



# 2025 PARENT INFORMATION

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# Welcome

## Welcome to the Sabres program!

Congratulations on your child's selection in making a team for the 2025 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 Southern Basketball Association (SBA).

Our representative program is for athletes who want to develop their skills and knowledge of the game. Our program allows athletes to be coached by some of our most experienced coaches in the program.

### GRADING

The grading phase commences in November and run til March. This is where the team play's game 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 two 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

### PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

- Attend all training sessions
- Attend team tournament throughout the year
- Arrive to training 10 minutes early
- Be at all games 30 minutes early
- Communicate with coaches and team managers if you can't make training 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 suspension from BV for being reported or number of tech fouls, the SBA will impose the same penalty effectively doubling the suspension handed down

# Fees

For the 2024/2025 season the fees are \$650 + \$45 for practice games.

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

Registration Fees	Annual Fee	Paid in Full (EARLY BIRD)	Paid in 2 parts (1st part)	Paid in 2 parts (2nd part)
1st Child	\$695	\$670	\$347.50	\$347.50
2nd Child	\$665	\$635	\$332.50	\$332.50
3rd Child	\$620	\$595	\$310.00	\$310.00

**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 installment has not been met by Monday 2nd December – 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.

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 at the door by the Team Manager (no cash) 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/personnel etc

**60 Minute Time Schedule - \$125 per team**

**80 Minute Time Schedule - \$160 per team**

<b>Grading Phase 1</b>	
<b>All pools - 60 minute schedule</b>	\$125

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

Further information regarding door entry and team sheet payment methods for CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON will be advised closer to that time.

<b>Championship Season</b>	
<b>Victorian Championship (VC) Under 12 (4 x 7 minute quarters - no shot clock)</b>	\$160
<b>Victorian Championship (VC) Under 14, 16 &amp; 18 (4 x 8 minute quarters - shot clock)</b>	\$160
<b>Victorian Junior League (VJL) all grades 60 minute schedule</b>	\$125

# Sabres Uniforms

As you would be aware the SBA recently signed a 2-year partnership agreement with the world's leading athletic brand 6th Man Basketball; home of Nike Basketball Teamwear, to produce our uniforms and related kit. The NBL1 and BIG V Youth League teams have been wearing the new 6th Man Basketball Nike uniform this season and we have had fantastic feedback from players and fans.

6th Man Basketball are locally made here in Melbourne, which have provided Sabres with quick turn-around times and superior customer service.

We are now rolling out the uniforms to the Junior Sabres Representative program over a 2-year period. We will start with compulsory playing kit uniform:

- Orange & Navy playing singlet (as the 6th Man Playing Singlets are not reversible)
- Training reversible singlet
- Orange and Navy shorts

The playing kit will incorporate the NEW mandatory VJBL logo. Additional Sabres uniform items will also be available for order, but over a 2 year timeline as we are conscious of the cost to families. We have worked extensively with 6th Man Basketball to reduce the cost of the new uniforms, the SBA will also be providing a 25% discount for the Sabres playing kit for the 2025 season only.

\*discount will be automatically applied at checkout

**Uniform fittings will take place Monday 21st October 5pm - 8pm and Wednesday 23rd October 5pm - 8pm at the SBA, ALL players are required to try-on uniforms to ensure right measurements. Orders need to be placed by Thursday 7th November!**

**For further information please contact: [emma@southernbasketball.com.au](mailto:emma@southernbasketball.com.au)**

# Sabres Sponsorship

Bleed Orange this 2025 Season!

Your Sandringham Sabres are loading for the upcoming NBL1/BIG V & VJBL 2025 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: [Click Here](#)**

# 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**  
**8th, 9th and 10th November 2024**

**Etham Dandenong Tournament**  
**24th, 25th, 26th and 27th January 2025**

**SEJBT Tournament**  
**8th, 9th and 10th March 2025**

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.



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# Communication

Coaches must not under any circumstances:

- follow any SBA player on the player's social media accounts or other social media platforms and
- communication 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 TEAMAPP or by phone.

