



NUNAWADING SPECTRES

# PLAYER & PARENT HANDBOOK

VJBL 2023/2024



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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation, who are the Traditional Owners of the land on which Nunawading Basketball's programs and competitions are located in Melbourne's east, and pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

We are honoured to recognise our connection to Wurundjeri Country, history, culture, and spirituality through these locations, and strive to ensure that we operate in a manner that respects and honours the Elders and Ancestors of these lands.

We respectfully acknowledge Nunawading Basketball's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives and visitors.

We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of lands across Australia, their Elders, Ancestors, cultures, and heritage, and recognise the continuing sovereignties of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nations.



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## WELCOME

Welcome to the Nunawading Spectres – representative program of the Melbourne East Basketball Association, proudly regarded as one of the premier basketball programs in Australia.

As a valued member of the Spectres family, you form part of a long line of people that have represented Nunawading Basketball both here and abroad. Please take some time when you are next at Nunawading Basketball Centre to view our incredible Hall of Fame located at the end of Court 1.

We boast a proud history but are firmly focused on the present and the future and how as a program we can best serve our people in their basketball pursuits. In accepting a position with the Nunawading Spectres program, you acknowledge and welcome the expectation and commitment to excellence that comes with representing Nunawading Basketball.

As a representative program, the Nunawading Spectres contest the Victorian Junior Basketball League (U12, U14, U16, U18, U20), the Big V – Victorian Youth Championship (U23) and NBL1 South competitions, offering opportunities to compete in state and national level leagues and selected tournaments across the year.

Representative basketball does require a large commitment by yourself and your family, but it also offers an opportunity to share in many rewards. Lifelong friendships and connections can be formed during your time with the Nunawading Spectres - we encourage you to become involved within your team and the wider program.

I wish you the very best for the year ahead and look forward to sharing the joy and success with you as we navigate our way through the season.

Kind Regards,

**Paul Flynn | Chairperson**  
**Nunawading Spectres Representative Program**



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## OUR CLUB

The Nunawading Spectres are the representative program of the Melbourne East Basketball Association (M.E.B.A. Inc.) offering aspirational athletes an opportunity to compete at state and national levels.

The Spectres have a long and proud history, from humble beginnings 60 years ago to becoming a powerhouse in Australian basketball. The Nunawading Spectres are synonymous with success and an iconic brand in the Australian sporting landscape that has produced more Australian Olympic and World Cup / Championship players and coaches than any other program in the country.

The pipeline continues to this day and in 2023 we saw multiple Spectres players and coaches go on to represent Victoria at the National Championships incl. Tom Dammers, Tristan Devers, Emilia Drmic, Madison Kamphausen, Gail Macfarlane, Taia McMechan, Maddy Potts, Tiernan Stynes, and Charlie Wilson plus many more taking part in Basketball Victoria's High-Performance Pathway.

In addition to this, 2023 saw the Nunawading Spectres U14 Boys & Girls qualify for the Australian Club Championships for the second consecutive year – the only Victorian association to achieve dual qualification.

Representative basketball through VJBL competition officially begins at U12 level, although as a program we will look to expand to include U10 through the introduction of Development Squads / Tournament Teams.

For the upcoming VJBL 2023/2024 season, the Nunawading Spectres will compete in U12-U20 competitions.

Age Group	Year of Birth
U12	2013-2015
U14	2011-2012
U16	2009-2010
U18	2007-2008
U20	2005-2006

Whilst our Nunawading Spectres representatives '*graduate*' following their top age U18 season, the Nunawading Spectres Representative Program continues to provide a pathway beyond what is traditionally considered junior basketball.

The Nunawading Spectres also field teams in the following leagues / competitions each serving an important role in the development pathway – which may include collegiate basketball in the USA or transitioning into a professional basketball environment.

- U20 VJBL
- Big V Youth (U23)
- NBL1 South



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Our appointed senior coaching staff are all committed to working with junior players and their coaches as part of their identified individual player development plan. Players are encouraged to attend as many senior games as possible.



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## SPECTRES PILLARS TO SUCCESS

Success is about building the right mindset and fundamental skillset to support you on the way to achieving your goals. The Nunawading Spectres have recently developed its six pillars to success, to act as a guide on what we value and hold to account on this developmental pathway.

