

Thank you for registering Child's intentions to try out for the Gippsland United VJBL program for 2023/24.

This document outlines information on the below:

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### **Upfront and Weekly Fees for 23/24 VJBL Program**

On August 17, the previous (dissolved) Gippsland United Board moved a motion, that was unanimously approved, to raise the fees of the VJBL program for 2023 / 2024 which was to be set above \$550.

Since the change in governance, TABA have consulted with all appointed VJBL coaches and Director of Coaching with the fee structure for 2023/24 discussed. As a result of the collaborative discussion, it was agreed upon that the 2023/24 Athlete Registration fees would be **\$550** for all VJBL athletes regardless of 'One' or 'Two' team status.

The fee of \$550 will be payable to GU and supports the program. **The full fee is due prior to the first game of grading phase one.** Those with exceptional circumstances may apply for a payment plan and if approved the payment will be due in 2 instalments, one due before grading phase one and the second due at the completion of grading phase two.

Along with the Athlete Registration Fees there is a weekly team sheet fee in which payment is split evenly amongst competing athletes in the team.

This fee has been set by Basketball Victoria at \$160 for VC and \$125 for VJL and as mentioned this amount will be split evenly among all athletes in the team.

For training, all athletes are required to pay stadium entry fee of \$4.00 for juniors (18 and under). GRISS also offers the below:

10 Visit Junior TRAINING Pass - \$35.60 (\$3.56 per session)  
20 Visit TRAINING Pass - \$67.20 (\$3.36 per session)

### **Compulsory Athlete Merchandise**

If selected into one of the GU VJBL teams, there are items of merchandise that all players are required to purchase.

Gippsland United Compulsory Athlete Merchandise to be purchased via the "Club" Online Store ([available here](#)) is as follows: **playing shorts** (approx. \$32.00), **reversible training singlet** (approx. \$35.00) and **warm up top** long or short sleeve (approx. \$40.00).

*(If you already have these items from the preceding representative season there is no need to repurchase).*



## Gippsland United VJBL Team Athlete Eligibility

One of the main aims of the programs is to ensure that ensure that Gippsland United continues to provide a pathway for Local athletes to participate at an elite level.

In order to maintain this, and remain true to the name of Gippsland United, we have introduced the below criteria (below excerpt taken from policy):

- An athlete will be deemed eligible to represent Gippsland United from Under 12 to 18 age group in both male and female based on their domicile. If they are domiciled in a municipality as gazetted the attached Map which covers Bass Coast, Baw Baw, East Gippsland, Latrobe, South Gippsland and Wellington then they are eligible for selection.
- Athletes with a domicile of Cardinia Shire MUST play junior representative basketball for Warragul & District Amateur Basketball Association.
- The athletes must play at representative level with a Country Basketball Association to gain selection in a Gippsland United VJBL.

Each Gippsland United team from Under 12 to 18 age group in both male and female teams may consider having one (only) athlete who is eligible for selection outside of the above-mentioned gazette municipalities criteria and this athlete is deemed an Import.

In the discussion held with the 2023/24 VJBL Coaches, all coaches were extremely happy above governance and supported the position of Gippsland United.

To view the full policy please see attached document

## Tryout Information

With Tryouts taking place from October 1, please see the below information regarding the new GU tryout process.

### Under 12s

As the under 12s are new to the GU talent pathway the coaches along with GU Director of Coaching have agreed to keep these tryouts open to parents. \*Please note, a limit of 1 parent or guardian per athlete will be allowed to attend and sit on benches provided.

### Under 14s – Under 18s

All Under 14-18 tryouts are closed to parents, to allow athletes to focus on the session without distraction.

All athletes trying out are asked to arrive to the venue 15-20 minutes prior to their tryout time.

All athletes are required to pay stadium entry fee of \$4.00 for juniors.

All athletes are to check in at the registration desk (in the foyer) where they will be assigned a tryout number and directed to a court.



