

A hand holding a basketball, with a yellow and black torn paper effect at the top and bottom edges. The background is a close-up of the basketball's textured surface.

BASKETBALL

**SUMMER
2022/23**

SEASON INFORMATION

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Competition Dates

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
Under 16 Boys, Under 18 Boys, Under 20 Girls, Senior Women's, Senior Mixed	Senior Men's	Senior Men's	Under 8s, Under 10s, under 10 Girls, Under 12s, Under 12 Girls, Under 14 Boys, under 14 Girls, Under 16 Girls

Domestic Basketball – Summer 2022-2023

September 2022 – April 2023

Monday	J	S	Wednesday	S	Thursday	S	Saturday	J
26-Sep		1	28-Sep	1	29-Sep	1	1-Oct	
3-Oct	1	2	5-Oct	2	6-Oct	2	8-Oct	1
10-Oct	2	3	12-Oct	3	13-Oct	3	15-Oct	2
17-Oct	3	4	19-Oct	4	20-Oct	4	22-Oct	3
24-Oct	4	5	26-Oct	5	27-Oct	5	29-Oct	PH
31-Oct	Public Holiday		2-Nov	6	3-Nov	6	5-Nov	4
7-Nov	5	6	9-Nov	7	10-Nov	7	12-Nov	5
14-Nov	6	7	16-Nov	8	17-Nov	8	19-Nov	6
21-Nov	7	8	23-Nov	9	24-Nov	9	26-Nov	7
28-Nov	8	9	30-Nov	10	1-Dec	10	3-Dec	8
5-Dec	9	10	7-Dec	11	8-Dec	11	10-Dec	9
12-Dec	10	11	14-Dec	12	15-Dec	12	17-Dec	10
19-Dec			21-Dec		22-Dec		24-Dec	
Holidays								
9-Jan		12	11-Jan	13	12-Jan	13	14-Jan	
16-Jan		13	18-Jan	14	19-Jan	14	21-Jan	
23-Jan		14	25-Jan	15	26-Jan	PH	28-Jan	
30-Jan	11	15	1-Feb	16	2-Feb	15	4-Feb	11
6-Feb	12	16	8-Feb	17	9-Feb	16	11-Feb	12
13-Feb	13	17	15-Feb	18	16-Feb	17	18-Feb	13
20-Feb	14	18	22-Feb	19	23-Feb	18	25-Feb	14
27-Feb	15	19	1-Mar	20	2-Mar	19	4-Mar	15
6-Mar	16	20	8-Mar	21	9-Mar	20	11-Mar	PH
13-Mar	Public Holiday		15-Mar	22	16-Mar	21	18-Mar	16
20-Mar	17	21	22-Mar	23	23-Mar	22	25-Mar	SF
27-Mar	SF	SF	29-Mar	SF	30-Mar	SF	1-Apr	GF
3-Apr	GF	GF	5-Apr	PF	6-Apr	PF	8-Apr	
10-Apr	Public Holiday		12-Apr	SF	13-Apr	SF	15-Apr	

Competition Information

Regular Fees & Charges

Registration is payable when registering a team each season. Registrations will be available online at <https://www.playhq.com/org/pakenham-and-district-basketball-association/0247ad86/register>

The **Weekly Game Fee** is payable at the start of each scheduled game.

	Junior	Senior
Registration	\$58.00	\$85.50
	Plus, Stripe 3.4% surcharge	
Weekly Game Fee	\$73.50	\$81.50
Individual Fee	\$5 per season	

Team Registration

When registering a team, **the individual who creates the team will be the Team Contact/Captain**. The team captain/contact will be the *main* contact for all communication between teams and Aligned Leisure management. It is the responsibility of the team captain/contact to ensure all competition information, rules and regulations, and fixture changes have been communicated to the rest of the team. It is a requirement that all coaches and team managers over the age of 18, hold a current Working with Children Check (WWC).