Note that personal development means our Nunawading Spectres representatives may start out with an ability in one or two of these pillars, but over the course of your time at Nunawading, add the remainder of them through ongoing development opportunities.

### **COMPETITIVE**

Nunawading representatives exhibit an unwavering commitment to growth and victory. They embody the values of the program, consistently offering their utmost and conducting themselves with integrity. Nunawading representatives will consistently:

- Strive to perform at their highest potential.
- Cultivate mindfulness and resilience.
- Foster a training environment that fuels competitiveness.

Embrace an unyielding mindset to never be beaten.

### **FUNDAMENTALLY SKILLED**

Nunawading representatives prioritise the acquisition and mastery of fundamental skills, aiming to establish, maintain and capitalise on an advantage over their direct opponent, with and without the ball. They possess the ability to seamlessly integrate their visual perception, knowledge, and physical capabilities, effectively creating favorable opportunities for themselves and their teammates as the situation demands.

### **PHYSICALLY PREPARED**

Nunawading representatives possess the drive, confidence, knowledge, and physical fitness necessary to demonstrate skillful execution of movement patterns under load. This ensures they can move with optimal efficiency and effectiveness, thereby improving their physical preparedness to perform technical skills at maximum intensity and for prolonged durations.

### **SHOOTING ABILITY**

Nunawading representatives will demonstrate a dedicated focus to shooting the ball correctly and consistently. They will develop a passion for honing this skill, relentlessly pursuing mastery through routine and repetition that encompasses the combination of feet, focus and follow-through.

### **ADAPTABILITY**

Nunawading athletes are adaptable, allowing them to adjust to a vast array of live situations. They will develop the ability to recognise critical cues, then quickly and accurately determine the best possible course of action.

*“Be flexible enough to be able to adjust to the environment and to the occasion.”* John Wooden

### **ENTHUSIASM**





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Nunawading representatives maintain that joy is both an essential component of the game but also a driving force behind success. As a program we are committed to building a culture of joyful excellence and enthusiasm.

- Empowering passion
- Positive team culture
- Impactful engagement
- Joyful development
- Celebrating success



## CHAMPIONSHIP SUCCESS

### VJBL VC Championships

Vic Championship U12 Boys	1972, 1981, 1984, 1989, 1997, 2001, 2016,
Vic Championship U12 Girls	1985, 1989, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1998, 1999, 2003, 2004,
Vic Championship U14 Boys	1972, 1973, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1987, 2002, 2012, 2016, 2022
Vic Championship U14 Girls	1994, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2005, 2006, 2022
Vic Championship U16 Boys	1973, 1974, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 2016
Vic Championship U16 Girls	1994, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2022
Vic Championship U18 Boys	1975, 1976, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1997, 1999, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2022
Vic Championship U18 Girls	1984, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1992, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2008
Vic Championship U20 Boys	1978, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1992, 2009, 2010
Vic Championship U20 Girls	2006, 2014, 2015

### National Junior Classic Championships

National Junior Classic U12 Boys	1994, 1997, 2001, 2002
National Junior Classic U12 Girls	1994, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2013
National Junior Classic U14 Boys	2002, 2003, 2022
National Junior Classic U14 Girls	1994, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2022
National Junior Classic U16 Boys	1985, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1995, 2004
National Junior Classic U16 Girls	1987, 1988, 1995, 1997, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2018
National Junior Classic U18 Boys	1978, 1980, 1984, 1987, 1988, 1998, 2022
National Junior Classic U18 Girls	1995, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003

### U14 Australian Club Championships

U14 Boys	1970, 1983, 1995, 2002, 2022
U14 Girls	1996, 1999, 2004, 2022

### Senior Championships

State Championship (Men)	1968, 1969, 1981, 1982, 1985, 1987
State Championship (Women)	1985, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1991
Women's National Basketball League	1983, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989
Big V (Men)	2002, 2010, 2018, 2019
Big V (Women)	2001, 2004, 2009
SEABL / NBL1 (Men)	1995, 2011, 2019



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## CLUB CONTACT DETAILS

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*\*Please note that any queries MUST first come through our Program 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.**



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## REPRESENTATIVE CONDUCT

The Nunawading Spectres take immense pride in its standing within the sport basketball, carrying an expectation that all representatives i.e., players, coaches, support staff, administration, volunteers, and supporters represent the program to the highest of standards.

