 run from November 2026 until March 2027. This is where our teams play games to determine which division they play in for the season.

REGULAR SEASON (AND FINALS)

Takes place over 18 home and away games, plus finals.

There are three levels of competition:

- **VC** (Victorian Championship) - The highest level in Victoria where the best 20 teams play the championship season
- **VJL** (1 - 10) Division 1 - 10 under VC
- **RL** - Regional League

PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

- Attend all training sessions
- Attend team tournaments throughout the year
- Arrive to training 10 minutes early
- Be at all games 20-30 minutes early
- Communicate with coaches and team managers if you can't make trainings or games
- Show good sportsmanship on the court at all times
- Be respectful to all team mates, coaches and volunteers
- Adapt to different coaches styles and methods
- Represent the club in the correct manner before, during and after games
- If a player receives a suspension from BV for being reported or a number of tech fouls, the SBA will impose the same penalty effectively doubling the suspension handed down

FEES

For the 2026/27 VJBL season, Sabres fees will be \$710 (\$650 + \$15 x 4 x pre-season practice matches). Players will not be charged if their team does not play a practice match.

A discount is also available to families with more than one child in the program (see table below).

Sabres VJBL Coaches child's fees can be offset against their coach payment for 2026.

Team Managers will receive a 25% discount, only for the one child of the team that they are managing.

REGISTRATION FEES	ANNUAL FEE	PAID IN FULL (EARLY BIRD)	PAID IN INSTALMENTS (1ST INSTALMENT) INC \$5 ADMIN FEE	PAID IN INSTALMENTS (2ND INSTALMENT) INC \$5 ADMIN FEE
		DUE 30/11/2026	DUE 30/11/2026	DUE 12/02/2027
1ST CHILD	\$710	\$685	\$360	\$360
2ND CHILD	\$680	\$655	\$345	\$345
3RD CHILD	\$650	\$625	\$330	\$330

Payment can be made during office hours in person at 150 Tulip Street, Cheltenham or via the phone on 9583 4481.

Junior registration fees incorporate:

- Coaches payments
- Court hire
- VJBL registration
- Player insurance
- Administration costs

Players will not be permitted to continue playing if full payment or first instalment has not been met by Monday 30th November – unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the SBA.

Payment Options

Please pay direct in SBA Bank Account or call the Stadium and pay over the phone or in person.

Westpac BC
BSB 033-094
ACC 127686
Ref: Surname and team

Door Entry & Team Sheet Fees

All venue entry and team sheet fees will be collected in a lump sum payment. This is to be paid by Credit /Debit Card or cash at the door by the Team Manager or by Team Pay each Friday night. There is no individual door entry fee for players or spectators. Your Team Manager will be in touch regarding a payment system for your team to cover these costs. Weekly payment is still required if a player is missing from a game due to injury/illness/school etc.

60 Minute Time Schedule - \$125 per team

80 Minute Time Schedule - \$160 per team

Grading Phase 1	
All pools – 60 minute schedule	\$125

Grading Phase 2	
Under 12 XX, AA (4 x 7 minute quarters – no shot clock)	\$160
Under 14-18 XX, AA + 20's Pool 1 (4 x 8 minute quarters Shot Clock)	\$160
All other pools 60 minute schedule	\$125

Championship Season	
Victorian Championship (VC) Under 12 (4 x 7 minute quarters – no shot clock)	\$160
Victorian Championship (VC) Under 14, 16 & 18 (4 x 8 minute quarters – shot clock)	\$160
Victorian Junior League (VJL) and Regional Development League (RDL) all grades 60 minute schedule	\$125

Sabres Uniforms

Southern Basketball Association is proud to continue its partnership with 6th Man Basketball, home of Nike Basketball Teamwear, to supply uniforms and apparel for the Sabres program.

All Junior Sabres Representative players are required to have the following compulsory uniform items:

- Playing singlets: Orange and navy
- Playing shorts: Orange and navy
- Reversible training singlet: Must be worn at all training sessions
- Warm-up top
- Hoodie

A range of additional Sabres merchandise is also available to purchase, including duffel bags, backpacks, Nike Elite socks, accessories and other merchandise for families and supporters.

For orders or enquiries about uniform stock throughout the season, please contact kristelle@sabres.com.au or call our front office during office hours on (03) 9583 4481.

For further information, please contact: kristelle@sabres.com.au or tash@sabres.com.au

Tournaments

Sabres teams will have the opportunity to participate in the following tournaments – subject to Coach and Head Coach of Boys and Girls:

Southern Peninsula Tournament
6th, 7th and 8th November 2026

Eltham Dandenong Tournament
22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th January 2027

SEJBT Tournament
6th, 7th and 8th March 2027

National Junior Classic – by invitation only – the top VC teams in Victoria have the opportunity to compete against teams from around Australia.

Team Managers and Coaches will be notified well in advance about these tournaments regarding cut off dates for team entries.

Coaching and Administration staff for each team:

1. Head Coach
2. Assistant Coach
3. Team Manager

Scoring

All children's parent groups will be rostered on to score throughout the season.

Sabres Sponsorship

Bleed Orange this 2026/27 Season!

Your Sandringham Sabres are loading for the upcoming NBL1/VBL & VJBL 2027 seasons and we need your support!

The SBA are eager to strengthen our community ties through partnerships with local businesses like yours. We believe that with your support, we can enhance our programs and provide even more opportunities for our players and fans.