Please ensure you bring the following to all tryouts:

- Basketball
  - U12 - Size 5 Basketball
  - U14, 16, and 18 Girls and U14 Boys – Size 6 Basketball.
  - U16 and U18 boys – Size 7 Basketball.
- Drink Bottle
- Reversible or light and dark top.

No association or Gippsland United representative gear to be worn.

Tryout Dates:

Tryouts begin on Sunday October 1, Friday October 6 and Friday October 13.

Time for Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> are as per the below:

U14 Boys & U12 Boys – 4:00PM – 5:30PM

U12 Girls, U14 Girls, U16 Boys and U16s Girls - 5:30PM – 7:00PM

U18 Boys & U18 Girls – 7:00PM – 8:30PM

Times for October 6 and 13 will be communicated shortly.

Should you have any questions regarding the tryout procedure or need further information, please contact Director of Coaching Andrew Potter on 0419 103 697 or via email on [doc@gippslandunited.com.au](mailto:doc@gippslandunited.com.au).

To demonstrate collaboration and local support which is a core objective of Gippsland United a number of local association Coaching Directors from across Gippsland will be present and supporting the GU VJBL Coaches and Director of Coaching in the try out process on these dates.

### **Athlete Requirements and Commitment to VJBL and Gippsland United**

With selection to the Gippsland United VJBL program, parents and players should recognise that participation is a major commitment of time, effort, and money, and that there is no guarantee of significant court time.

VJBL basketball is only for players (and their families) with a serious intention to achieve and to contribute to team performance even when this involves some sacrifices to the individual.

All athletes are to participate in all scheduled Gippsland United Representative training and VJBL games as a priority over any other chosen sport with the exception being Association tournament representation and Basketball Victoria state program pathway commitments.

VJBL games are played on Friday nights across the state and all players are required to travel to these games, irrespective of where they are fixtured. Players and Parents must make their own way to games as part of the commitment to the GU VJBL Pathway.

VJBL Training is generally held on Sundays at Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium Traralgon where attendance is required.



You are choosing to be a part of the Gippsland United VJBL pathway, and thus you are committing to not only becoming the best basketballer that you can be, but also committing to your fellow teammates and coaches.

Some teams may opt for additional sessions throughout the week and these sessions will be communicated directly through the respective coach or team manager.

All players and parents must agree to and abide by the Gippsland United and Basketball Victoria codes of conduct.

If a Gippsland United VJBL team is fortunate enough to qualify for National Junior Classic and a clash presents itself with a local association whom also has qualified via the Basketball Victoria Junior Country Championship pathway, consultation shall take place with both the local Association President, the Athletes and Parents and the GU Director of Coaching and a nominated TABA/Gippsland United Executive member to determine which team will represent at National Junior Classic in the best interest of all parties.

Note: Once Team Selections are finalised all athletes will be sent an acceptance form (online) with expectations and conditions that are to be met pertaining to the VJBL program.

### **INJURY/REPLACEMENT RULE**

According to VJBL Rules of Operation:

‘Any player who plays one (1) or more games with a team during Grading Phase One shall not be eligible to transfer or to play with any other team during Grading Phase One’. (VJBL Rule)

‘Any player, who plays one (1) or more games with a team during Grading Phase Two, shall not be eligible to change teams during Grading Phase Two or the Championship phase. Approval to transfer after the player has competed in Grading Phase Two will be granted only in exceptional circumstances by VJBL Administration’. (VJBL Rule)

In alignment with the above-mentioned ruling from VJBL, Gippsland United will undertake the following position regarding injury or player replacements.

All athletes should desire to be the best basketballer they can, and endeavour to play in the ‘ones’ team if the opportunity presents.

In the event of a season ending injury, or circumstances resulting in a player having to leave the program, consultation between the two coaches, the Director of Coaching and a TABA/Gippsland United Executive member will take place to work through a solution, that will not compromise either team, but will also allow an athlete to progress in the pathway should the opportunity to play at a higher standard arise.

Once this consultation has taken place, the application to the VJBL with all relevant information will occur.

