



**Saints Basketball Club – we're awesome!**

# Winter 2024 Information

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***"Saints is a child safe, local, friendly, family-orientated club where you'll really feel a part of our teams."***

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## 1. Season Overview

The Saints, a child safe club, is a member of the McKinnon Basketball Association (MBA) and we place teams in the MBA's domestic competition.

The age groups and ball sizes are:

Under 8	Born 2017, 2018 (must turn 5 before start of competition) Size 5 ball
Under 10	Born 2015, 2016 Size 5 ball
Under 12	Born 2013,2014 Size 5 ball
Under 14	Born 2011, 2012 Size 6 ball
Under 16	Born 2009, 2010 Boys: size 7 ball, Girls: size 6
Under 18	Born 2007, 2008 Boys: size 7 ball, Girls: size 6
Under 20/ Senior	Born 2006 and earlier Boys: size 7 ball, Girls: size 6

Key dates for the Summer 2023-24 season are:

February 26th - Registrations Open (see section 3)
March 18th - Registrations Close
March 19th - Uniform order cut-off (see section 6)
April 9th - Teams Announced (see section 7)
April 15th - Training commences (see section 8)
April 20th/21st - Competition Commences (see section 9)
Sept 7th/8th - Finals commence

## 2. Child Safety

The Saints is a Child Safe Club. Every person in the basketball community has a responsibility to understand their role in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people in our care.

All our volunteers must abide by the relevant Code of Conduct and those aged 18 and over must have a valid Working with Children Check, abide by the Child Safe Code of Conduct and complete online Child Protection and Safeguarding training.

All members and volunteers are expected to immediately advise the Club's Child Safe Officer, Jo Morley, at [secretary@saintsbasketball.org](mailto:secretary@saintsbasketball.org) of any concerns that they may have about the welfare of a child.

Please refer to our Child Safe resources on our website <https://www.saintsbasketball.org/childsafety>, the MBA's Child Safety information <https://www.mckinnonbasketball.org/child-safe> and Basketball Victoria's Child Safe information at <https://www.basketballvictoria.com.au/resources/association-resources/child-safe-standards>

## 3. How to Register

Registration is via PlayHQ, a registration system run by Basketball Victoria and used by most basketball Clubs in Victoria.

If registering an EXISTING player or you already have a PlayHQ account, DO NOT create a new PlayHQ account, please use your existing account.

Note for the Winter 2024 season, boys/girls born in 2005 and 2006 will play in the senior competition.

Registration will open on **February 26<sup>th</sup>** and close on **March 18<sup>th</sup>** and you can register by:

- Going to our website <http://www.saintsbasketball.org> and clicking on the registration link; or
- Using the following links:
  - **Junior Competition - All players born 2007 to 2018 (U8 players must turn 5 before the start of the season)**  
<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/2512c0>
  - **Senior Competition (players born 2006 and earlier)**  
<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/fdca0f>

If you have any problems registering, please check <https://support.playhq.com/hc/en-au>

If you are **transferring from another Club** within the McKinnon Basketball Association (MBA), when you register, you'll be prompted to trigger a transfer request. This will automatically send a notice to the Club the player is transferring from to commence the transfer process. Once all approvals have been given, you'll receive an email advising that you that registration can be completed. This approval process may take a couple of days.

## 4. Fees & Costs

**Registration Fees** will be charged as a total amount at the end of the registration process:

<b>Saints Basketball Club Registration Fee</b>	<b>\$295 (Junior) \$260 (senior)</b>	Coach, committee, AGC and multiple child discounts are available – see below  <b>Senior player fee</b> is based training court being provided. If team doesn't train, then an \$80 discount code will be sent
<b>Basketball Victoria Annual Participant License Fee</b>	<b>\$29 (= &lt;17) \$43 (= &gt;18)</b>	This fee is charged by Basketball Victoria and covers a 12-month period. More information is available at <a href="https://www.basketballvictoria.com.au/play/registration-information">https://www.basketballvictoria.com.au/play/registration-information</a> If the player's current license expires during the Winter 2024 season, you'll be charged this fee.
<b>McKinnon Basketball Association Fee</b>	<b>\$96 (Junior) \$48 (Senior)</b>	This fee is set by the McKinnon Basketball Association and covers the stadium entry for the player and unlimited spectators for the normal rounds (exc. finals). No fee will be charged at the stadium entrance.
<b>NEW Basketball Australia Game Development Levy</b>	<b>\$5.50</b>	This is an annual fee to support the growth and development of basketball. More information is available at <a href="https://www.australia.basketball/news/3739877/game-development-levy">https://www.australia.basketball/news/3739877/game-development-levy</a>

**Multiple Child Discounts:** When registering, you'll receive an 8% discount on the Club registration fee for each subsequent player registered under the same PlayHQ account. This will be applied automatically.

