

2016-17

NUNAWADING SPECTRES



PLAYER AND PARENT INFORMATION PACK



Representing Nunawading Spectres.

Nunawading has a proud history, from very humble beginnings fifty years ago, to become one of the most successful junior basketball programs in Australia. Many of our players have gone on to play and coach at the highest level of basketball in Australia and overseas. These names include Shane Heal, Jason Smith, Brian Goorjian from the Boys Program and players such as Penny Taylor, Sam Richards, Carly Wilson and Opals Coach Carrie Graf from the Girls Program.

All players who accept a position to represent Nunawading Spectres must be aware of the high expectation that comes with playing for such a prestigious Club and commitment to excellence.

We seek to be the most successful Junior Basketball program in Australia

We currently have teams competing in the Under 12, 14, 16, and 18 Victorian Junior Basketball League on Friday nights.

The Spectres program offers players the opportunity to compete in State and National Championship competitions, as well as Local and Interstate Tournaments throughout the season.

Whilst representative basketball requires a large commitment by players and parents alike, it also offers many rewards. Many strong friendships have been forged during the years at Nunawading. We encourage you to become involved with your child and his or her team mates and parents, get to know the other members of the team, to laugh and to enjoy each other's company during the year ahead, to celebrate the wins and encourage the good that will come from any losses. But most of all, I encourage you to have fun!!

I wish you all an enjoyable and fulfilling year ahead.

Regards,

Michelle Gow
Chairperson - Nunawading Spectres Junior Committee



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1.1 Playing Representative Level Basketball

The Nunawading Junior Spectres Program provides an opportunity for players who wish to enhance their skills by competing in higher levels of basketball competition. This competition is called Championship or Representative Basketball. "Representative Basketball" is the competition run by the governing body of Basketball in Victoria – the VJBL.

1.2 Playing Times and Venues

Representative Basketball is played every Friday night with the exception of the middle week of school holidays and over the Christmas holiday period. Game times start from 6.30pm for the younger age groups (very occasionally VJBL may schedule 6.00 start time) through to a 9.40pm start for the older age groups. At present, the "Rep Ball" season is played for nearly twelve months, commencing mid-November and going thru to September the following year. There are 3 Phases of competition played throughout the year:

- a. Spring/Pre Grading Season (November)
- b. Grading Season (November – March)
- c. Championship Season (March – September)

When you accept a position in a team, you are agreeing to be available for all scheduled VJBL Grading/Regular Season/Finals games and compulsory Tournaments throughout the year. If you foresee that you will not be available for any games from now until after the Grand Final (22/9/2017) or for either of the two compulsory tournaments, please advise the Director of Coaching or Chairperson immediately as this may affect team selection.

Nunawading Spectres teams play their home games at Nunawading Basketball Centre and Sportlink (Vermont South).

In general though, qualified teams will play games on a "home and away" basis (which can include some country teams in the Under 14 and older Victorian Junior Championship League competitions). This generally means travel throughout the season to any of: Dandenong, Diamond Valley, Frankston, MSAC (Albert Park), Eltham, Coburg, Sandringham, Keilor, Knox, Broadmeadows, and Bulleen to name but a few. In the older age groups, there may be longer trips to play against country teams. All other Junior Spectres teams play at various venues across Melbourne, or in a more regional-based competition on a home and away basis.

1.3 Training

Compulsory team training sessions are conducted on Sunday mornings throughout the season and are for duration of 1.5 hours. Teams will also have a midweek training session, which are held between 5.00pm and 10.00pm for the duration of 1 hour. This session will be arranged through the coach as to what best fits the team. Midweek training/games with your domestic club/team should come first, and this must be discussed with your coach.

All players are expected to attend every Spectres Training Session and Games (This includes injured players)

If you are unable to attend a session you must phone your Coach or Team Manager prior to the session to explain the reason. If there is a last minute reason and you are unable to contact the appropriate person, a phone call later in the day is expected.

If the Coach of your team requires EXTRA training sessions outside of the allocated hours then it MUST be sought through the Venue Coordinator (Mark Hallett – 9802 6711). All extra trainings must be paid for in advance. Any costs incurred in holding extra training sessions are to be covered by the team. The Team Manager will be advised of this cost and is to collect the extra money from parents.



1.4 Tournaments

During the year, Nunawading Spectres teams are entered in various tournaments.

The program requires that each team must enter at least two compulsory tournaments.