### Team Conduct

If you have a query or concern regarding the conduct of your team or someone in the team, please adhere to the following protocol.

Firstly, please respect that everyone in the Nunawading Spectres program is doing their best to contribute to a successful program. Please approach the relevant contact person with respect, always seeking a constructive discussion.

1. If the query is of an administrative nature, your Team Manager will try to provide you with the answer.
2. If the query relates to team selection, game management, bench time etc.
  - a. Please ask your Team Manager to schedule a meeting with your Team Coach. This contact must NOT be commenced for a period of 24 hours from the completion of a game or training.
  - b. If, after implementing the suggestions of the Team Coach for a period of at least 14 days, you are not satisfied with the outcome of the meeting you can request that the Team Manager arrange a meeting with the Age Group Head Coach.
  - c. If, after implementing the suggestions of the Age Group Head Coach for a period of at least 14 days, you are not satisfied with the outcome of the meeting you can request that the Team Manager arrange a meeting with the Basketball Operations Manager (not Heads of Coach Development). The Basketball Operations Manager can attend a meeting with you or arrange for another Nunawading Spectres Representative Program Committee person to attend a meeting.

At all times, we encourage that you present your query, listen, and then support the meeting outcomes moving forward.

Please note that our Heads of Coach Development are here to focus on coach development and are not tasked with the responsibility of meeting on above such matters.

In a small number of cases each year the process above is not followed. Moving forward the decision has been made to strictly enforce these steps. If a player or parent does not respect this process or makes contact within 24 hours of the completion of a game or training, a first warning will be issued. If the behaviour continues, sanctions, such as game suspension will follow.

During the process outlined above the player, parents, coach, and administrators are encouraged to deal with all queries in a constructive and informal manner. In the unfortunate situation that the query cannot be resolved informally you can make a formal grievance through the Spectres



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Grievance Policy (available via email from the program coordinator or download from the website) which must be strictly followed.

When permitted, 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 team and program objectives.

## Technical Fouls

### **Behavioural Tech Foul Penalties Coaches, Assistant Coaches & Players – VJBL Policy**

Coaches, assistant coaches and players who receive behavioural technical fouls in 2 or more games during the VJBL playing calendar year will have the following penalty applied.

- 2x Tech Fouls: Automatic 1 Game Suspension
- 3x Tech Fouls: Automatic 2 Game Suspension
- 4x Tech Fouls: Automatic 4 Game Suspension
- 5x Tech Fouls: Automatic 6 Game Suspension

The above is enforced by the Victorian Junior Basketball League.

## VJBL Spectator Requirements

- At no point before, during or after a game are spectators permitted to approach a referee, coaching staff, or team manager.
- All spectators must abide by the BV Spectator Code of Conduct.
- If asked to leave the venue by a venue official, spectator/s must do so immediately, or reports and loss of games may be applied.

## VJBL Spectator Penalties

- **Reportable Offences**
  - After reviewing the Spectator Behavior - Jot Form (and Tribunal Report Forms where completed) the following procedures will be followed:  
If a formal report is not submitted, a review of the Spectator Behavior - Jot Form may indicate a formal report is required.
  - Basketball Victoria's Governance & Operation Manager or VJBL Operations Manager will ask the Referee and/or Venue Official to complete a formal report.
  - Once the report is received, an offer may be made by the Basketball Victoria Governance & Operations Manager, or the report will be sent directly to the tribunal.
  - Alternatively, the Basketball Victoria's Governance & Operation Manager may direct the VJBL Administration to apply appropriate penalties as stated below.
- **Non-Reportable Offences**
  - The VJBL Administration will issue a warning for the first offence.
  - The VJBL Administration will apply an automatic suspension of one VJBL game for the second offence.
  - The VJBL Administration will apply an automatic suspension of three VJBL games for the third offence.
  - The VJBL Administration may ban the spectator from attending VJBL games for 12 months for any further offences. Once a spectator has served their penalty, they will be required to serve a 12-month good behavior bond before resetting penalties to zero.



