



EASTERN DISTRICTS JUNIOR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (EDJBA)

**SUMMER 2026-2027 SEASON
INFORMATION**

COLLINGWOOD BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATION

Dear Members,

The Collingwood Basketball Association (CBA) is pleased to announce that registrations for the Summer 2026/2027 Basketball Season are now open.

CBA has proudly supported thousands of players and families while fostering a strong sense of community. Our focus extends beyond the court - we strive to build confidence, encourage lifelong participation, and create positive experiences for every member.

For over 50 years, CBA has been at the heart of basketball in Melbourne's inner north, providing opportunities for players of all ages and abilities to participate, develop, and belong. As a not-for-profit community sporting organisation, CBA is committed to creating a welcoming, inclusive, and participant-centred environment where everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the game of basketball.

CBA proudly competes in the Eastern District Junior Basketball Association (EDJBA), one of Victoria's premier junior basketball competitions. Each season, CBA fields more than 140 teams across the competition, providing playing opportunities for hundreds of athletes from our local community.

We look forward to welcoming both returning and new players to the Summer 2026/27 season and thank our members, volunteers, coaches, officials, and supporters for being an integral part of the CBA community.

Please review the registration dates, fees, and important information outlined below to ensure your registration is completed on time.

#AllStarsOneCommunity

RESPECT AND APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR

Collingwood Basketball Association is committed to providing a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment where every participant can enjoy basketball. Our culture is built on respect, sportsmanship and positive behaviour from players, coaches, team officials, parents, spectators, referees, volunteers and staff.

Basketball is a fast paced and emotional game. Mistakes will be made by players, coaches and officials. Respecting one another, particularly in these moments, is a shared responsibility and is fundamental to community sport.

All members of the CBA community are expected to:

- Treat players, coaches, referees, volunteers, staff and spectators with respect.
- Encourage and support all participants in a positive manner.
- Accept referee decisions without abuse or intimidation.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship before, during and after games.
- Help create an environment where children feel safe, supported and able to enjoy the game.

The following behaviour is not acceptable:

- Abuse, harassment or intimidation of referees, coaches, players, volunteers, staff or spectators.
- Aggressive, threatening or discriminatory behaviour.
- Poor sideline behaviour, including excessive criticism or coaching from the sidelines.
- Confronting officials, coaches or venue staff during or immediately after a game.
- Any conduct that places the safety or wellbeing of others at risk.

All participants and spectators are required to comply with:

- CBA Code of Conduct.
- CBA Child Safety Policy.
- CBA Complaints and Feedback Framework.
- Basketball Victoria Codes of Conduct and relevant competition policies.

[\[CLICK HERE FOR CBA POLICIES\]](#)

Breaches of CBA or Basketball Victoria policies will be managed in accordance with the relevant procedures and can result in disciplinary action, including warnings, suspension or removal from CBA programs and competitions.

Raising a concern

If you have a concern about an incident or behaviour, do not attempt to resolve it during or immediately after a game. Instead, raise the matter through the onsite Venue Supervisor or through the appropriate CBA complaints process. This allows concerns to be assessed fairly, consistently and in line with CBA policy.

By working together and treating one another with respect, we create an environment where every child can develop, compete and enjoy basketball in a safe and positive community.

WHAT IS THE EDJBA?

The Eastern Districts Junior Basketball Association (EDJBA) is the largest junior competition in Australia, boasting over 1,500 teams & close to 12,000 players. EDJBA are an all-inclusive Association who pride themselves on providing an exceptional basketball competition, suitable for all playing abilities. EDJBA's focus is on participation in a safe and enjoyable environment.

EDJBA SUMMER 2026/2027 SEASON DATES

The Summer 2026/27 EDJBA season will officially commence on Saturday, 10 October 2026, with the Grand Final games scheduled for Saturday, 27 March 2027. Throughout the season, teams will participate in weekly Saturday fixtures, with a break over the Christmas and New Year period and no matches scheduled on the Melbourne Cup and Labour Day weekends. Once the EDJBA releases the official fixture, all match details, including game times, venues, and opponents, will be available via the link provided below. Families are encouraged to regularly check the fixture throughout the season, as game times and venues may be updated by the EDJBA where required.

[\[PLEASE CLICK HERE\]](#)

AGE GROUPS

To ensure all players are placed in the correct competition, age groups are pre-determined by a player's date of birth. Please refer to the age group classifications below for Summer 2026/2027:

- U8: 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2022
- U10: 1 July 2016 – 30 June 2018
- U12: 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2016
- U14: 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2014
- U16: 1 July 2010 – 30 June 2012
- U18: 1 July 2008 – 30 June 2010
- U21: 1 July 2005 – 30 June 2008

These age groups ensure players compete alongside others of a similar age and stage of development, while also allowing clubs to plan teams, fixtures, and player pathways consistently from season to season.

