

# Junior **WPBA** REPRESENTATIVE



## **2025-2026 SEASON** **JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE** **STEELERS HANDBOOK**

**WESTERN PORT**  
BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION



**STEELERS**

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Welcome to the 2025/2026 Western Port Basketball Junior Representative VJBL Steelers season! Get ready for an exciting journey full of growth, teamwork, and unforgettable moments on and off the court. Your dedication, hard work, and passion for the game have paid off, and we could not be more excited to have them join the Steelers family!

## **Western Port Basketball Association Steelers Representative Program**

The Western Port Steelers have experienced tremendous growth in recent years. Since 2017, we have expanded to 39 Junior Steelers teams competing in the Victorian Junior Basketball League (VJBL). Additionally, our senior program has seen success with 4 teams competing in the Big V: Division Championship Women, Division One Men, Youth League Two Men, and Youth League One Women.

## **Grading Phase**

The Grading Phase occurs after team choice and helps decide the team's competition level for the season. It runs from November to March, with games against other clubs and teams. The team will be evaluated in competitive games, and their division for the season will be decided based on these results.

## **Court Time**

Court time is determined by the coaching staff based on their assessment of player performance, effort, commitment, attendance and the overall needs of the team. While all players will be given opportunities to contribute, court time is not guaranteed and may vary from game to game. Some players may receive more court time than others depending on the dynamics of the match, training attitude, and team strategy.

All court time decisions are made at the sole discretion of the coaching staff and are fully supported by WPBA management. While feedback is acknowledged, complaints or concerns regarding court time will be given limited consideration, as these decisions are not subject to review or appeal.

2025/2026 U12-U18 VJBL AND REGIONAL LEAGUE FEES			
REGISTRATION	ANNUAL FEE	FIRST NON REFUNDABLE	FINAL INSTALMENT
		INSTALMENT DUE WITHIN	DUE BY 28 JANUARY
		5 BUSINESS DAYS	2026
1st child	\$695.00	\$200.00	\$495.00
2nd child	\$675.00	\$200.00	\$475.00
3rd child	\$645.00	\$200.00	\$445.00
2025/2026 U20 VJBL FEES			
	ANNUAL FEE	FIRST NON REFUNDABLE	FINAL INSTALMENT
		INSTALMENT DUE WITHIN	DUE BY 28 JANUARY
		5 BUSINESS DAYS	2026
	\$550.00	\$100.00	\$450.00



## **Registration Payment Terms for the 2025/2026 Steelers Season**

A non-refundable initial payment is required within 5 business day of receiving the registration link to confirm your participation in the 2025/2026 Steelers season.

The final payment will be due by 28 January 2026

All registration fees to be paid via PlayHQ.

Please note that any unpaid or outstanding registration fees by the outlined dates will result in the player being unable to participate in training or matches until all fees have been settled.

## **Training Days and Times**

- 1-Hour Team Session. Held on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday
- 1- 1.5-Hour Squad Session. Held on Saturday or Sunday

## **Locations**

- Somerville Recreation Centre
- Flinders Christian College, Tyabb (enter via Boes Road)
- Bayside Christian College
- Somerville Secondary College
- Western Port Secondary College

## **Attendance Expectations**

Players are expected to attend both training sessions and games, even if they are injured. However, not if a player is feeling unwell.

## **Game Schedule and Overview**

Friday nights (both home and away games)

## **Game Sheet Fees and information**

- \$125 per game rounds 1-18
- \$155 per game finals
- Fees are collected by the Team Manager and paid at the door (No Cash).
- Team Manager, Coach, and Assistant Coach must sign in prior to the game.
- There are no fees for spectators.
- The Team Manager will be in touch to set up the payment system for your team.
- All players are required to pay each week, regardless of attendance due to injury, school commitments, or personal reasons.
- A parent/support person will be required to be either scorer or spotter for each game. A roster of all parents will be created to ensure a fair turn throughout the season.