The first contact point for all parents is the Team Manager, please do not discuss with a coach details pertaining to your child on a Friday night after the game. 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 programs are:**

**Head of Programs Director of Coaching: Simon Giovannoni**  
**[simon@southernbasketball.com.au](mailto:simon@southernbasketball.com.au)**

**Assistant Program Director of Coaching: Evan Vallance**  
**[evan@southernbasketball.com.au](mailto:evan@southernbasketball.com.au)**

**Assistant Coach of Men & Boys: James McQuellin**  
**[james@southernbasketball.com.au](mailto:james@southernbasketball.com.au)**

**Assistant Coach of Women & Girls: Mark Alabakov**  
**[marka@southernbasketball.com.au](mailto:marka@southernbasketball.com.au)**

In Junior sport across all codes there is always times when parents, players and coaches have a complaint they feel the need to discuss. Providing that complaint is documented in writing and forwarded to either Simon Giovannoni or Evan Vallance, the matter will be reviewed.

**For general matters please contact Sophie at [admin@sabres.com.au](mailto:admin@sabres.com.au)**

## **COURT** **TIME**

In the representative program our Coaches are expected to play each child on average the equivalent of one quarter of their game time (at least), per game. For example U12s play 7 minute quarters, so the minimum to be played by each player on average is 7 minutes. However, our instructions to our coaches are quite clear on what we expect throughout the season: Team First, Player Development and Win.

Training timetables will be published on the SBA website so please continue to check the website for updated details at [www.southernbasketball.com.au](http://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 Sophie 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](http://www.vjbl.com.au).



## 03 COMPETITION RESOURCES

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



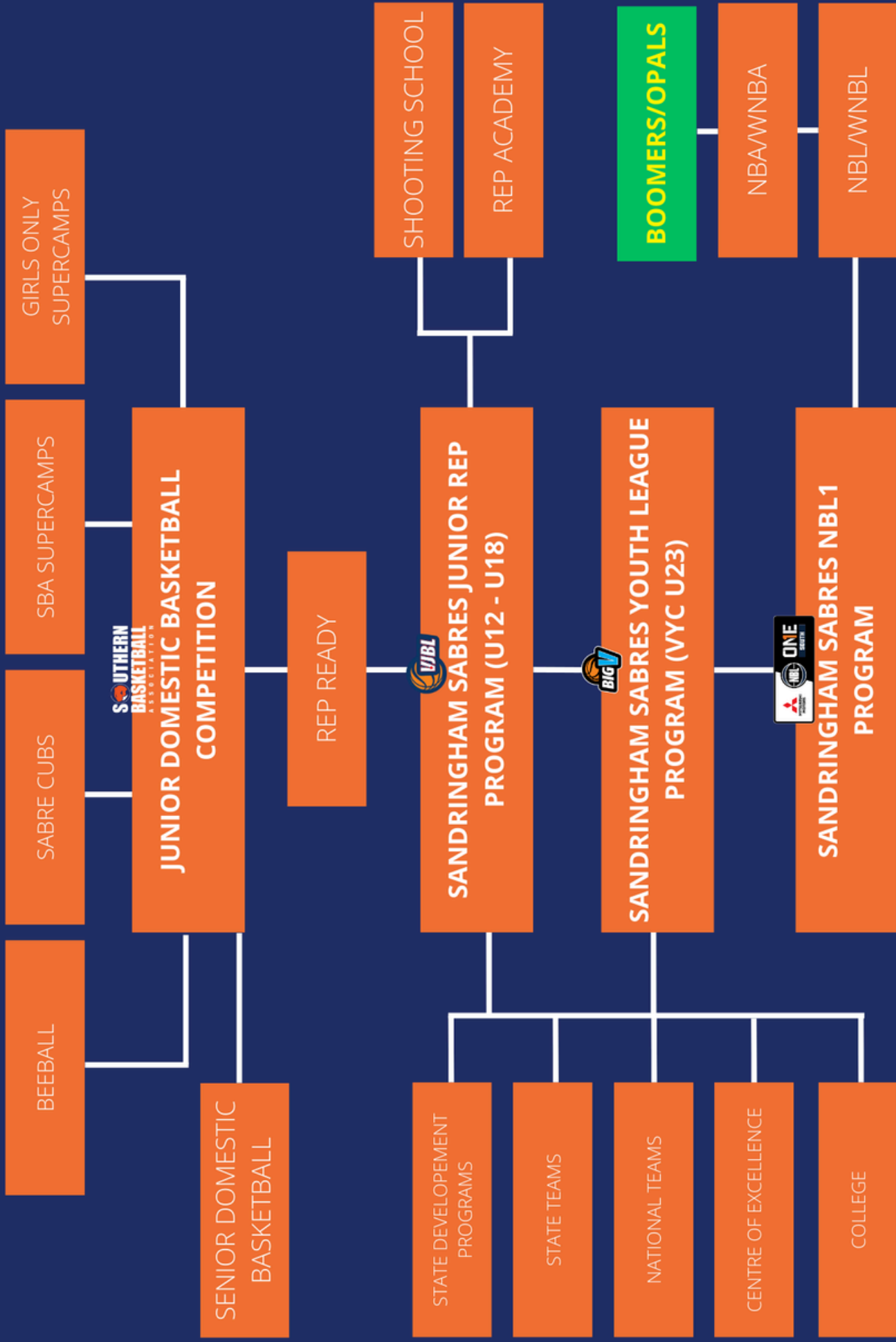
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# 2024 - 2025 CALENDAR