**Coach and Volunteer Discounts:** Coaches and committee members receive a 100% discount on the Club Registration Fee. A voucher code will be sent to be used at registration time. If not used, refunds will only be provided upon request and up to round 4 of the season. As a community-based basketball club, we rely heavily on parents/guardians/siblings/relatives/friends to volunteer. Like many clubs, we struggle to find coaches, so please consider taking on this role.

### **Get Active Kids Voucher**

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program is a Victorian Government initiative which helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities. Eligible children may receive up to \$200 to cover the cost of registration.

Currently, there is no active round open. If a round is announced and you've already paid your registration fee you can get a reimbursement by going to

<https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/>

More information can be found at <https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/>

If required, please select **Basketball Victoria** (Provider 2951096) as the provider.

### **Final's Team Sheet Fee:**

Semi Final **\$79 per team**, Grand Final **\$85 per team**. The upfront player registration fee does not cover finals costs. Each team that reaches the final will be required to pay the Team Sheet fee at the stadium door or arrange to pay to the MBA prior to the final. Team Managers should arrange collection of this fee prior to the game.

### **Stadium Entry Fee:**

Stadium entry fees (excluding finals) are charged upfront by the McKinnon Basketball Association as part of the registration process (refer Association Fee mentioned above) and this will cover entrance for all players and spectators for all rounds except finals.

**For finals**, the stadium entrance fee will be **\$3 per player and per spectator over 18**.

**Uniform (shorts & singlet): \$100** (free for new U8 and U10 players) – refer uniform section below.

### **Refunds:**

Registering to play with the **Saints** signifies an ongoing commitment to the club for the upcoming season. A player withdrawal after registration is very disruptive not only to individual teams but the entire age group and creates considerable work for the volunteers on our committee.

## **5. New Players**

After registration, you'll be contacted by the Girls or Boys Team Coordinators who will ensure the player is placed in the most appropriate team.

## **6. Uniforms**

**Existing Players** – if ordering a new singlet, please use the Player's existing Club Approved Singlet Number – DO NOT CHOOSE A NEW SINGLET NUMBER

**New Players** – MUST have a Club Approved Singlet Number before ordering a uniform. These will be allocated by the Club after registration via email. Players cannot choose their own number. New players in the **U8 and U10 age groups will not be charged for their uniform and a discount code** will be sent to you in the singlet number email.

Uniforms can be ordered by clicking on the uniform button on our home page

<https://www.saintsbasketball.org/> or by using this link <https://www.impactsports.com.au/club/glen-eira-saints/>

Uniforms must be ordered by **March 19th** to guarantee delivery before the start of the season. Uniforms ordered after this date will not arrive before the start of the season. The Club will try and organise a loan uniform but if one is not available, the player can wear plain navy/black t-shirt and shorts (no zippers, buckles, pockets) for the first 4 rounds without team penalty.

Uniforms will be delivered to the Club, and you'll receive an email arranging collection. When ordering, there is also an option, at a cost, to have the uniform mailed directly to you.

**If you wish to use a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform/hand-me-down, please get Club approval to ensure there'll be no number clash in your child's age group.**

If you have any queries, please contact our Uniform Coordinator at [uniforms@saintsbasketball.org](mailto:uniforms@saintsbasketball.org)

## **7. Teams and Selection Policy**

After registrations close, the Coordinators will form teams based upon their knowledge of the players and in accordance with the Club's Selection Policy <http://www.saintsbasketball.org/> which aims to:

- To ensure the enjoyment of all players within the club - through equal participation.
- To place players in teams appropriate to their current or future skill level and development.
- To develop all players to the maximum of their ability.

Teams will be announced via email by **April 9th**.

As a community-based basketball club, we rely heavily on parents/guardians/siblings/relatives/friends to volunteer as a coach. Like many clubs, we struggle to find coaches, so please consider taking on this role. We offer support for coaches through training and on-line resources.

## 8. Training

Training is on a weeknight and runs for up to 1 hour. Our training venues are at school Basketball stadiums including Glen Huntly Primary School, South Oakleigh Secondary College, Coatesville Primary School, Carnegie Primary School, GESAC, Bentleigh Secondary School and McKinnon Secondary College.

Teams are allocated to training spots by the Club – **players do not get to choose.**

Teams will be advised via email by **April 9th**. Training will commence **April 15th**. Training is to be held in a covid-safe manner. Players shouldn't attend training if feeling unwell.