Timely registrations will close **Wednesday September 21st**, which will ensure your team is registered to play from Round 1.

Final registrations for **Seniors** and **Juniors** will close **Sunday November 13th**. Any registrations after this time will be at the discretion of the Aligned Leisure management.

Player Registration & Qualifications

Before playing the first game, all players must create a PlayHQ account and follow the registration process. To be qualified to play finals, all players must be registered and have played a minimum of seven (7) registered games throughout the season. A player is deemed absent if he/she does not appear to be entered into the online scoring system on game day.

All registered players will appear on the score system every week, to register a player/coach/team manager they must follow the individual registration process through the PlayHQ system. After registering a team, a link will be provided for all players to register directly to a team.

All club players will be required to be registered to their Club through the PlayHQ system, so that the club can then register the players into their designated teams.

Each player will have an individual fee of \$5 per season, please inform us if you are registering to a 2nd team.

Basketball Victoria Annual Participant Licence and Insurance

As part of each player annual individual registration/affiliation fee to Basketball Victoria, you are covered by Basketball Victoria insurance for the entire season. This fee is an annual payment and will cover participants for 365 days. All players will be required to pay this fee whilst registering for their team, and if your licence is meant to expire during the season PlayHQ will ask for the fee to be paid at the start of that season.

Junior Basketball Victoria Participant Licence	\$26
Senior Basketball Victoria Participant Licence	\$40

Any player injured during a game should seek First Aid from the Sports Captain, or another Aligned Leisure staff member, and complete the relevant documentation. Failure to do so, will result in Aligned Leisure management unable to sign off on any insurance claims to be sent to Basketball Victoria.

Further information on what is covered, how to make a claim and where to download claim documents can be found here: <http://www.vinsurancegroup.com/basketball>.

Age Eligibility

All junior players must be under the age of the age group they are playing in, as at 31st December, in the year that the playing season commences. For example, a player cannot register for an Under 16 competition, if they turn 16 years of age before the 31st of December.

Please refer to below table to help determine your child’s correct age group based on the year they were born.

Age Group	Born In
Under 8	2015, 2016
Under 10	2013, 2014
Under 12	2011, 2012
Under 14	2009, 2010
Under 16	2007, 2008
Under 18	2005, 2006
Under 20 Girls	2007, 2003

**Please note: Players are eligible to play up one age group only.*

All Senior players must be at least 14 years of age when first competing, with parents’ permission under the age of 18 years of age. Those junior players may not participate in senior competitions until the player’s parent/guardian has provided written consent to play to the committee, on behalf of the player.

Ball Sizes

Please note in line with recent recommendations from Basketball Victoria, balls sizes for their respective competitions are as follows:

<u>Size 5</u>	<u>Size 6</u>	<u>Size 7</u>
Under 8's	Under 14's	Under 16 Boys
Under 10's	Under 16 Girls	Under 18 Boys
Under 12's	Women's	Men's
	Mixed	

Venues

Cardinia Life	4 Olympic Way, Pakenham
Officer Community Hub	2 Parker St, Officer

Grading

The grading period will last for four (4) weeks at the start of the season. It is at the discretion of the PDBA and Aligned Leisure management to grade teams in a manner that they feel is appropriate. Scores and points accumulated during grading will not carry over to the official season.

Considerations regarding grading will be made via a grading committee, who will meet throughout the grading period and provide input into the grading process. Grading requests from teams after the team registration will be accepted during allocated special request dates.

If required, an additional round of grading will be undertaken during Round 10 of each respective competition.

Mixed Basketball (Seniors)

A team must be represented by at least two (2) female and two (2) male players on the court; the fifth player can be either female or male. The game will be called a forfeit if either team is unable to comply and have at least one (1) of each sex on the court. The offending team loses the game regardless of points scored.

In the first half of games, only female players will be permitted in to enter the key, in the second half of games only male players are permitted in the key.