## **Team Photos**

WPBA will be conducting player and team photos for all teams, including players, coaches, and managers on 1 March 2026. The times for team photos will be communicated through your team manager, so please stay tuned for further details.



## **Tournaments**

All Steelers teams are entered into the following 2 tournaments:

Southern Peninsula Tournament - \$550.00 (\$55.00 per player)

Dates: Friday, 7th November to Sunday, 9th November 2025

Includes: A minimum of 4 games, player and spectator entry.

Dandenong Eltham Tournament - \$100.00 entry covered by the kitty + \$62.50 per player registration

Dates: Friday, 23rd January to Monday, 26th January 2026

Includes: A minimum of 5 games, player and spectator entry.

## **Tournaments and Accommodation**

Coaches may choose to participate in additional tournaments throughout the season, depending on team goals and opportunities. These tournaments are optional but highly encouraged for player development and team cohesion.

Parents will need to arrange their own accommodation for these events. Some tournaments may require accommodation bookings, so it's important to confirm the details with your coach and book your accommodation as soon as possible to ensure a spot. Early booking is recommended, as availability may be limited depending on the event location and timing.

Please liaise with the WPBA Media & Communications Officer during Tournaments to ensure supply of team photos and progress information for sharing with the Association. ALL information to be emailed to: [comms@wpba.com.au](mailto:comms@wpba.com.au)

## Team Manager Responsibilities

- **Communication:** Serve as the main point of contact between coaches, players, and parents. Keep everyone updated on schedules, changes, and team news.
- **Player Welfare:** Monitor player needs and ensure a positive, supportive environment for all team members.
- **Liaise with Association:** Work closely with Western Port Basketball's management team to stay updated on league requirements, training sessions, and tournament participation.
- **Team Milestones:** Communicate with the Media & Communications Officer regarding player milestones and achievements. ALL info via email to: [comms@wpba.com.au](mailto:comms@wpba.com.au)
- **End of Season Break-Up:** Organize and coordinate the team's end-of-season event or celebration.
- **Financial Management:** Collect game fees from players, manage the team's kitty spreadsheet, and ensure all game fees are paid promptly.
- **Training Roster:** Organize the training roster for parents to assist with various duties during practices and games.
- **Game Day Equipment:** Bring the game bag to all games, ensuring all necessary equipment (e.g., first aid kit, blood uniform, ball) is available.



## Player Expectations

- Attendance - Players are expected to attend both training sessions and games, even if injured, to support their team. However, not if a player is unwell
- Punctuality - Players should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to game time to allow for proper warm-up and preparation. Players should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to training to ensure they are fully prepared for the session.
- Pay Fees on Time - Players are expected to pay all fees promptly, as outlined by the Association, to ensure smooth operations and continued support for the team.

## Player Code of Conduct

At Western Port Basketball, we expect all players to uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship, respect, and personal responsibility. This helps create a positive, inclusive environment where everyone can thrive.

- Understand and Play by the Rules
- Always play fairly, follow the rules, and promote the integrity of the game.
- Respect Referees and Other Officials. Treat referees, officials, and all other personnel with respect. Their decisions are final, and they help ensure a fair game.
- Control Your Temper. Stay calm and composed, both in victory and defeat. Good sportsmanship includes controlling emotions, especially during tough situations.

## Player Expectations - continued

- Work Equally Hard for Yourself and Your Team
- Strive to do your best, whether in training or during a game. Your effort impacts the whole team, and it's important to contribute positively.
- Be a Good Sport
- Always encourage and support your team mates, and respect your opponents.
- Treat All Players the Way You Would Like to Be Treated
- Show kindness, fairness, and respect to all players, whether they are teammates or opponents.
- Respect the Rights, Dignity, and Worth of Every Person
- Treat everyone with respect, regardless of their background, gender, or ability. Inclusivity is a cornerstone of our values.
- Be Prepared to Lose Sometimes
- Accept defeats gracefully, learn from them, and use them as motivation to improve. Every setback is an opportunity for growth.
- Listen to the Advice of Your Coach and Apply It
- Trust your coach's guidance and apply their advice both during training and in games. They are there to help you improve and succeed.
- Respect Facilities and Equipment
- Take care of all facilities, courts, and equipment. Show responsibility and pride in your environment.
- Be Responsible on Social Media - Never disrespect your association, teammates, or opposition on social media. Always represent yourself and the team in a positive manner online.