## 9. Competition and Bylaws

The Saints places its teams in the competition run by the McKinnon Basketball Association. The competition is run on:

- U8 boys, girls and mixed teams play on Saturday mornings.
- U10 to U18 boys play on Saturdays.
- U20 boys and Senior Men play on Sundays.
- Girls and Senior Women play on Sundays. Note: U20 girls will play in the Open age group in the Senior Competition.

The U8 Competition will have modified rules:

- 4 x 4 competition i.e., only 4 players on court per team.
- 1 coach per team is allowed on the court to guide players.
- 2 x 15-minute halves.
- 1 x 3-minute half time break -all players from both teams shoot a free throw for an opportunity to add to team score (if individual score limit has not been reached).
- No grading and no separate divisions (separate groups may apply depending on team numbers).
- Individual scores will not be published online (PlayHQ).
- Round Robin format (round 16) – no finals.

The day starts with the under 8 age group and finishes with the oldest age group. The games are held at a variety of venues including GESAC, Bentleigh, McKinnon and Brighton Secondary Colleges, and Coatesville Primary School.

The season will have **16 rounds plus finals** as per the following table. The first 4 weeks are **grading rounds** for the U10s to U20s, and teams may move between divisions within an age group and game times/venues may change. These will be normal rounds for the U8s. We recommend that you check the fixture each Friday during the grading rounds. T

You can access the fixtures the week prior to the start of the season at <https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/org/mckinnon-basketball-association/8de290c6>. The Team Manager will advise participants of the game details on a weekly basis.

The domestic competition bylaws can be found at <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/63995be8241ae54a4286807b/t/64a75057d7e7997947ab4378/1688686680169/MBA+Competition+By-Laws+Notes+March+2023.pdf>

Note: fines and penalties will apply if the bylaws are breached.

Round 1 (grading for U10s-U20s)	Apr 20th/21st
Round 2 (grading for U10s-U20s)	Apr 27th/28th
Round 3 (grading for U10s-U20s)	May 4th/5th
Round 4 (grading for U10s-U20s)	May 11th/12th
Round 5	May 18th/19th
Round 6	May 25th/26th
Round 7	June 1st/2nd
King's Birthday Long Weekend	No games
Round 8	June 15th/16th
Round 9	June 22nd/23rd
School Holidays	No games June 29th-Jul 14th
Round 10	July 20th/21st
Round 11	July 27th/28th
Round 12	Aug 3rd/4th
Round 13	Aug 10th/11th
Round 14	Aug 17th/18th
Round 15	Aug 24th/25th
Round 16 (last round for U8s which will be a round robin)	Aug 31 <sup>st</sup> /Sep 1st
Semi Finals (exc. U8s)	Sep 7th/8th
Grand Finals (exc. U8s)	Sep 14th/15th

## 10. Parent Scoring Duty

All parents are expected to take turns at scoring during the season. The Team Manager will set up a roster.

There are 2 scoring mechanisms:

- The clock – which displays information on the court scoreboard. Usually the 'away' team does this (away team is the second named team on the fixture)
- The iPad – which records statistics which will be uploaded to PlayHQ by the referees after the game. Usually the 'home' team does this.

There will be instructions on the scoring bench.

Brief instructions about how to score using the iPad can be found at <https://support.playhq.com/hc/en-au/articles/900003258386-Basketball-Electronic-scoring-overview>

Key points to remember when scoring:

- Get there early so you have time to check the players and singlet numbers and familiarise yourself with the scoring instructions of the score table.

- Compare scores on the clock vs iPad regularly during the game to ensure they're the same. If there is a discrepancy, this must be resolved at that time. The referee can be called over to resolve a dispute. If the discrepancy isn't resolved, then the iPad takes precedence.
- Sometimes statistics are lost when being uploaded after the match, so it's always a good idea to take a photo of the iPad screen.
- Fill in players must have all their details entered correctly.
- Players must not play under another player's name.

## **11. Player Code of Conduct and MBA Zero Tolerance Policy**

By registering to play with the Saints, parties agree to abide with Basketball Victoria's Player Code of Conduct which can be found at <https://www.basketballvictoria.com.au/cdn/byuip6j02lssg4ok>

Please ensure you and your child are aware of the Club's expectations.

To ensure a safe and enjoyable playing environment for all participants, McKinnon Basketball Association (MBA) have a Zero Tolerance Policy to address inappropriate and unsportsmanlike behaviour from players, coaches, team managers, parents, and spectators. This can be found at <https://www.mckinnonbasketball.org/policies>

If you have any questions, please contact the Club at [secretary@saintsbasketball.org](mailto:secretary@saintsbasketball.org)