

PDBA

DOMESTIC

BASKETBALL



2026 WINTER

SEASON

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Competition Dates

Monday		Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday		Sunday
Under 16 Boys	U18/21 Girls	Open Men's	Open Men's	All Under 8's	All Under 12's	Open Mixed
Under 18 Boys	Open Women's			All Under 10's	All Under 14's	
				U16 Girls		

Domestic Basketball - Winter 2026										
April 2026 - September 2026										
Monday	J	S	Wednesday	S	Thursday	S	Saturday	J	Sunday	S
6/4/2026	PH	PH	8/4/2026	SH	9/4/2026	SH	11/4/2026	SH	12/4/2026	1
13/4/2026	SH	1	15/4/2026	1	16/4/2026	1	18/4/2026	1	19/4/2026	2
20/4/2026	1	2	22/4/2026	2	23/4/2026	2	25/4/2026	PH	26/4/2026	PH
27/4/2026	PH	PH	29/4/2026	3	30/4/2026	3	2/5/2026	2	3/5/2026	3
4/5/2026	2	3	6/5/2026	4	7/5/2026	4	9/5/2026	3	10/5/2026	4
11/5/2026	3	4	13/5/2026	5	14/5/2026	5	16/5/2026	4	17/5/2026	5
18/5/2026	4	5	20/5/2026	6	21/5/2026	6	23/5/2026	5	24/5/2026	6
25/5/2026	5	6	27/5/2026	7	28/5/2026	7	30/5/2026	6	31/5/2026	7
1/6/2026	6	7	3/6/2026	8	4/6/2026	8	6/6/2026	PH	7/6/2026	PH
8/6/2026	PH	PH	10/6/2026	9	11/6/2026	9	13/6/2026	7	14/6/2026	8
15/6/2026	7	8	17/6/2026	10	18/6/2026	10	20/6/2026	8	21/6/2026	9
22/6/2026	8	9	24/6/2026	11	25/6/2026	11	27/6/2026	9	28/6/2026	10
29/6/2026	SH	10	1/7/2026	12	2/7/2026	12	4/7/2026	SH	5/7/2026	11
6/7/2026	9	11	8/7/2026	13	9/7/2026	13	11/7/2026	10	12/7/2026	12
13/7/2026	10	12	15/7/2026	14	16/7/2026	14	18/7/2026	11	19/7/2026	13
20/7/2026	11	13	22/7/2026	15	23/7/2026	15	25/7/2026	12	26/7/2026	14
27/7/2026	12	14	29/7/2026	16	30/7/2026	16	1/8/2026	13	2/8/2026	15
3/8/2026	13	15	5/8/2026	17	6/8/2026	17	8/8/2026	14	9/8/2026	16
10/8/2026	14	16	12/8/2026	18	13/8/2026	18	15/8/2026	15	16/8/2026	17
17/8/2026	15	17	19/8/2026	19	20/8/2026	19	22/8/2026	16	23/8/2026	18
24/8/2026	16	18	26/8/2026	20	27/8/2026	20	29/8/2026	17	30/8/2026	19
31/8/2026	17	19	2/9/2026	21	3/9/2026	21	5/9/2026	18	6/9/2026	20
7/9/2026	SF	SF	9/9/2026	SF	10/9/2026	SF	12/9/2026	SF	13/9/2026	SF
14/9/2026	GF	GF	16/9/2026	GF	17/9/2026	GF	19/9/2026	GF	20/9/2026	GF



Competition Information

Regular Fees & Charges

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

The Weekly Game Fee is payable prior to the start of each scheduled game via Teampay. You will also need to pay a small Teampay transaction fee.

	Junior	Senior
Team Registration Fee	\$75	\$95
Player Registration Fee	\$10	\$10
Weekly Game Fee	\$80	\$85

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 competition 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).

Senior Team registrations will close Sunday the 5th of April 2026.

Junior Team registrations will close Sunday the 12th of April 2026.

Any teams wishing to register after this date will need to email competition management seeking approval to enter the competition. Late entry will be at the discretion of competition management.

Teams who are entered into more than one competition may not be allowed at the discretion of Competition Management (E.g., A team enters into both Wednesday and Thursday Open men's competitions).

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 50% (rounded down) of their team's games throughout the regular season. A player is deemed absent if they do not appear to be entered into the online scoring system on game day.

After registering a team, a link will be provided to the team captain 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.

Final registrations for players will close on Sunday the 23rd of August 2026. Any registrations after this time will be at the discretion of competition management.

Basketball Victoria & Basketball Australia Annual Participant License and Insurance

As part of each player annual individual registration/affiliation fee to Basketball Victoria & Basketball Australia, you are covered by Basketball Victoria insurance for the entire season. These fees are an annual payment and will cover participants for 365 days. All players will be required to pay these fees whilst registering for their team, and if your license 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 License	\$34
Senior Basketball Victoria Participant License	\$48
Basketball Australia game Development Levy	\$5.50

Any player injured during a game should seek First Aid from the Sports Captain, or an Aligned Leisure staff member, and complete the relevant documentation. Failure to do so, will result in the PDBA 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 of the 31st of 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	Year Born
Under 8	2019, 2020
Under 10	2017, 2018
Under 12	2015, 2016
Under 14	2013, 2014
Under 16	2011, 2012
Under 18	2009, 2010
Under 21 Girls	2006, 2007, 2008

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

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 PDBA committee, on behalf of the player.