MATCH DAY

All matches are played on Saturdays, with the first games typically commencing at 8:30am and the final games concluding at approximately 6:30pm. In general, younger age groups are scheduled earlier in the day, while older age groups are allocated afternoon and evening timeslots.

CBA home games are primarily played at Collingwood College and Bundha Sports Centre. Away games are hosted by other Associations throughout Melbourne's north-eastern and eastern suburbs, with venues commonly located in areas such as Bundoora, Eltham, Bulleen, Doncaster, and surrounding suburbs.

As the EDJBA manages one of the largest junior basketball competitions in Australia, it has the capacity to accommodate many reasonable scheduling requests. Families are encouraged to include any relevant scheduling requirements during the registration process, and every effort will be made to consider these requests when fixtures are prepared.

PLAYER REGISTRATION LINK

Player registration link can be found below:

[\[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER 2026/2027 EDJBA AT COLLINGWOOD BASKETBALL\]](#)

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fees are structured to encourage early registration, allowing families to access a reduced fee while assisting CBA with team formation, grading, scheduling, and planning for the upcoming season.

The registration fee includes all weekly game fees throughout the season, including finals, as well as all scheduled Domestic training sessions. This provides families with a clear upfront cost while ensuring players have access to a complete season of basketball participation.

A 5% family discount is available for additional players registering from the same immediate family. This discount is applied to each additional registration and is designed to support families with multiple children participating in the CBA Domestic Basketball Program. Families registering multiple players are encouraged to ensure all eligible participants are linked correctly during the registration process to receive the applicable discount.

Early Registration Fee Period

- 31 July – 31 August
- Registration Fee: \$375.00

An additional late fee of \$50.00 applies after this period and is summarised below:

Late Registration Fee Period

- 1 September – 30 September
- Registration Fee: \$425.00

Please note that **the registration fee does not include walkover fees.**

We strongly encourage all players to register during the Early Registration period. Registering early not only secures the discounted registration fee but also assists the CBA with team formation, grading, and planning for the upcoming season.

Players wishing to join the competition after 1 September 2026 may submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) Form. Please note that submission of an EOI does not guarantee placement in a team, with positions subject to availability.

Please complete the EOI form using the link below

[\[EOI FORM LINK\]](#)

To ensure sufficient time for team allocations and competition administration, no new player registrations will be accepted after 31 October 2026.

If you have difficulty with this payment, please contact **Darian Hyde (Basketball & Competitions Manager)** via email: darian.hyde@collingwoodbasketball.com.au to discuss alternative arrangements. The club offers a variety of programs to assist with fees.

ADDITIONAL FEES

Please note that a separate Basketball Victoria Annual Participant Licence fee may apply in addition to the Collingwood Basketball Association registration fee if it has not already been paid through another Basketball Victoria affiliated competition (such as VJBL) within the previous 365 days.

The current Basketball Victoria Annual Participant Licence fee is:

- \$34.00 for participants aged 17 years and under
- \$48.00 for participants aged 18 years and over

The Basketball Victoria Annual Participant Licence is valid for 365 days from the date of purchase and allows participants to compete and train in any Basketball Victoria sanctioned competition or program across affiliated associations throughout Victoria. The licence also provides participants with Basketball Victoria's base level of insurance coverage through V-Insurance Group.

In addition, a Basketball Australia Game Development Levy of \$5.50 will be applied to all registrations. This levy supports the ongoing growth and development of basketball across Australia.

Please note that these additional fees are set and administered by Basketball Victoria and Basketball Australia. CBA does not determine, control, or retain any portion of these fees.

NEW PLAYERS – “COME & TRY DAY”

For the upcoming Summer 2026/27 EDJBA season, CBA is inviting all NEW U8, U10 & U12 Boys & Girls players to its “Come & Try Day” for new players interested in joining the club and participating in the EDJBA Junior Domestic Competition.

Registration Link below:

[\[PLEASE CLICK HERE\]](#)

The Come & Try Day will be delivered as a fun and engaging training session. Details below:

- 10:00am to 11:30am
- Collingwood Basketball Stadium
- Courts 1 & 2
- Saturday 16th of August
- Cost - FREE

The session will focus on introducing players to the fundamentals of basketball through a range of fun activities, skill-based drills, and small-sided games led by experienced Collingwood Basketball coaches. The emphasis will be on creating a positive first experience, allowing players to build confidence, develop new skills, meet other participants, and experience the welcoming community environment that Collingwood Basketball is proud to offer.