Scoring (Bench Officials)

All teams must provide one competent bench official for each game. Referees may ask a player to sit off if no bench official is provided; points penalties may be applied in failure to supply a scorer for your team. If not sure how to complete a score sheet, please see the Aligned Leisure Sports Captain.

Due to changes to Working with Children legislation, officials over the age of 18, officiating a competition must be a holder of a valid Working with Children's Check. Under Basketball Victoria's guidance, bench officials scoring a game are currently exempt from the Act. All participants are encouraged to obtain a Working with Children's Check to ensure no issues arise with further amendments to legislation and sport organization guidelines.

Premiership Points

Win	Loss	Draw	Forfeit Against	Forfeit For / Bye
3 points	1 point	2 points to each team	0 points	3 points

Forfeits & Withdrawals

In the event where a team is unable to play a single scheduled game, it will be deemed a forfeit and a fee will apply that is payable within 14 days of the scheduled game. Where possible, the opposing team captain/contact will be contacted to be notified of the forfeit against their team. The opposing team will then be given a win with a score of 20-0 and qualification for all registered players.

In the event where a team must withdraw from the competition, they will be required to pay a competition withdrawal fee along with a forfeit fee if less than 7 days' notice is given before their next scheduled game. To officially withdraw from their respective competition, the team captain/contact must place the request in writing and send to basketball.cardinia@alignedleisure.com.au. The withdrawal fee must immediately be paid either in person or over the phone.

Forfeit – Notified prior to 24hrs

Senior -\$80.00

Juniors- \$70.00

Forfeit - Un-notified within 24hrs

Senior - \$120.00

Junior - \$80.00

Withdraw Fee

\$160 + Applicable forfeit fee

First Aid & Injuries

Where First Aid is required, all Aligned Leisure staff are trained and available to assist, however the first point of contact should be the Sports Captain on duty. All players that receive First Aid will be required to complete an injury report form.

Conditions of Entry

In the opinion of Aligned Leisure management, if a player, coach, official, spectator or team conducts themselves in a manner contrary to the best interests of Basketball or the Conditions of Entry, each individual involved will be asked to leave the complex. Depending on the extent of the incident, suspension or withdrawal from the competition may apply.

Aligned Leisure management reserves the right to refuse entry to any person under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Smoking is not permitted in or around the Centre at any time.

Uniforms

All players in a team must wear the same colour singlets and shorts, with visible numbers on both the front and back of the singlet. Playing in a singlet with a taped, handwritten, or without a number is not permitted.

Jewellery that is visible and could cause harm to themselves or others will be asked to remove the object. If the jewellery is unable to be removed, then the player must cover the object with a protective device (example, medical tape) to the referee is satisfied that they object is appropriately covered. If the medical tape is removed during play, the referee will stop play at the next opportunity and direct the player to remedy the cover. If the cover is removed more than twice, the player will be instructed they are unable to take the participate until the object is removed. The exception to this rule is flat wedding bands.

For further information regarding uniforms, please refer to the FIBA Official Basketball Rulebook, along with the exceptions within the PDBA by-laws.

Behavioural Technical Fouls

When an individual receives a behavioural technical foul, it will be centrally recorded. If an individual incurs three (3) behavioural technical fouls they will be suspended for one (1) game. (*Behavioural Technical Fouls are those that show dissent or disrespect towards officials for their calls/non-calls*)

Suspended Players

Players under suspension by Basketball Victoria or Aligned Leisure are not permitted to play, referee or score for the duration of the suspension. Teams who play suspended players will lose all points for the games concerned, and maybe removed from the competition.

Changes to Fixtures

Please note changes to fixtures due to regrading, re-fixturing, teams withdrawing, or other unforeseen circumstances may occur without notice throughout the season (outside of grading period) when more than 7 days from the respective game. In these instances, a competition Bye may be created or removed during this time.

Whereas changes to fixtures occurring within 7 days of the respective game, an Aligned Leisure Sports Captain will contact all affected teams via either telephone, email or both.