January Tournament (Australia Day weekend)

Tournament: Eltham/Dandenong
Cost: Team entry fee is covered by the club
Player/spectator Entry fee required

June Tournament (Queen's Birthday weekend)

Tournament: Nunawading Spectres
(Unless team is invited to attend the 'National Junior Classic Tournament')
Cost: Team entry fee is covered by the club

Attendance at additional tournaments (local or perhaps interstate) will be encouraged, but it will be up to each individual coach and team to decide whether to attend any of these - in consultation with the Director of Coaching and the Girls'/Boys' coordinator. These tournaments are at an additional cost that the team pays.

The success of our own Nunawading tournament is dependent on the willingness of volunteers to be involved with the planning and running of the event. It is Mandatory that ALL parents will be rostered 'on duty' for approximately four hours during the tournament at one of the venues.

1.5 Events

Presentation Day - The 2016/17 Junior Spectres Presentation Day will be held on Sunday 27th August from 12pm (TBC).

At Presentation Day we present one player from each team with the Spirit of Spectres Award as chosen by their coach. The afternoon is also the Graduation for our Senior Under 18 Players with two of these players being chosen for the Keith Jenkins Medal as selected by our Director of Coaching. Prestigious coaches' awards will also be presented. Last year we had a great day with most of our players and their parents in attendance. We look forward to seeing you there.

Photo Day

The club will hold its Annual Photo Day early next year and all players must attend in full uniform. Team photos and a Whole Club Photo will be taken and available for purchase. Team Managers will provide details closer to the day.



1.6 Contacts

Primary Contact:

Administrator Melissa Chesterfield jspadmin@nunawadingbasketball.com.au

Other Contacts:

Chairperson	Michelle Gow	jspchair@nunawadingbasketball.com.au
Vice Chairperson/Pastoral Care	Alex Gaythorpe	jspvicechair@nunawadingbasketball.com.au
Director of Coaching	Tamie Harvey	tamie.harvey@telstra.com
Treasurer	Mark Hallett	mark@nunawadingbasketball.com.au
Boys Co-ordinator	Darren Maurice	jspboyscoord@nunawadingbasketball.com.au
Girls Co-ordinator	Sharna Smith	jspgirlscoord@nunawadingbasketball.com.au
Uniforms	Lorraine Baxter	jspuniforms@nunawadingbasketball.com.au

***Please note that any queries MUST come through our Club Administrator who will then forward to the appropriate person/s.**

Under no circumstances are any players, parents, coaches or team managers to contact VJBL directly.

1.7 Fees

It is important that all families realize that Representative Basketball is a privilege. It costs significant money to provide a high quality program and it is policy of the Spectres that ALL players pay their fees. Fees for the 2016-17 season are listed below.

2016/17 JUNIOR SPECTRES FEES

Please be advised that Junior Spectres Registration fees for 2016/17 season will be \$575 per child.

Fees must be paid on any of the below dates: If payment is not made in full on any of these 4 dates, a late fee of \$25 per player will apply.

Payment Day #1	Sunday 23 rd October	9am-12pm
Payment Day #2	Sunday 30 th October	9am-12pm
Payment Day #3	Sunday 6 th November	9am-12pm
Payment Day #4	Sunday 13 th November	9am-12pm

If fees are not paid by the end of Grading Phase 1, then the player will be suspended until fees have been paid in full.

Payment plans are not available



Registration Fees Include:

- Team Registration & Coach Fee
- Specialist Coaching & Development
- Core Advantage Strength & Conditioning
- 1Hr Midweek & 1.5Hr Sunday Training Court Hire
- Pre-Season/Try-Out Practice Match Team Sheet Fees
- Subsidising of Nunawading Tournament/National Junior Classic (Queens Bday weekend)
- Subsidising of Eltham/Dandenong Tournament (Australia Day Weekend)
- Annual Free Entry Card to All Spectres SEABL & Youth League Home Games

Registration Fees Do Not Include:

- Additional Training over allocated 2.5 hours/week
- Weekly Team Sheet Fees (approx. \$6 per game per player)
- Stadium Entry – Stadium entry fees needs only to be paid at one venue per night. Inter-venue passes are available for those who are required to travel to multiple venues. These are available at the ticket box of each association on game night.
- Uniform

NOTE: If a player accepts a position within the Nunawading Spectres Junior Program, they will be bound by the fees as listed and **no refund** will be given at any stage once Grading Phase 1 has commenced. This will cover all reasons including injury. This is due to acceptance of a position precluding a possible other player from playing

Fundraising

For the 2016-17 season, the Junior Spectres Program will be required to complete one fundraising project, this being our own JSP Tournament Raffle (As per our "National Policy", the G14.1 and B14.1 teams will be required to undertake other fundraising activities).