The day will also provide families with the opportunity to meet members of the Collingwood Basketball community, learn more about the club, understand the Junior Domestic program, and ask any questions regarding the season ahead.

In addition to introducing new players to the club, the Come & Try Day forms an important part of the team placement process. It allows the Basketball Operations Committee to assess each player's current skill level, experience, and development needs to ensure new players are placed in a team that best supports their growth, enjoyment, and long-term development as a basketball player.

TEAM SELECTION POLICY

Once registrations have closed, the team selection process will begin. The team selection process is at the discretion of the CBA Operations team. Players will be placed in a team best suited to their preference.

The Club aims to deliver a domestic program that recognises this range of aspirations and provides an environment where players are provided with an opportunity to develop their skills and enjoy the social aspects of team and club sport. Players are invited to provide the name of up to 3 friends they would like to play with as part of the registration process. The club's guidelines regarding the selection of domestic teams, including the policy regarding players playing in their own age group, is available [here](#).

TRAINING

Training commitments are as follows:

- All teams train once per week, with sessions scheduled between Monday and Friday

Training will be held at the following venues

- Collingwood College, 10 McCutcheon Way, Collingwood
- Bundha Sports Centre, 111 Queens Parade, Fitzroy North
- Fitzroy High School, 24-30 Falconer St, Fitzroy North
- Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Hospital, Kew

As a guide, younger teams generally train between 4:45pm and 6:00pm, while older teams generally train between 6:00pm and 9:00pm. We understand that families may have commitments that affect their availability and encourage you to include any scheduling requests or restrictions in your registration. While CBA carefully consider all requests during the team allocation process, training schedules are ultimately determined by court availability, venue access, and the overall needs of the domestic program. As a result, we are unable to guarantee that all requests can be accommodated.

UNIFORMS

Information regarding uniforms will be announced closer to the beginning of the season

REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR DOMESTIC TEAMS

Registrations are via the Basketball Victoria system PlayHQ.

If you have not used PlayHQ before, during the registration process one parent/guardian will be first required to set up a PlayHQ Profile Account and after successfully doing so will then be able to register their child/ren as a family member/dependent and complete the registration. Please note the following:

- The parent/guardian email address used will form the login for all future registrations for that child. Choose a personal email that is likely to be used long term rather than a work or school email
- Another parent/guardian's details can be added for each child
- Players over 18 should still be registered by a parent, otherwise parent/guardian details will not be able to be entered, and we won't have contact details for parents

If a PlayHQ Profile Account has already been set up for registration e.g. Winter or Summer 2026, rep basketball or a senior domestic competition, then the same PlayHQ Profile Account should be used for this and all other registrations using PlayHQ.

Please contact **Darian Hyde (Basketball & Competitions Manager)** via email: darian.hyde@collingwoodbasketball.com.au if you have any problems with registering.

Payments can be made via Visa or Mastercard or PayPal. There is a 5% discount for additional registrations from the same family.

Please also consider whether you could make a Tax-Deductible donation when registering. Collingwood Basketball has a strong community focus and a commitment to ensuring all young people have an opportunity to play basketball. We provide support to players who may be facing barriers to playing basketball, as well as re-engaging players who are at risk of dropping out of sport. We have partnered with the Australian Sports Foundation so any donations over \$2 will be tax deductible and you will receive a receipt from them.

THINGS TO NOTE WHEN REGISTERING

Please read the below carefully:

- The contact information linked to a player's profile is how we will contact you. So please be sure that the phone number and email address you provide is up to date.
- The club considers completion of the registration to be a commitment to playing, so as a courtesy to others, please don't register players if they are not sure about their ability to commit to playing. Generally, we do not provide refunds except in exceptional circumstances. The club's refund policy is [here](#).
- If a player will be unavailable for part of a season (for example due to camps, family holidays, exchange etc), please ensure that this information is provided in the Playing DATES not available section. This information will be used to try to ensure the team remains viable when that player is away
- If a player is unable to play at certain times of the day (for example due to other sport or activity or work commitments), please ensure that this information, including the reason, is provided in the Playing TIMES NOT available section. Please be specific, e.g. "not available until 1pm, language school till 12.30pm". Note that 11.50 is considered a PM game so if a player is unavailable till noon or 12.30, please tell us. This information will be used to try to place the player in a team which can play at appropriate times, however we cannot always guarantee that games will always be fixtured at a suitable time. We are also unlikely to be able to change a team time request if an individual's availability changes so please provide as much information as possible in the registration.