Score & Ladder Enquiries

Any queries regarding incorrect scores or ladder positions, must be lodged in writing via email to basketball.cardinia@alignedleisure.com.au.

From here, the relevant Sport Captain will investigate the enquiry and make any changes where necessary. Please be aware it may take up to seven days for these issues to be completed by the relevant staff member for any applicable competition.

Special Requests

All Special Requests regarding fixturing or grading must be placed in writing and lodged via email to basketball.cardinia@alignedleisure.com.au and state the reason, and specific competition it involves. Any requests for a Bye round on a date will only be considered in a competition with odd team numbers.

Fixturing requests will be specifically reviewed prior to the construction of fixtures. Fixturing requests for the grading period will need to be submitted by **Wednesday September 21st**. Fixturing requests for the regular season must be submitted prior to the commencement of Round 4 of the respective competition.

Please note this are requests only; it is not guaranteed that all requests can be fulfilled.

Other Policies

For all other policies and conditions not included in this information pack, please refer to the policies of Basketball Victoria, the PDBA, and Aligned Leisure Conditions of Entry.

Summer 2023 Key Dates

Junior

Monday Competitions

Semi Finals - 27/03/2023
Grand Finals - 03/04/2023

Saturday Competitions

Semi Finals - 25/03/2023
Grand Finals - 01/04/2023

Senior

Monday Competitions

Semi Finals - 27/03/2023
Grand Finals - 03/04/2023

Wednesday Competitions

Semi Finals - 29/03/2023
Prelim Finals - 05/04/2023
Grand Finals - 12/04/2023

Thursday Competitions

Semi Finals - 30/03/2023
Prelim Finals - 06/04/2023
Grand Finals - 13/04/2023

Heat Policy

Once the on-court temperature (as measured by the digital display above Court 4) passes 30 degrees 2 minutes per half will be removed from the game clock (18 Minute Halves).

In accordance with *Basketball Victoria's Heat Policy*:

1. Each team must also call a timeout before and after the compulsory timeout.
2. In the event coaches do not call a timeout, the referee will intervene and call a timeout and attribute them to the respective teams.
3. The on-court referee must call a time out at the earliest possible time at the midpoint of each half and the clock will stop for timeouts.

**Overall minimum 3 Time Outs per Half in total required (2 Team and 1 Referee)
E.g. Time outs call at – 14:33, 09:00 and 03:51.*

The clock will stop during compulsory timeouts, however when on-court temperature is over 35 degrees the clock will continue to run, unless it is the last minute of the first half or the last 3 minutes during the second half.

Once the on-court temperature (as measured by the digital display above Court 4) passes 40 degrees' games must be called off.

If a game has passed the half time break the team in front will be declared the winner. If this game has not passed this point, then the game will be declared a draw.

Saturday		Sunday to Thursday	
Decision will be made at	For the games starting at	Decision will be made at	For the games starting at
10:30am	11:30am	3:30pm	4:30pm
10:30am	12:20pm	3:30pm	5:20pm
12:00pm	1:10pm	5:00pm	6:10pm
12:00pm	2:00pm	5:00pm	7:00pm
1:30pm	2:50pm	6:30pm	7:50pm
1:30pm	3:40pm	6:30pm	8:40pm
1:30pm	4:30pm	6:30pm	9:30pm

Times are approximate. We will communicate any decision to call games off via Facebook, email, phone call and/or SMS

Players Code of Conduct

1. Understand and play by the rules.

Understanding and playing by the rules is your responsibility. The rules exist for the safety, proper order and enjoyment of all people involved in basketball. The lessons to be learned in this respect in basketball are lessons that can and should be carried over into all aspects of your lives.

Do not ignore or deliberately break any rules. Even if you think that a deliberate foul may give your team an advantage, you should not commit the deliberate foul in the interests of fair play. If you do consistently commit deliberate fouls or break the rules you must accept that there will be consequences for you and your team. Do not let yourself or your team down.