- **Team Penalties**

It is the team's responsibility to ensure that all spectators abide by the Basketball Victoria Codes of Conduct and By-Laws. Penalties will be applied to the team involved with unacceptable spectator behavior.

- First Offence – The team will receive a warning.
- Second Offence – The team may lose home games.
- Third Offence – The team may have home games moved to a venue designated by the VJBL Administration.
- Fourth and Further Offences – The team may be removed from the competition.

These Offences may be committed by more than one spectator to count against the team.

Unsportsmanlike behaviour will not be accepted from players or from parents/spectators. Nunawading Spectres will always uphold the Basketball Victoria Codes of Conduct. The MEBA board has ratified a 3-strike policy for breaches of the Basketball Victoria code of conduct. This policy is available on the Nunawading Basketball website or by emailing the Representative Program Administrator. The representative committee has a process in place to review and investigate any reported breaches. Please report any breaches directly to the Representative Program Administrator. 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'**.

**Note: VJBL Policies are set by VJBL and therefore may be subject to changes that we are not currently aware of.**



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## SUPPORT

Nunawading Spectres are committed to supporting the physical and mental well-being of each player. Nunawading Spectres consider the term 'injury' to include all physical injuries as well as mental health issues. As such the term 'injury' includes physical injuries which can range from soft tissue strains and tears, joint pain, and damage through to more serious injuries such as concussions. Injury also includes mental health issues such as anxiety, stress, depression, and other disorders.

At all times the Nunawading Spectres, players and parents must deal with injuries in the following manner:

If a player suffers an injury, it must be immediately reported to the team head coach. The player must immediately cease any activities (incl. training and playing) that are, or may be, contributing to the injury. The player must seek professional assistance from a relevant health professional (e.g., physiotherapist, doctor, psychologist etc.). The player will be released from participating in training and games during his or her treatment. If the injury is not exacerbated by attending training and games the player is encouraged to attend and support his or her team (whilst not physically participating).

When a health professional considers the injury to be dealt with in such a way that the player can resume training and playing, a medical certificate will be required to be delivered to Nunawading Spectres.

In the instance of a serious head knock during a game or training the player must cease training or playing immediately and not re-commence. The player must not train or play again until a medical practitioner clears him or her of concussion. The Basketball Australia guidelines must be always followed for head injuries and are set out as follows; <https://australia.basketball/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Concussion-Guideline.pdf>

Basketball Victoria are currently reviewing its own concussion protocol to be implemented across VJBL competition. We will communicate any updates to this once information becomes available.

### 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 (TBC) 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)



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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.**

The Nunawading Spectres acknowledge that life can present various challenges. Please remember to look after yourself and others, and always ask for help if you need it.

If you are struggling the following external services are also available:

- **National Coronavirus Helpline:** 1800 020 080
- **Lifeline** on 13 11 14 and in an emergency, always call triple zero (000).
- **Beyond Blue** – 1300 22 4636
- **Kids Help Line** – 1800 55 1800





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## CHILD SAFETY

**AT THE NUNAWADING SPECTRES, WE WANT CHILDREN TO BE SAFE, HAPPY AND EMPOWERED. WE SUPPORT AND RESPECT ALL CHILDREN, AS WELL AS OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS.**

Our organization is committed to child safety.

We are committed to the safety, participation, and empowerment of all children.

We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures.

We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child's safety, which we follow rigorously.