New players who have played with another EDJBA club must be cleared by their previous club. The player transfer will commence during the registration process. Any issues or questions, please direct them to **Darian Hyde (Basketball & Competitions Manager)** via email: darian.hyde@collingwoodbasketball.com.au at least a week before the first game of the season.

BECOME A COACH OR TEAM MANAGER

Collingwood Basketball exists through the goodwill of volunteers, especially in Coaching and Managing a team.

The majority of team coaches are parents who provide their valuable time to help us. For first time parents to Basketball or Coaching, we provide resources to help you run a training session and basic game strategy. If you are interested in becoming a coach or a Team Manager, please include this in your child's registration and/or make direct contact to **Darian Hyde (Basketball & Competitions Manager)** via email:

darian.hyde@collingwoodbasketball.com.au

Any adult who works with children at Collingwood Basketball Association must obtain and hold current a [Working With Children Check](#). This includes Team Coaches and Managers.

REGISTERING AS A COACH OR TEAM MANAGER

It is a requirement of Basketball Victoria and the EDJBA that all Team Managers and Coaches are registered on PlayHQ as a coach or team manager for the 2026/27 Summer Season. If there is

some chance that you will coach or team manager this season, could you please register on PlayHQ as a coach or team manager immediately.

Coaches and Team Managers must have a current [Working with Children Check and Member Protection Statutory Declaration](#).

CHILD SAFETY AND CULTURAL SAFETY COMMITMENT

CBA is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for all children and young people. We uphold the principles of the Victorian Child Safe Standards and ensure that the welfare of children is our highest priority.

We actively promote:

- **Child Safety:** All staff, volunteers, and members share responsibility for protecting children from harm and abuse. We maintain clear policies, screening processes, and mandatory training to ensure compliance.
- **Cultural Safety and Inclusion:** We respect and celebrate the cultural diversity of our community. CBA is committed to creating programs and spaces that are welcoming and culturally responsive for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and people from all cultural backgrounds.
- **Gender Equality and Accessibility:** We strive to provide equal opportunities for participation and leadership, ensuring our programs are inclusive for all genders and abilities.

Every person involved with CBA is expected to uphold these values and contribute to a safe, respectful, and inclusive basketball community.

[\[VIEW OUR CHILD SAFETY POLICIES HERE\]](#)

Child safety is everyone's responsibility

Policies and screening processes are important, but creating a safe environment depends on everyone playing their part. Parents, carers, participants, coaches, volunteers and staff all contribute to a culture where children feel safe, valued and heard. If you observe behaviour that concerns you, or if a child or young person shares something that makes you uncomfortable, we encourage you to report it promptly. Every concern will be treated seriously and managed in accordance with our Child Safety Procedure.

Support and reporting

If you have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child or young person, we encourage you to report it immediately. You do not need to be certain that abuse or harm has occurred before making a report. If something does not seem right, or you are unsure whether a situation should be reported, we encourage you to speak up. It is always appropriate to raise a genuine concern. The Collingwood Basketball Association will assess the information, determine the appropriate response and, where required, refer the matter to the relevant authorities.

Reports can be made to:

The Collingwood Basketball Association Child Safety Officer

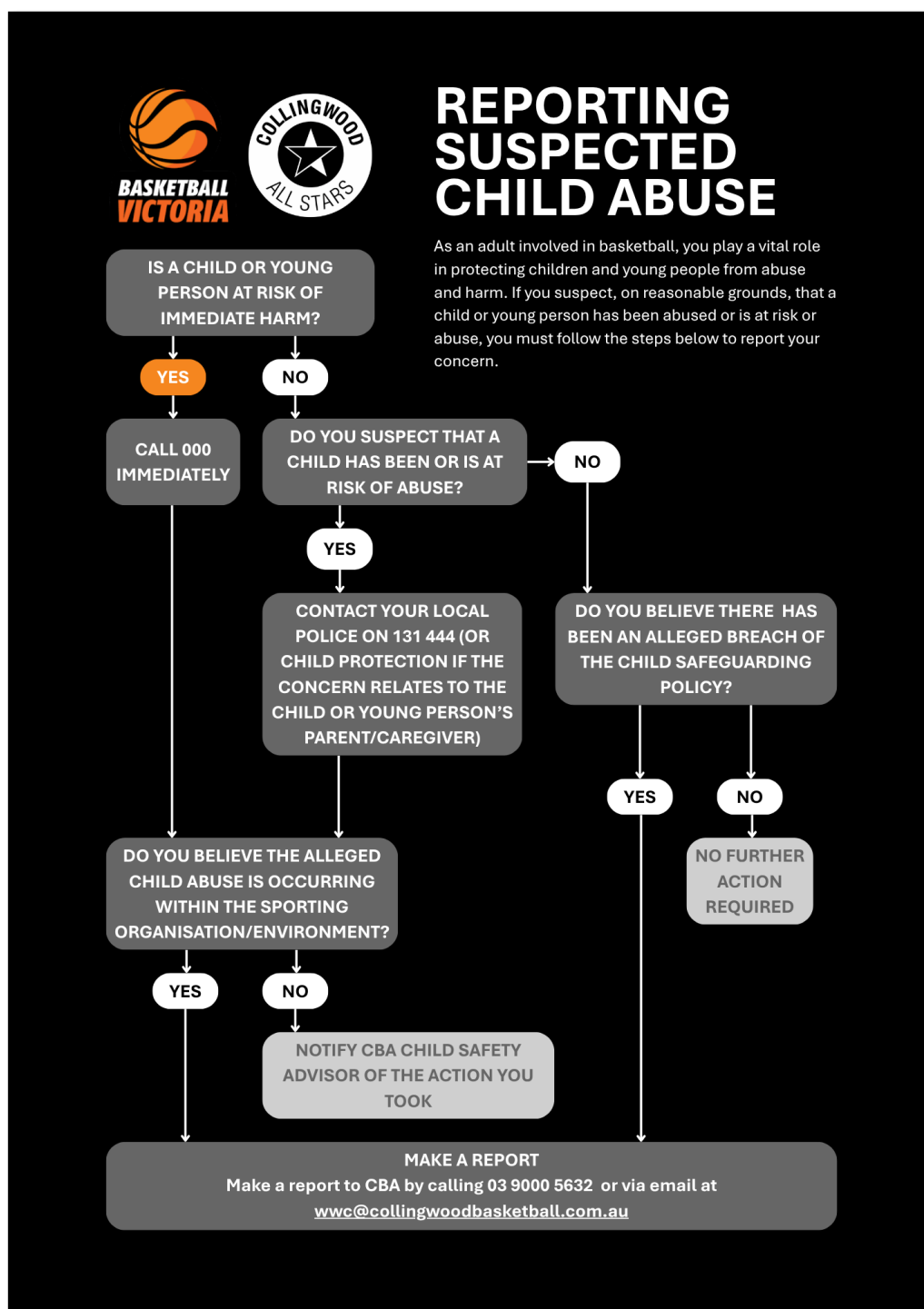
Name: Shaun McEachin

Email: wwc@collingwoodbasketball.com.au

Phone: 03 9000 5632

All reports will be treated seriously, handled confidentially where possible, and managed in accordance with the Collingwood Basketball Association Child Safety Procedure and Reporting Suspected Child Abuse Procedure.

What to do if you see, hear, or suspect a child safety incident (quick steps)



If a child or young person is in immediate danger, call Victoria Police on 000.

Independent support is also available through:

- Basketball Australia's confidential STOPline, 1300 304 550
- 1800RESPECT, 1800 737 732
- Lifeline, 13 11 14

We recognise that families place significant trust in our organisation every time they participate in our programs. We do not take that responsibility lightly.

Creating a safe environment for children and young people requires vigilance, openness and a willingness to act when concerns are raised. By working together, we can ensure the Collingwood Basketball Association remains a safe, inclusive and positive place for every child and young person.

COLLINGWOOD BASKETBALL JUNIOR DOMESTIC CONTACTS

Please find below relevant information on who to contact at Collingwood Basketball via their respective contacts:

- Darian Hyde | Competitions & Basketball Manager
 - darian.hyde@collingwoodbasketball.com.au
- Ella Parker | Competitions Coordinator
 - ella.parker@collingwoodbasketball.com.au
- Both can also be reached via the Competitions Email which can be found below
 - competitions@collingwoodbasketball.com.au

CLOSING STATEMENT

Whether your child is stepping onto the court for the very first time or returning for another exciting season, we look forward to welcoming you to the Collingwood Basketball Association family. The Summer 2026/2027 season promises another fantastic opportunity to develop skills, build friendships, embrace teamwork, and enjoy the game in a fun, safe, and supportive environment. We encourage all families to register early to secure their place and assist us with planning for the season ahead. Thank you for choosing Collingwood Basketball Association, we can't wait to see you on the court this summer!