

Balwyn Blazers Basketball Club

Information for New Players



Thanks for your interest in the Balwyn Blazers Basketball Club (Blazers). The following information explains how we operate and will help you decide if our club is right for you.

The Blazers is a member of the Eastern District Junior Basketball Association (EDJBA). The Blazers have boys and girls teams in the competition, which has grades from A to D, and age groups suitable for 6 to 20 year olds, catering for all abilities.

As a club the Blazers foster a participation philosophy with our teams. Whilst we like our teams to be competitive, as a domestic basketball club, we measure our success by how we develop the social and basketball skills of our players. Regardless of your child's skill level we will have a team that can provide them with an enjoyable basketball experience.

General Information

- Basketball is a year-round sport and there are 2 seasons during year; Winter Season, Under 9-21 (Term 2 & 3 of the school year) and the Summer Season Under 8-21 (Terms 4 & 1 of the following year).
- The games are played at a series of venues in the north-eastern suburbs every Saturday, except during school holidays (games can be fixtured on the first or last Saturday of the school holidays) and long weekends.
- Teams can expect to have on average a third of their games at home venues Balwyn High School (BHS), Boroondara Park Primary School (BPPS), Greythorn Primary School (GPS), Balwyn Leisure Centre (BLC) or Donvale Indoor Sports Centre (DISC). Away venues range from Collingwood to Warrandyte depending on the teams in each grade.
- The enrolment fee is \$355 per season. This fee covers expense of game day fees for regular season games, court hire for games and training, training equipment, player registration and insurance, along with club administration costs.

Team Information

- The age groupings and the teams change each season and players will find themselves playing with a different group of players each season
- When registering, players can request 'AM' or 'PM' games if they have other commitments, such as school sport. As a general rule, the younger age groups play morning games with older groups playing afternoon games through to evening games
- Each player is assigned to a team for a season. Each team has a Team Coach, a Team Manager (a parent of a player in the team), and generally has up to 8 players
- Coaches for our teams come from a variety of sources primarily parents are a source of coaches, or older siblings of players in the team who player, or a Blazers player from an older age group
- Training is held once a week for 1 hour between 4pm – 10pm at either BHS, BSC, BPPS or GPS, Monday - Thursday. If your child is unable to make a training session, we ask that you communicate with your Team Manager and/or Team Coach
- Teams with junior Team Coaches must have a supervising parent at every training session
- We ask that children be collected promptly after training from the venue

For further information on team allocation see the clubs *Team Selection Process* document

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Game Day

- The games times are from 8.30am to 9.00pm, with a duration of 40 minutes (2 x 20 minute halves)
- Please arrive 15 minutes early to ensure time for a proper warm-up, organise team sheets and payment.
- All parents are required to score during the season, generally it will average to 1 or 2 games a season
- Parents are assigned to a roster for scoring at matches. The Team Contact will oversee the scoring roster, the training supervision roster where applicable, assist new parents to score and assist the coach with information dissemination throughout the season

Uniforms

- All players must wear the club uniform to play. The uniform consists of a Blazers reversible singlet with a unique number allocated by the club for each team member and a pair of Blazers shorts.
- The cost is \$55 for the reversible singlet and \$45 for the shorts. The club holds uniform nights at the start of the season, and uniforms and merchandise can also be ordered through Fashion Club Wear (FCW) the clubs supplier.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Carolyn Morkham via email operations@balwynblazers.com.au or on 0432 541 713. Most general information is available from the club's website www.balwynblazers.com.au.