- Our organisation is committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early and removing and reducing these risks.
- We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, the cultural safety of children from a culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children with a disability.
- If you believe a child is at immediate risk of abuse phone 000
- If you have any issues or questions relating to keeping our kids safe, please email our Child Safety and Wellbeing Officer on [childsafety@nunawadingbasketball.com.au](mailto:childsafety@nunawadingbasketball.com.au) or the Chief Executive Officer [mark@nunawadingbasketball.com.au](mailto:mark@nunawadingbasketball.com.au)

### **CHILD SAFE POLICY, CODE OF CONDUCT, PROCEDURE AND REPORTING**

Our Child Safe Policy, Code of Conduct, Procedure, Reporting Process, and Incident Report form can be found on the Nunawading Basketball website <https://www.nunawadingbasketball.com.au/child-safety/>

### **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK AND MEMBER PROTECTION DECLARATION**

All adult Coaches, Team Managers, Officials, Staff and Volunteers working with children under the age of 18 are required to provide a current Working with Children Check (WWCC), linked to the Nunawading Spectres and Member Protection statutory declaration. If you require a WWCC you can apply for one here <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/> Please also read our Working with Children Check Policy and Procedure which can also be found on the Nunawading Basketball website <https://www.nunawadingbasketball.com.au/child-safety/>

The Basketball Victoria Member Protection By-Law sets out the obligations for screening persons who work with children and deal with discrimination, harassment, and vilification in an effective, appropriate, and timely manner.

### **CHILD SAFETY AND WELLBEING OFFICER**

The Nunawading Spectres have appointed Cathie Johns as Child Safety and Wellbeing Officer to oversee matters concerning child safety and abuse. The identification of a Child Safety Officer provides children, young people, families, and volunteers with a clearly identifiable support network in the event of a suspected child safety issue. However, this does not remove the statutory obligation



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of all adults to report child abuse as per the Crimes Act 1958 (Vic) and Mandatory Reporting regulations.



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## REPRESENTATIVE BASKETBALL COMMITMENT

The Nunawading Spectres provide an opportunity for aspirational players who wish to enhance their skills by competing in higher levels of basketball competition. This is called 'Representative Basketball' or 'Rep'. The Victorian Junior Basketball League (VJBL) is run by our state governing body, Basketball Victoria.

The Nunawading Spectres seek to introduce players to elite level basketball. Our appointed coaches are committed to the task of holistic player development. Development occurs through a combination of team and individual training, playing time and personal maturation. Playing time is not guaranteed, nor should an equal share of court time be anticipated.

### MEBA- Participation Policy

As highlighted in our welcome, the Nunawading Spectres is the representative program of the MEBA. It is therefore a requirement that all players who represent the Nunawading Spectres (U12-U18) are registered and consistently playing with a MEBA Junior or Senior Domestic team in both the summer and winter seasons.\*

*\*New players to our program will have until the new winter domestic season to make suitable arrangements to register and play.*

The Nunawading Spectres in collaboration with our MEBA domestic clubs and competitions regularly validate players on this requirement. Should a player be found not to be registered and actively playing in MEBA domestic competition, they will no longer be eligible to represent the Nunawading Spectres until this is rectified. Registered and playing means that the player is playing sufficient games to qualify for domestic finals and is attending any training requirements that the domestic club has in place.

Any request for exemption from this policy must be applied for in writing. Written exemption requests must be submitted to the Junior Spectres Administrator for consideration, no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

A copy of this policy in full is also available by emailing [jspadmin@nunawadingbasketball.com.au](mailto:jspadmin@nunawadingbasketball.com.au) or can be viewed on [www.nunawadingbasketball.com.au](http://www.nunawadingbasketball.com.au) under the Spectres dropdown menu.



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## FEES

It costs a significant amount of money to provide a quality program and it is the policy of the Nunawading Spectres that all representative players pay their fees. We acknowledge that the financial landscape has been difficult for many. A significant body of work goes into keeping our fees as competitive as possible to assist families as best we can.

Please be advised that the Nunawading Spectres Registration fees for the 2024 season will be **\$605** per child. (Inc. GST).

\$605 will be due by 29<sup>th</sup> October paid through PlayHQ.  
There will be no other payment plans available.

The registration acceptance link will be emailed upon finalisation of teams and constitutes acceptance of your place in the Nunawading Spectres Program for the 2024 season as well as payment in full.

If this acceptance is not received by the time specified, the player will not be accepted into the program and their place may be offered to another player.