## Parent Expectations

### Scoring Responsibilities

As part of the team, all parents will be rostered throughout the season to assist with scoring during games. Your involvement is crucial to ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for both players and coaches.

We understand that some parents may be unfamiliar with scoring tasks, so extra training and support will be provided to help you feel confident in your role. If you have any questions or need clarification about your responsibilities, please don't hesitate to speak with your Team Manager.

Your commitment and support are essential to the success of the team, and we greatly appreciate your contribution!

## Parent Code of Conduct

As a parent or guardian, your role in supporting your child's basketball journey is vital. We ask that you adhere to the following principles to ensure a positive and respectful environment for all players, coaches, and families.

- Encourage Children to Participate for Their Own Interest and Enjoyment
- Focus on your child's enjoyment and love of the game, rather than placing pressure on them to achieve personal or external goals. Sports should be fun and rewarding for the individual.
- Encourage Children to Always Play by the Rules
- Teach your child the importance of following the rules, showing respect for officials, and understanding that fair play is integral to the spirit of the game.
- Teach Children that an Honest Effort is Always as Important as Victory
- Emphasize effort, growth, and learning over the outcome. A win is great, but the effort and attitude your child brings to the game is what truly matters.
- Focus on Developing Skills and Enjoying the Game
- Encourage your child to focus on skill development and enjoying the process of learning, rather than only focusing on winning. The skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship they develop will serve them well beyond the game.

## Parent Code of Conduct - continued

- **A Child Learns Best by Example.** Be a role model for your child by demonstrating respect, good sportsmanship, and integrity. Children are more likely to emulate positive behaviors they see from their parents and role models.
- **Be Supportive of All Players and Coaches.** Show respect and encouragement not only for your child but for all players, coaches, and officials. Positive reinforcement helps foster a team spirit and an inclusive environment for everyone.
- **Respect the Role of Coaches and Officials.** Coaches and referees are there to guide and support all players. Never criticize or undermine their decisions, whether during games or practices. If you have concerns, address them respectfully and privately.
- **Avoid Sideline Coaching.** While your intentions are to help, sideline coaching can confuse players and interfere with the coach's strategies. Allow the coaches to lead the game and focus on supporting your child and the team.
- **Promote Team Spirit and Inclusion.** Encourage your child to value teamwork, inclusivity, and mutual respect, both on and off the court. Basketball is about collaboration, and every player's contribution is important, regardless of their role.
- **Understand and Support the Association's Child Safety Policies.** Adhere to the Western Port Basketball Association's Child Safety policies and respect the rights, dignity, and well-being of all children in the club. Ensure your child understands the importance of these values too.
- **Communication via the Association or Team Manager.** Parents and players are asked to direct all inquiries and concerns through the team manager, coaches, or the club's administrative contacts. This ensures that issues are handled efficiently and appropriately by the people responsible for managing the teams.
- **NO Direct Contact with Basketball Victoria (BV).** Please refrain from contacting Basketball Victoria directly regarding issues that are under the management of your local association or team. The Association is the appropriate point of contact for most enquiries, ensuring that BV is not overwhelmed with individual matters that can be handled at the local level.