1.8 Uniforms

ALL SPECTRES PLAYERS MUST BE IN FULL UNIFORM AT ALL TIMES WHEN REPRESENTING THE PROGRAM. THIS INCLUDES PLAYING UNIFORM AND WARM UP TOP AT ALL GAMES. NO STREET WEAR IS TO BE WORN TO GAMES OR TRAINING.

If players are not in correct full uniform they cannot take to the court to train or play.

Uniform order Days for players will be held at Nunawading Basketball Centre in the conference room on:

Friday 14th October 5pm-8.30pm

Saturday 15th October 9am-2pm

Sunday 16th October 8am-12:00pm

These are the only three days in which to place your order. Goods must be fully paid for at the time of ordering. Any uniforms ordered after the above days will not be guaranteed ready for the commencement of the season.

All players will be required to purchase (at a minimum) the Compulsory Pack which includes Playing Singlet, Playing Shorts, Warm Up Top, Hoodie, Training Singlet, Training Shorts or Running Shorts. This uniform pack will be at a cost of \$240.

COMPLUSORY PLAYING UNIFORM	
*Spectres Playing Singlet: Blue	\$45.00
*Spectres Playing Shorts	\$45.00
*Spectres Warm Up Top – Long Sleeve	\$50.00
*Spectres Hoodie	\$50.00
COMPLUSORY TRAINING UNIFORM	
*Spectres Reversible Training Singlet	\$25.00
*Training Shorts OR Running Shorts	\$25.00
TOTAL:	\$240.00

*The uniform Coordinator will supply the alternate/clash singlet to wear at games when required during the season.



It is a requirement that all Spectres players own a foam roller. (Excluding Under 12's)

Foam Rollers will also be available for purchase on the above days starting from \$30 for the soft roller and \$40 for the firm roller.

Additional items can be purchased – Player Backpack \$60, Player Bag \$60 with embroidered name \$70, water bottle \$10, socks \$15 per pair (black, blue and white), hat \$25.

All uniform matters must be to be directed to our Club Uniform Coordinator: Lorraine Baxter – jspuniforms@nunawadingbasketball.com.au

1.9 MEBA - Participation Policy

It is Mandatory that all girls and boys who represent Nunawading Junior Spectres are registered and playing (with enough games played, to qualify for finals) for a domestic club within the MEBA competition (e.g. mid-week or Saturday competition) in both the summer **and** winter seasons.

All **new** players have until the winter domestic season to make arrangements to play.

Any request for variation of this policy must be applied for in writing and submitted. A written exemption request must be submitted to the Administrator of the Junior Spectres Committee for consideration, no later than October 31st 2016. A copy of this policy is also available by emailing the club Administrator or can be downloaded from the website.



1.10 General Information

Volunteering Information

Players and Parents will be required to provide assistance for two types of activities throughout the year:

1. Teams (parents) will be rostered on duty to help out with our June tournament. Tournament rostering will involve approximately 3-4 hours of duty over the June long weekend. Duties may include court sweeping, administration, court supervision and general overseeing of the venue. All families are required to participate.
2. Teams will also be rostered on duty to assist the smooth operation of game day for our senior (SEABL & Youth League) teams. This provides support for the senior teams and also gives the junior players contact with, and an insight into their future. SEABL/Youth League rostering will involve 3 hours 1-2 times a year. This will be either on a Saturday night or a Sunday afternoon. Duties may be court sweeping, administration duties; game setup and general post game tidy up. All players and all age groups are required to participate.

Team Conduct

If you have a query regarding the conduct of your TEAM, please refer to Boys'/Girls' Coordinator. If the query is of an administrative nature, the Team Manager will try to give or get you the answer. If the query is in reference to team selection, bench time, etc., your Team Manager will schedule a meeting with your TEAM COACH, but please do not ask for time immediately following a game on Friday night. If you are still not satisfied, speak to the Age Group Head Coach and if you are still unsatisfied with the response, then you must contact the Boys'/Girls' Coordinator who will schedule a meeting with the Director of Coaching. If you still have concerns you may write to the Chairperson/Committee.

Please refer to terms and conditions as outlined in the Tryout Guidelines and Basketball Victoria's Code of Conduct which was agreed to as part of the Try out Registration. A copy of these guidelines is also available by emailing the club administrator.

We encourage all parents to attend games and training sessions to share the enjoyment of the game and to gain a greater understanding of the drills.