### Registration Fees Include:

- Team Registration with VJBL & Coach/Asst. Coach Honorarium
- Specialist Coaching & Development
- Midweek & Sunday Training Court Hire
- KBT is included as we don't charge our teams and pay for Classic
- Presentation Day
- Resilience / Wellbeing Program
- Preseason Team Sheet Fee's
- NBL1 South Home Game Membership
- Christmas BBQ

### Registration Fees Do Not Include:

- Additional Training over allocated times
- Weekly Team Sheet Fees. VJBL will be cashless for 2024. We expect the team sheet fee will be a minimum \$125 (VJL), \$160\_(VC) – via Teampay or EFTPOS
- Stadium Entry – There will be no stadium entry. ALL Venues will be cashless.
- Uniform
- Tournament Levy incl. January compulsory events
- Non -compulsory events

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



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## Fundraising

For the 2024 season, the Nunawading Spectres Program will be required to complete one fundraising project, this being our own JSP KBT Tournament Raffle. Each Family will be expected to fully sell one \$30 book (15 tickets x \$2).

As per our “Under 14 Australian Club Championships Policy”, the G14.1 and B14.1 teams may be required to undertake other fundraising activities should they qualify.

## 11<sup>th</sup> Players

The below information will outline the responsibilities and the commitment involved in being the 11<sup>th</sup> player in a team. As you are the 11<sup>th</sup> player, there are NO guarantees on the amount of court time you will receive in any games played. You will have the opportunity to play with your team if another player is away, injured, or unwell but this is at the discretion of your coach and the Basketball Operations Manager.

- As the 11th player, you are required to attend both weekly training sessions.
- You are expected to attend games, sitting on the bench with your teammates.
- You do not play on a rotational basis.
- You can play for injured/unwell/absent players if your coach requires you to. This is at the discretion of your coach.
- You can play in Tournaments your team is registered to participate in (at the discretion of your coach)
- You will have to contribute to team Sheet fees on a “per game played” basis (the fee will be determined by the team)
- You will be registered with VJBL.

**The registration fees for being the 11<sup>th</sup> player will be \$505 for the season. You will also be required to have a FULL uniform.**

There is no guarantee that by accepting the position of the 11<sup>th</sup> Player, that this will help in the selection process for the following season.

## Training Players

Occasionally coaches will select a player as a ‘Training Only Player’ to enable continued development for the player within our elite environment. Training Only positions are offered to those players who, with a season of training will gain greater knowledge of the requirements of representative basketball and put them in good stead for the following season. There is no guarantee that by accepting the Training Only position, that this will help in the selection process for the following season. The following information outlines the responsibilities and the commitment involved in being a Training Only Player.

As a Training Only Player, you are expected to commit to both weekly training sessions.

- You are welcome to attend the games, but this is not an expectation



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- You will not be able to sit on the bench at games
  - You cannot play in any games or Tournaments
  - You will not be registered with VJBL
  - The Fees for a Training Only Player will be \$405 for the season
  - Training Only Players are required to purchase the Training Uniform only. No additional player uniform items can be purchased.



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## UNIFORM

All Nunawading Spectres players, both playing and training must be in full uniform at all times when representing the program. This includes playing uniform and warm up top at all games. No streetwear or other Nunawading Spectres or Nunawading Basketball apparel and/or merchandise items are to be worn to games or training.

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

For the 2024 season, all uniform orders will be done in person once team selections have been finalised. Size kits will be available to try on and a member of the Nunawading Basketball administration team will be present to assist.

For all new players entering the program in the U12 age group, the cost of your playing singlet will be subsidised by the Nunawading Spectres Representative Program.

All items must be fully paid for at the time of ordering.

Uniform Try on days will be as follows:

- Friday 13/10/2022 - New under 12 players to Spectres only. 4pm to 7pm
- Sunday 15/10/2022 - New under 14, 16, 18 players to Spectres only. 7.30am to 12noon
- Sunday 22/10/2022 - Existing Spectres Players 7.30am to 12noon

### **Compulsory Pack \$315 – for all players new to Nunawading Spectres**

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Reversible Playing Singlet

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Pro Cut Playing Shorts

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Warm Up Top

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Hoodie

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Reversible Training Singlet

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Training Shorts

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*\* New players entering at U12 Age Group, the cost of your playing singlet will be subsidised by the program*

### **>>>Additional Individual Items / Prices**

Socks Black/White ( S / M / L )	\$15.00 pair
Duffle Bag	\$60.00
Backpack	\$60.00
Water Bottle	\$10.00
Track Pants – Unisex	\$60.00

\*The Uniform Coordinator will supply the Team Manager a blood singlet for players to wear in games when required during the season.