## Acknowledgment and Agreement

By signing below parent/guardian confirm that they have read, understood, and agree to adhere to the Parent Code of Conduct. This helps foster a positive and supportive environment for all involved.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

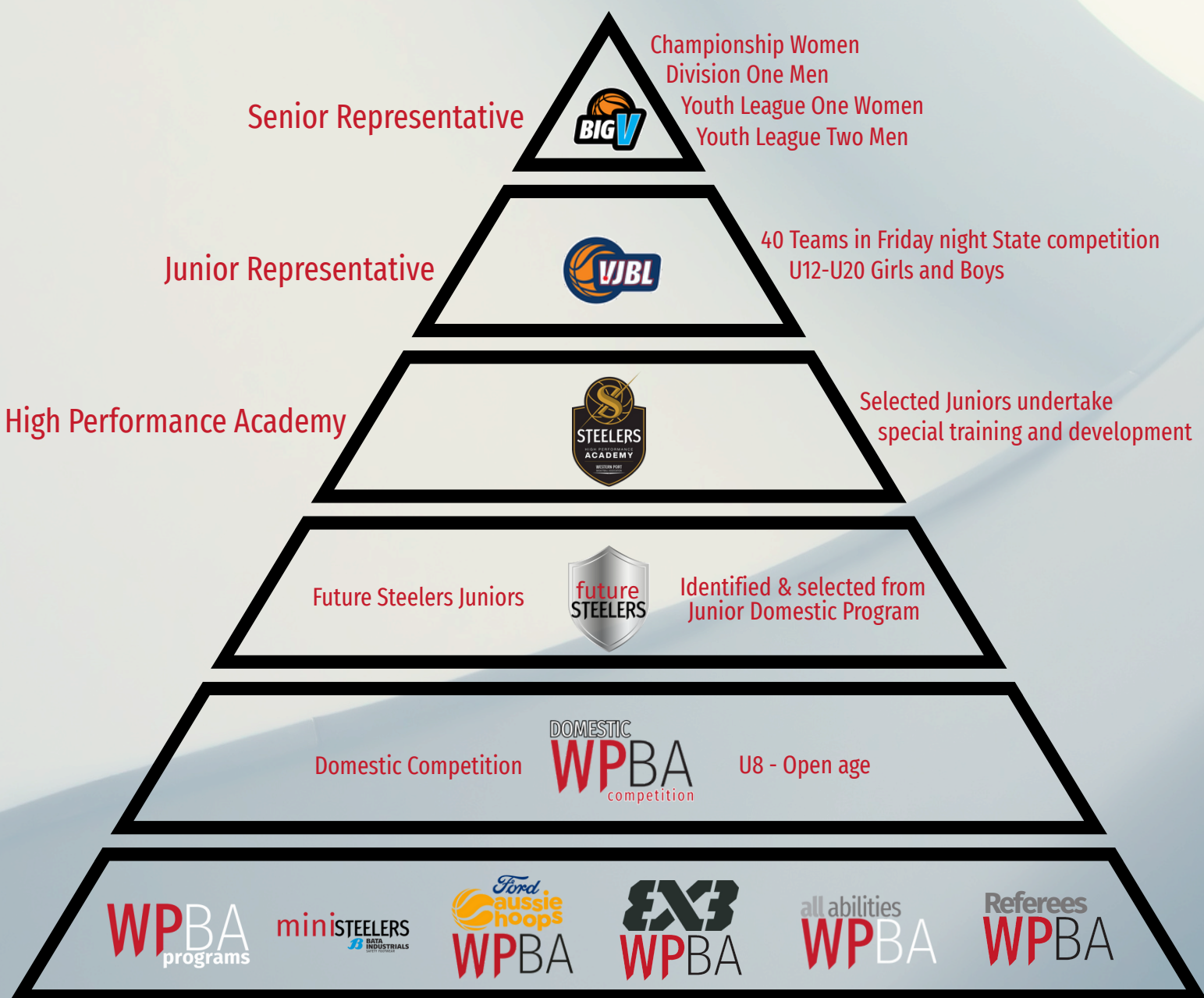
Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Player Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



The foundation of the Association is the opportunity for people of all ages and abilities to learn, compete, and just enjoy the game of basketball, be they athletes on court, referees, scoretable officials, court supervisors, or volunteers on game day.