2. Respect referees and other officials.

Referees and officials have a difficult task to perform and you could not play the game without them. They are there to enforce the rules of play but they cannot always be right. Accept bad calls graciously. Abuse of referees is unacceptable behaviour. Players who consistently dispute decisions or do not accept bad decisions are bad sports. If you disagree with a decision, have your coach, captain or manager approach the referee during a break or after the game, in an appropriate manner.

3. Control your temper.

Verbal abuse of officials is a serious offence against the rules of basketball. Verbally abusing other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are also not acceptable or permitted in basketball. Loss of temper is not only unpleasant for other participants in the game, it can also distract you and have an adverse effect on your concentration and effectiveness on the court.

4. Work equally hard for yourself and for your team.

You owe it to yourself and others involved in your team to train and play to the best of your abilities. Your team's performance will benefit – so will you. If you are half-hearted about your involvement in the sport you will become dissatisfied and lose out on the much of the enjoyment and satisfaction you can derive from giving it your best.

5. Be a good sport.

Acknowledge all good plays whether they be by your team or the other team. Good manners and respect can be infectious. Everyone likes to be praised when they do something well. If you acknowledge the achievements of your opponents, it is likely they will follow suit. Part of participation in sport is respect for all participants in the game. Your opponents are entitled to proper courtesy. Always introduce yourself to your opponents on court, congratulate them whether you win or lose and accept a loss gracefully. Remember that the opposition coach is there trying to do the best for their team and is also entitled to respect.

6. Treat all players as you would like to be treated.

Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player. Just because one of your team cannot perform as well as you do does not mean that they are not trying. Everyone makes mistakes. Do not abuse or ridicule another player when a mistake is made. Constructive guidance and encouragement when a player does well will assist a player to improve their game.

7. Play for the "enjoyment of it" and not just to please parents and coaches.

Playing sport, including basketball, should be fun. This doesn't mean that you shouldn't take it seriously, just that at the same time you should enjoy it. If you enjoy an activity you will perform much better and derive far more benefit from it than if it is an unpleasant experience. You may experience pressure from your coach and parents and others to perform outside of your capability or desires. Whilst this can be a positive and their way of showing you support in your activities; you should resist it where it no longer is enjoyable.

8. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.

Regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, religion or other factor irrelevant to the game, all persons connected with basketball are entitled to equal treatment and respect. Avoid any remarks that could be construed as offensive or discriminatory. Sometimes even a joke may give offence. Even if a person refers to themselves with a

particular label, it should not be taken as an invitation for you to do so. Using discretion is imperative and it is better to err on the side of caution.

9. Be prepared to lose sometimes.

Everyone wins and loses at some time. Be a fair winner and a good loser. Disappointment at losing is natural, but it should not be obvious to the point of being unpleasant for others. Just as unpleasant can be the boastful winner. Recognise that even in defeat, the loser has achieved something, just by playing. Not everything in life can be a winning situation. Losing can be an important learning experience for your wider life goals.

10. Listen to the advice of your coach and try to apply it at practice and in games.

Your coach has been appointed to coach your team because they have certain abilities and experience. They have also undergone training to ensure that you get the best coach that you can commensurate with your skill levels. Apart from skills training, your coach can provide you with helpful advice on all aspects of playing basketball. Make the most of the opportunity provided to you to work with your coach to have a happy and successful experience in basketball.

11. Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

Facilities and equipment cost money and will only function properly if kept in good order. Ensure that you do not abuse anything provided for use. Do not engage in dangerous practices such as hanging off hoops or “slam dunking”. Quite properly, these practices are banned in most venues. Not only can equipment be damaged but serious injury can occur.

Other Codes of Conducts

Please note other codes of conducts can be found on the P.D.B.A. Website.

<http://www.pakenhambasketball.com.au/>

Coaches Code of Conduct	Spectators Code of Conduct
Parents Code of Conduct	P.D.B.A. By-Laws