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



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Foam Rollers will also be available for purchase **from Nunawading Basketball Centre** starting from \$35 for the soft roller and \$45 for the firm roller.

All uniform matters must be to be directed to our Uniform Coordinator: Lorraine Baxter – [Jspuniforms@nunawadingbasketball.com.au](mailto:Jspuniforms@nunawadingbasketball.com.au)





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## PLAYING TIMES & VENUES

Representative basketball is played every Friday night with the exception of the school holidays. Game times start from 6.30pm for the younger age groups (very occasionally VJBL may schedule 6.00pm start times) through to a 9.40pm start for the older age groups.

The representative season is played over a 12-month calendar, commencing with tryouts in October, and games starting in mid-November and running through to September the following year.

There are 3 Phases of competition played throughout the year:

- a. Practice Matches/Pre-Grading (October/November 2023)
- b. Grading Season (November 2023 – February for 2024)
- c. Championship Season (March 2024 – September 2024)

When you accept a position with the Nunawading Spectres, you are agreeing to be available for all scheduled VJBL (Grading / Regular Season / Finals) games and compulsory tournaments throughout the year. Should you anticipate any period of absence or unavailability, please advise the Nunawading Basketball Operations Manager and Nunawading Spectres Representative Program Administrator immediately as this may affect team selection.

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

In general, teams will play games on a "home and away" basis which does include teams from regional Victoria. This may see travel throughout the season to any but not limited to: Dandenong, Diamond Valley, Frankston, MSAC (Albert Park), Eltham, Coburg, Sandringham, Keilor, Knox, Broadmeadows, and Bulleen. There may be longer trips to play against country teams i.e.: Geelong, Warragul, Traralgon, Bendigo, Ballarat etc.



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## TRAINING SESSIONS

Compulsory team training sessions are conducted on Sunday mornings throughout the season. Teams will also have a midweek training session, which are held between 5.00pm and 9.30pm. Midweek sessions will be arranged by the administration team through the coach as to what best fits the team. Midweek training/games with your domestic club/team are to be prioritised and must be discussed with your coach.

(\*Subject to coach and court availability)

All players are expected to attend every Nunawading Spectres training session and scheduled games (including injured players). If you are unable to attend a session/game, you must phone your coach or team manager prior to the session.

Training sessions run from October through to September with midweek sessions occurring every week during normal school terms. Sunday trainings (practice matches or organised team activity) occur weekly apart from public holidays, the first and middle weekend of school holidays and from mid-December to mid-January.

There is significant work done to schedule the Sunday training sessions and sometimes training will clash with other sports. There will be no changes to our schedule once completed (except due to unforeseen circumstances relating to coaching staff only or as noted below), so please take this into consideration prior to attending tryouts and accepting a place in a team.

**Note that Sunday team training is compulsory for every player.**

This year we are using the following venues for Sunday trainings – Nunawading Basketball Centre, Forest Hill Secondary College and Sportlink. Teams may rotate venues on a term-by-term basis to enable all teams to train at different venues over the course of the year.

If the coach of your team requires EXTRA training sessions outside of the allocated hours, then it MUST be sought for insurance purposes through Nunawading Basketball CEO, 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. Team Managers will be advised of this cost and are to collect the extra money from families as required.



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## TOURNAMENTS

During the year, Nunawading Spectres enter all teams into selected tournaments. Tournament registrations have not been factored into your Nunawading Spectres fees. As such a Tournament Levy will be payable once the events calendar has been confirmed.

As a program, we require all teams enter both the.

**1. January Tournament (Australia Day weekend)**

Tournament: Eltham / Dandenong Junior Basketball Tournament

**2. June Tournament (Queen's Birthday weekend)**

Tournament: Nunawading Spectres Tournament or National Junior Classic (qualification only)

The success of our own Nunawading Spectres Tournament is dependent on volunteers being involved with the planning and running of the event. It is required that **ALL** parents fulfill rostered 'duty' for approximately four (4) hours during the Nunawading Spectres Tournament (or before the National Junior Classic) at one of the host venues.