2024/2025 CALENDAR					
DATE	GRADING PHASE ONE				NOTES
Friday, 15 November 2024	Round One (except Under 20's)				
Friday, 22 November 2024	Round Two (except Under 20's)				
Friday, 29 November 2024	Round Three (except Under 20's)				
Friday, 6 December 2024	X-Over Round				
Friday, 13 December 2024	Make Up Game If Required				
Friday, 20 December 2024	<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>				
Friday, 27 December 2024					
Friday, 3 January 2025					
Friday, 10 January 2025					
Friday, 17 January 2025					
Friday, 24 January 2025	<b>GRADING PHASE TWO</b>				
Friday, 31 January 2025	Round One				
Friday, 7 February 2025	Round Two				
Friday, 14 February 2025	Round Three				
Friday, 21 February 2025	X-Over Round One				
	<b>VC (12-18)</b>	<b>VC (18 Champ)</b>	<b>ALL (20)</b>	<b>VJL (12-18)</b>	
Friday, 28 February 2025	<b>BYE</b>	<b>BYE</b>	X-Over 2	X-Over 2	
Friday, 7 March 2025	1	1	X-Over 3	1	
Friday, 14 March 2025	2	2	1	2	
Friday, 21 March 2025	3	3	2	3	
Friday, 28 March 2025	4	4	3	4	
Friday, 4 April 2025	5	5	4	5	
Friday, 11 April 2025	<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>				
Friday, 18 April 2025					
Friday, 25 April 2025	<b>No Games</b>	<b>No Games</b>	<b>No Games</b>	<b>No Games</b>	<b>Anzac Day</b>
Friday, 2 May 2025	6	6	5	6	
Friday, 9 May 2025	7	7	6	7	
Friday, 16 May 2025	8	8	7	8	
Friday, 23 May 2025	9	9	8	9	
Friday, 30 May 2025	10	10	9	10	
Friday, 6 June 2025	<b>No Games</b>	<b>No Games</b>	<b>No Games</b>	<b>No Games</b>	
Saturday 7th, Sunday 8th and Monday 9th June	<b>NJC - WEEKEND</b>				<b>KINGS BIRTHDAY</b>
Friday, 13 June 2025	11	11	10	11	
Friday, 20 June 2025	12	12	11	12	
Friday, 27 June 2025	13	13	12	13	
Friday, 4 July 2025	<b>BYE</b>	14	13	14	
Friday, 11 July 2025	<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>				
Friday, 18 July 2025					
Friday, 25 July 2025	14	15	14	15	
Friday, 1 August 2025	15	16	15	16	
Friday, 8 August 2025	16	17	16	17	
Friday, 15 August 2025	17	18	17	18	
Friday, 22 August 2025	18	<b>FINALS</b>	18	<b>FINALS</b>	
Friday, 29 August 2025	<b>FINALS</b>	<b>FINALS</b>	<b>FINALS</b>	<b>FINALS</b>	
Friday, 5 September 2025	<b>FINALS</b>	<b>FINALS</b>	<b>FINALS</b>	<b>FINALS</b>	
Friday, 12 September 2025	<b>FINALS</b>		<b>FINALS</b>	<b>GRAND FINAL</b>	
Saturday, 13 September 2025		<b>GRAND FINAL</b>			
Friday, 19 September 2025	<b>GRAND FINAL</b>		<b>GRAND FINAL</b>		
Friday, 26 September 2025	<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>				
Friday, 3 October 2025					



# SBA PROGRAM PATHWAY



# Sandringham Sabres

## THEME SONG

Oh we're from Sabreland

A fighting fury

We're from Sabreland

In any weather you will see us with a grin

Risking head and shin

If we're behind then never mind

We'll fight and fight and win

For we're from Sabreland

We never weaken til the final siren's gone

Like the Sabre of old

We're strong and we're bold

For we're from Sabre

(Orange and Blue)

We're from Sabreland.