Join the Sabres family now: Contact tash@sabres.com.au

Communication

All communications must be through Stack Team App

Coaches must not under any circumstances:

- follow any SBA player on the player's social media accounts or other social media platforms
- communicate with any player through the player's social media accounts or other social media platforms

Coaches agree that any electronic interaction with players can only be made through parents or guardians.

Please do not discuss with a coach details pertaining to your child on a Friday night after the game. Allow them a 24 hour grace period before any discussions are initiated. Parents can meet with a coach and Team Manager prior to or after training during the week to discuss any concerns they may have.

The overall responsibility for the entire program:

Head of Programs Director of Coaching:

Simon Giovannoni: simon@southernbasketball.com.au

Directors of Coaching:

Sabres Boys: Evan Vallance evan@southernbasketball.com.au

Sabres Girls: Skye Hawkins skye@sabres.com.au

In junior sport, there are always times when parents, players and coaches have something they feel the need to discuss. The first contact point for all parents and players is the Team Manager to escalate to the head coach. If the matter is unable to be resolved, and providing that complaint is documented in writing and forwarded to Simon Giovannoni with Evan Vallance (Boys) or Skye Hawkins (Girls), the matter will be reviewed.

For general matters please contact:

Sophie Smirniotis: admin@sabres.com.au

Kristelle Nowak: kristelle@sabres.com.au

COURT **TIME**

We want our players to play and develop. We also want them to have fun playing basketball. Court time is not even. Our first and second teams are built to compete at the highest level possible and court time needs to be earned. A guideline for at least one quarter per game is encouraged but not mandated. We encourage our coaches to experiment with lineups during tournament games, and make sure our players are getting opportunities.

Training timetables will be published on the SBA website so please continue to check the website for updated details at www.southernbasketball.com.au

TRAINING

TRAVEL

The VJBL representative program can involve a great deal of travel on a Friday night which may include driving to Morwell, Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo and even Koo Wee Rup. Where your child's team plays is determined by what other teams end up in the same pool following the grading phase.

The representative program provided by the VJBL is extensive and demanding.

If for any reason you need any further clarification, or you foresee financial difficulties or time constraints please contact admin@sabres.com.au via email.

We have a waiting list in all age groups in case any players chosen may not be able to continue down this path.

Resources

01 TEAM APP

All Sabres Rep teams will be required to use Team App to communicate this season – available for free at the App Store. For more information or an introduction to how the App works, go to:

<https://www.teamapp.com>

02 BASKETBALL VICTORIA

All fixtures and additional information can be found on the VJBL website once the grading phase commences.

www.vjbl.com.au.

03 COMPETITION RESOURCES

<https://www.basketballvictoria.com.au/resources/competition-resources/vjbl>



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2026 - 2027 CALENDAR

DATE	VC (12-18)	VC (18 CHAMP)	VJL & RL (12-18)
Friday, 20 November 2026	Grading Phase 1 - Round 1		
Friday, 27 November 2026	Grading Phase 1 - Round 2		
Friday, 4 December 2026	Grading Phase 1 - Round 3		
Friday, 11 December 2026	X-Over Round		
Friday, 18 December 2026	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		
Friday, 25 December 2026			
Friday, 1 January 2027			
Friday, 8 January 2027			
Friday, 15 January 2027			
Friday, 22 January 2027			
Friday, 29 January 2027	Grading Phase 2 - Round 1		
Friday, 5 February 2027	Grading Phase 2 - Round 2		
Friday, 12 February 2027	Grading Phase 2 - Round 3		
Friday, 19 February 2027	X-Over Round One		
Friday, 26 February 2027	BYE (All VC)		X-Over 2
Friday, 5 March 2027	Round 1	Round 1	Round 1
Friday, 12 March 2027	Round 2	Round 2	Round 2
Friday, 19 March 2027	Round 3	Round 3	Round 3
Friday, 26 March 2027	GOOD FRIDAY		
Friday, 2 April 2027	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		
Friday, 9 April 2027			
Friday, 16 April 2027	Round 4	Round 4	Round 4
Friday, 23 April 2027	Round 5	Round 5	Round 5
Friday, 30 April 2027	Round 6	Round 6	Round 6
Friday, 7 May 2027	Round 7	Round 7	Round 7
Friday, 14 May 2027	Round 8	Round 8	Round 8
Friday, 21 May 2027	Round 9	Round 9	Round 9
Friday, 28 May 2027	Round 10	Round 10	Round 10
Friday, 4 June 2027	Round 11	Round 11	Round 11
Friday, 11 June 2027	KINGS BIRTHDAY - NJC WEEKEND		
Friday, 18 June 2027	Round 12	Round 12	Round 12
Friday, 25 June 2027	BYE	Round 13	Round 13
Friday, 2 July 2027	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		
Friday, 9 July 2027			
Friday, 16 July 2027	Round 13	Round 14	Round 14
Friday, 23 July 2027	Round 14	Round 15	Round 15
Friday, 30 July 2027	Round 15	Round 16	Round 16
Friday, 6 August 2027	Round 16	Round 17	Round 17
Friday, 13 August 2027	Round 17	Round 18	Round 18
Friday, 20 August 2027	Round 18	FINALS	FINALS
Friday, 27 August 2027	FINALS	FINALS	FINALS
Friday, 3 September 2027	FINALS	FINALS	FINALS
Friday, 10 September 2027	FINALS		GRAND FINAL
Saturday, 11 September 2027		GRAND FINAL	
Friday, 17 September 2027	GRAND FINAL		
Friday, 24 September 2027	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		
Friday, 1 October 2027			



SBA PROGRAM PATHWAY

