

## Notes from VJBL Trials Parents Meeting 2024

- Important that families understand the difference between domestic and Championship basketball and are fully committed to the season
- Every Gender and age group has more athletes registered to trial than there is space in teams – so some kids will unfortunately not be selected. This will be communicated to the relevant people around the same time the last teams in those age groups are sent out.
- Majority of teams training twice a week this season
- Teams required to play in at least two tournaments, one of which is Eltham-Dandenong Basketball Tournament (starting January 24<sup>th</sup>)
- Court time is fair but not necessarily equal
- Younger age groups (U12 and 14) are expected to play together on Saturday domestic. Older age groups may also choose to play together. Exception to this requirement is players who are already based at other domestic clubs.
- Travel can be considerable in VJBL – depends on your grade
- Players are expected to priorities their rep basketball trainings and games over other extracurricular activities
- Club has high behavioral expectations on families. Spectators are expected not to interact with referees at all.
- No coaching from sidelines, make sure there is no conflicting instructions being given to child
- Please wait 24 hours before any discussion is had with coach about concerns/request for feedback coming directly from a game
- Champ Committee exists and helps manage issues throughout season. Complaints can come through the [complaint/feedback form](#).
- Well-being Committee/Wellbeing Officer (Sophie Foote) also exists at club. Can be contacted through [childsafety@elthamwildcats.net.au](mailto:childsafety@elthamwildcats.net.au)
- Despite increased expectations - program is still focused on enjoyment and being a positive environment
- Please ensure you have provided your proof of age document
- Payment of \$100 on acceptance is required. Refund not provided should there be a change of mind or if the player receives an offer from another club. Remaining \$175 of first installment due end of November. 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of \$275 plus training considerations due in March.

- Always refer to noticeboard for up-to-date information and the latest squad lists and times. Also check FAQ before contacting the club.
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams will be selected on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October session. Each subsequent session an additional 2 teams will be selected.
- There are independent coaches in each age group/gender who will move players up and down groups as needed and provide an additional voice in selection meetings.