

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. **Must a player register before attending tryouts?**

Yes. All players must register online, please click [HERE](#) to register.

### 2. **Must players attend ALL tryout sessions?**

Yes. If a player is unable to attend a tryout session for any reason, please contact our Basketball Development Manager via [EMAIL](#). All players must sign in at each venue.

#### Tryout Dates/Times:

For U12-U21 Boys and Girls Tryout Schedule please click [HERE](#)

#### Youth League Women

6<sup>th</sup> October 3.00pm – 4.30pm at EMC, Langwarrin

13<sup>th</sup> October 3.00pm- 4.30pm at EMC Langwarrin

#### Youth League Men

6<sup>th</sup> October 2.00pm – 3.30pm at Frankston Stadium, Seaford

13<sup>th</sup> October 2.00pm- 3.30pm at Frankston Stadium, Seaford

### 3. **Can Parents watch try-outs?**

**No** - Frankston Blues run a closed tryout session.

### 4. **When will squads/teams be announced?**

Squads will be announced via the Frankston Blues website after tryouts on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of October.

Squads are allocated after try-outs and will be finalised into teams after the compulsory Junior Rep Preseason Tournament, any movement between squads will be communicated by Coaches and Coaching Coordinators.

### 5. **Must Blues players play in the FDBA Domestic summer and winter competitions?**

**Yes** - All Blues players must play in the FDBA domestic summer and winter competitions.

\*Exemptions can be requested through written application via [EMAIL](#)

Reasons for exemptions may include State Development Program training commitments, travel etc

### 6. **Must Blues players play in tournaments?**

**Yes** - There are compulsory tournaments such as the [Junior Rep Preseason Tournament](#) and the *National Junior Classic Tournament* (VC qualification criteria applies).

Please find below a list of non-compulsory tournaments that our Junior Blues Program have been known to participate in:

- Southern Pen Tournament (16<sup>th</sup> –17<sup>th</sup> November)
- Eltham/Dandenong Tournament (24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> January)
- Bendigo Tournament (25<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> January)
- Adelaide Classic (Easter)
- Ballarat Tournament (May/June)
- Nunawading Spectres Tournament (Queens Birthday weekend)
- Melbourne Tournament (July)

\*Entry into the non-compulsory tournaments is at the discretion of the coach

## 7. When does the VJBL 2019/2020 season start?

VJBL regular season games are played on a Friday night.

There are 5 distinct phases in the 2019/2020 VJBL season:

- Practice Matches/Pre-Grading Games (November 2019)
- Grading Phase 1 (November/December 2019)
- Grading Phase 2 (31<sup>st</sup> Jan – Mid March 2020)
- VJBL Competition Games (Mid-March – August 2020)
- VJBL Finals (August –September 2020)

## 8. What about my uniform?

We have a new look uniform for our Junior Blues in 2019/2020, please see design below:



The cost of the new uniform will be **\$90** total - **\$50** for the top and **\$40** for the shorts.

**Please note:** Any players that ordered a new uniform in 2019 with the “old” style top on one side will NOT have to purchase a new top this year – these players will still have the dark blue as the dominant colour and we will be ordering a number of spare tops to be made available to team managers in the event of a clash. We will provide a Uniform Clash Guide at the beginning of the season and Team Managers whose teams contain these players will need to be on top of their schedule and be prepared in advance to have collected one of these tops from the stadium. These players will need to purchase new shorts.

Following Junior Blues Tryouts there will be scheduled fittings for each team; these times will be communicated during tryouts. Parents and players will need to be available for their allocated fitting to ensure your order is placed in time for it to arrive for the start of grading. There will also be the opportunity to purchase merchandise/apparel items with the uniform - this is recommended; to ensure you receive what you have ordered prior to grading.

New merchandise items will include training singlet and shorts, backpacks, sublimated track pants and pro zip jackets. Player packs are available with discounts on select items. Any enquires please email: [merch@frankstonbasketball.asn.au](mailto:merch@frankstonbasketball.asn.au)

\*This information does not apply to Double Bottom Aged teams for the 2019 or the 2020 VJBL season, information for those teams will be communicated separately.

## 9. How/When do I order a Blues Game Uniform and/or Player Pack?

Game Uniforms and New Player Packs can be ordered following tryouts.

Singlet numbers are allocated by the Club and cannot be requested.

Any enquires please email: [merch@frankstonbasketball.asn.au](mailto:merch@frankstonbasketball.asn.au)

## 10. Where are games played?

Fixtures depend on where teams end up after grading but please be advised that there will be some travel involved. All games are found on the VJBL website fixtures and results page at [VJBL.com.au](http://VJBL.com.au)

## 11. Will Blues players have 2 training sessions every week? Must the player attend both training sessions?

**Yes** - There will be 2 training sessions every week (except for Double Bottom age U12's who will train once a week). There is a mid-week training and a Sunday morning training (U12 teams start their training early!). Team training schedules to be advised following tryouts.

**Yes** - All training is compulsory. Arrive 15 mins prior to training to foam roll and warm up.

Training starts on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

## 12. Must the Blues Code of Conduct be signed by parents/guardians and players?

Yes, players will not be able to play for the Blues unless the Code of Conduct is signed by both players and a guardian/parent representative. Coaches will hand out the Code of Conduct to each player at the first training session.

## 13. What is the minimum cost to be a Blues player?

<u>Annual Blues registration fees:</u> U12-U21/YL	\$470 upfront or \$480 on payment plan Payment plan option - \$180 Dec 19, \$150 Jan 20, \$150 Feb 20
<u>Weekly Game Team Sheets</u> (per player) To be paid to Team Manager on game night	\$10-\$15
<u>Game Uniform (reversible singlet and shorts)</u> Worn Friday nights and tournaments	\$90* *2019/2020 price only
<u>New Player Pack</u> Training singlet/shorts, Back Pack and more	<b>Basic Pack (\$115):</b> Training Singlet/Shorts, Backpack <b>Pro Pack (\$250):</b> Training Singlet/Shorts, Backpack, Tee, Hoodie, Track Pants <b>Ultimate Pack (\$340):</b> Same as Pro Pack plus Pro-Zip Jacket

## 14. How do I become a Team Manager for VJBL 2019/2020 season?

EOI forms will be available online after the final teams have been selected.

## 15. Where can I find out further information?

- [New Blues Parent Information Session](#) – Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of October, times **TBC**
- [The Blues Player/Parent Handbook](#) & other relevant information please click [HERE](#)
- Contact our Basketball Development Manager via [EMAIL](#)

## 16. What is my role as a parent?

To follow the Parents, Players and Spectators Code of conduct at all times. Support the Team Manager by paying fees on time, communicate illness or injury of players at the earliest possible convenience and support the season by scoring as you are allocated to do so. We want everyone to have an enjoyable time and these are the key areas where you can best contribute to the success of your child's season.