Participation in additional tournaments (local and/or interstate) is available for consideration but will be up to the appointed head coach and team, in consultation with the Basketball Operations Manager and Nunawading Spectres Representative Program Chairperson to decide whether to attend these events.

In 2024, coaches must consider physical and mental health along with the added financial burden before committing their team to an interstate tournament. These events are at an additional cost that the team pays.



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## EVENTS

### Photo Day

The program will hold its Annual Photo Day early next year, with dates and times TBC (refer to calendar). This is a fantastic event that provides a symbolic representation of who we are, whilst emphasizing the larger body that we belong to. It is expected that all players and coaches attend in full game-day uniform. Team and individual photos will be taken and available for purchase. We hope to re-introduce our whole program photo, bringing every Nunawading Spectres team together on Court 1 - Team Managers will provide details closer to the day.

### Presentation Day

The 2024 Junior Spectres Presentation Day will be held towards the end of the 2024 VJBL season.

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 Top Age Under 18 Players, with two of these players being chosen for the Keith Jenkins Medal as selected by our Representative Committee. Prestigious coaches' awards will also be presented.



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## POLICIES

[Basketball Victoria Codes of Conduct](#)

[Behavioural Tech Foul Penalties](#)

[Domestic Policy](#)

[Grievance Policy](#)

[Photography & Filming Policy](#)

[Social Media Policy](#)

[Spectator Behaviour Rule & Penalties](#)

[Uniform Policy](#)



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## GENERAL INFORMATION & RESOURCES

### Volunteering Information

Players and Parents will be required to help with our hosted Tournament in June 2024.

Teams (parents) will be rostered on duty to help with our June (Kings Birthday) Tournament. Tournament rostering will involve approximately 3-4 hours of duty over (and before for teams involved in the National Junior Classic) the June long weekend. Duties may include court sweeping, administration, court supervision and general overseeing of the venue. All families are required to participate.

### Helping with Scoring

All parents must hold a current Working with Children's Card and are expected to score at Friday night matches during the season. The Team Manager will arrange for 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 many VJBL games employ a "24-second shot clock" rule, it may also be required that a person help operate the "shot clock" during those games played at Spectres home venue(s).

### Senior Spectres Game Night Assistance

Over the course of the season, each Nunawading Spectres team is allocated an NBL1 South or Big V Game Day/Night to assist with various tasks.

In general terms, team players will be required to help floor wipe during the games, whilst the parent group may be called upon to assist with tasks such as ticketing, raffle sales and/or collection of post-match function catering from a nearby partner.

### Websites

NUNAWADING SPECTRES

[www.nunawadingbasketball.com.au](http://www.nunawadingbasketball.com.au)

MELBOURNE EAST BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

[www.nunawadingbasketball.com.au](http://www.nunawadingbasketball.com.au)

NUNAWADING SPECTRES NBL1

[www.nunawadingspectres.nbl1.com.au](http://www.nunawadingspectres.nbl1.com.au)

BASKETBALL VICTORIA

[www.basketballvictoria.com.au](http://www.basketballvictoria.com.au)

VJBL

[www.vjbl.com.au](http://www.vjbl.com.au)



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## 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 18,000 players, parents, spectators who come to the Melbourne East Basketball Association games each week, then please contact Paul Flynn ([paul@nunawadingbasketball.com.au](mailto:paul@nunawadingbasketball.com.au) or 9802 6711) to discuss a proposal. There are many sponsorship opportunities available that can be tailored to suit your needs.



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## NUNAWADING SPECTRES CALENDAR 2023/2024

To be finalised and circulated in an update shortly.





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## PLAYER & PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

(To be returned)

By signing the player acknowledgement, I \_\_\_\_\_  
in the U12 / U14 / U16 / U18 / U20 Age Group (please circle) have read and understand the  
Nunawading Spectres Player & Parent Handbook, including all policies and procedures.

Player signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Administration signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_