NOTE: Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be accepted from players or from parents. Spectres will uphold the Basketball Victoria Codes of Conduct at all times. The MEBA board has ratified a 3 strike policy for breaches of the Basketball Victoria code of conduct. This policy is available on the Junior Spectres page of the Nunawading Basketball website or by emailing the JSP administrator. The Junior Spectres committee has a process in place to review and investigate any reported breaches. Please report any breaches directly to the JSP administrator or to the girls or boys coordinator. We suggest everybody familiarise themselves with the BV codes of conduct

Please read the Basketball Victoria **'Players' Code of Conduct'** and the **'Parents' Code of Conduct'**, this can be found at the following link: http://basketballvictoria.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/BV-ALL_Codes_of_Conduct.pdf



Helping with Scoring

All parents are expected to score at Friday night matches during the season. The Team Manager will arrange someone to sit with you if you are not a confident scorer. Scoring in basketball is a great way to learn about the game. Scorers are **not** provided at venues (except for some finals games), and so each team must provide a scorer for each game. The coach cannot do it, the Team Manager has his/her hands full organising the team sheet and players, so it is up to the parents to pitch in and help, even if you have not scored before.

Scoring is a necessary part of the game and should be performed by competent scorers. The Team Manager will usually draw up a scoring roster for the Team's games and all parents are expected to take their turn - if you have not scored before, a competent scorer will be able to help you when it is your turn.

As Victorian Junior State Championship (i.e. 'A-grade') games employ a "24-second shot clock" rule, it may also be required that a person help operate the "shot clock" during those State Championship games played at Spectres home venue(s).

Injuries/Medical Certificates

VJBL rules outline requirements for player qualification for finals:

5. Player Qualification

5.1 Qualification for Finals:

To be eligible to represent a team in finals, a player must play a minimum of 40% of games with that team. In the case that 40% would not be a round number then the total will be rounded up (i.e. 7.2 games would become 8 games). This ruling is applicable across all division of the Victorian Junior Basketball League as well as the Regional Grades.

5.1.2 Demonstration of Games Qualification

For the sole purpose of game qualification a player shall be considered to have played in that particular game when the player is in uniform and able to take the court, and signs the back of the scoresheet in a manner that permits identification, in his/her own hand on the day of the match, beside their name in BLOCK LETTERS.

5.1.3 Exemptions: (Finals)

If a team can convince the VJBL Administrator they cannot field eight (8) qualified players for VJBL Grades and seven (7) qualified players for VJL/Regional Grades the Administrator may grant permission for a player from a lower grade or age group to play. The player from the lower age group must not be from a higher grade.

Medical certificates may be accepted as evidence of injury/illness and can be used for exemption to game qualification criteria only if the medical certificate is submitted WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS OF THE DIAGNOSIS/INJURY.



Inter Venue Passes

Passes are available at all stadiums and should be requested if you intend to go to another stadium on the same night. Parents and spectators pay at one venue only, and must obtain a pass to enter the next venue free of charge.

Inter-venue passes are available to both spectators and players, with the exception that a player **MUST** pay at the venue at which he/she is **PLAYING** irrespective of whether an entry fee has been paid at an earlier stadium as a spectator

Websites

NUNAWADING SPECTRES	www.nunawadingbasketball.com.au
MELBOURNE EAST BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION	www.nunawadingbasketball.com.au
BASKETBALL VICTORIA	www.basketballvictoria.com.au
VJBL	www.vjbl.com.au

SPONSORSHIP

The club is always on the lookout for potential sponsors.

If you, or someone you know may be interested in the prospect of promoting a business to over 400 families within the club as well as approximately 17,000 players, parents, spectators who come to the Melbourne East Basketball Association games each week, then please contact Paul Flynn (Operations Manager, paul@nunawadingbasketball.com.au or 9802 6711) to discuss a proposal. There are many sponsorship deals available that can be tailored to suit your needs.

Spectres Pathway

The Spectres Senior Teams playing policy is unique in the Senior Spectres Program (SEABL/Youth League/U20's). The Spectres teams limit outside recruitment to ensure that a minimum number of players from the MEBA/Junior Spectres are within the team's roster. This policy rewards players who are loyal to the program. Other clubs have attempted a similar policy, but no club at the SEABL level can boast a team with as many home grown juniors. In other SEABL clubs, many junior club players are overlooked when they make the step to seniors, making way for interstate players, or players from other Associations. Not at Nunawading, where all Spectres players are protected by this policy. The Development League teams provides a vital stepping-stone into the senior ranks, with an under 23 policy in place to secure spots for Nunawading Juniors. All senior coaches are committed to working with the junior coaches on player development. Players are encouraged to attend as many senior games as possible.