Ball Sizes

<u>Size 5</u>	<u>Size 6</u>	<u>Size 7</u>
All Under 8's	All Under 14's	Under 16 Boys
All Under 10's	Under 16 Girls	Under 18 Boys
All Under 12's	Under 18/21 Girls	Open Men's
	Open Women's	
	Open Mixed	

Venues

Cardinia Life
Officer Community Hub
Beaconhills College – Pakenham

4 Olympic Way, Pakenham
2 Parker Street, Officer
Toomuc Valley Road, Pakenham

Grading

The grading period will last for four (4) weeks at the start of the season. It is at the discretion of the PDBA 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 re-grading will be made by competition management after Round 6 to regrade teams where necessary. Grading requests from teams after the team registration will be accepted during this time.

Mixed Basketball (Seniors)

Teams cannot have more than three (3) players of the same gender on the court at the same time. Games may start with four (4) players, as long as no more than three (3) players are of the same gender.

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 a team is not sure how to complete PlayHQ scoring, please find a PDBA Court Supervisor.

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.

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 7 days of the scheduled game. The forfeiting team must notify competition management of their forfeit through the Teampay app. The opposing team will receive notification of the forfeit from competition management or via Teampay. 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 domestic@pakenhambasketball.com.au. The withdrawal fee must immediately be paid either in person or via Teampay.

Forfeit – Notified prior to 24hrs

Senior - \$85.00

Juniors - \$80.00

Forfeit - Notified within 24hrs/walkover

Senior - \$130.00

Junior - \$120.00

Withdraw Fee

\$160 + Applicable forfeit fee

Premiership Points

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

First Aid & Injuries

Where First Aid is required, all onsite Facility Management staff (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. Failure to do so, will result in the PDBA unable to sign off on any insurance claims to be sent to Basketball Victoria.

Conditions of Entry

In the opinion of the PDBA and the Facility Management Team (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.

Competition Managers (PDBA) & Facility Managers (Aligned Leisure) reserves the right to refuse entry to any person under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Smoking/Vaping 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. For further information regarding uniforms, please refer to the FIBA Official Basketball Rulebook, along with the additions and/or exceptions within the PDBA by-laws.

Behavioural Technical Fouls

When an individual receives a behavioural technical foul, it will be centrally recorded. (Behavioural Technical Fouls are those that show dissent or disrespect towards officials for their calls/non-calls).

If an individual incurs three (3) behavioural technical fouls they will be suspended for one (1) week.

Teams who receive more than four (4) behavioural technical fouls collectively in a season shall receive a one (1) premiership point deduction for EACH behavioural technical foul received after receiving their 4th behavioural technical foul of the season.

Mercy Rule

The Mercy rule can be applied in all U8 – U12 competitions outside of the grading period once a team is leading by 20 or more points.

- a. The mercy rule is to be implemented at the discretion of the losing team coach and is to be enforced when the team is behind by 20 points or more.
- b. If the Mercy rule is implemented, the winning team must defend from behind the netball third line closest to their defensive basket (between three-point line and half-court line), but still focus on playing man-to-man defence
- c. When the margin goes below 20 points, the winning team may revert back to playing whatever style of defence they would like, but only until the margin exceeds 20 points again.
- d. Referees will use their discretion when enforcing the mercy rule during live play. For example, a defensive player may accidentally pick up their player full court when they're not supposed to, but the offensive team is advantaged by this, so the referee allows the game to continue. If the defensive player were to steal the ball or cause a disadvantage in this scenario, the referee would enforce the mercy rule and send the defensive player back, awarding the inbound to the offensive team.

Fill-in Players

Fill-in players are allowed for the purpose of fielding a team.

In Junior Competitions, a player in a lower age group, or higher if they are playing above their natural age group, may fill in for a team in a different age group they are eligible for and not currently registered to for up to 4 games. If a player exceeds that limit, they are considered part of that team and may not fill in for a different team in that age group.

A player playing in the same age group may fill in for a different team within that same age group if the team is in a higher grade than the team the player is registered to for up to 4 games. I.e., An U10's D grade player may fill in for an U10's B grade team.

Within the last 7 matches of the season, fill ins will only be allowed to prevent a forfeit. I.e., to bring a team up to a maximum of 5 players.

Suspended Players

Players under suspension by Basketball Victoria or PDBA are not permitted to play or referee for the duration of the suspension. Teams who play suspended players will lose all points for the games concerned and may be 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 3 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 3 days of the respective game, competition management 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 domestic@pakenhambasketball.com.au.

From here, competition management 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.

Supervision

It is mandatory that all Junior teams must have a coach or responsible adult sit on the bench with them during games. This adult is responsible for ensuring the team behaves themselves in an appropriate manner. If the teams coach is under 18, then they must have an adult supervising/supporting.

Games will not commence until both teams have an adult accompanying them on the bench.

Competition Capacity

If the competition is deemed to have reached its maximum capacity of teams, then competition management will remove the last entered teams from the competition. In these instances, these teams will receive a refund for any fees paid to the PDBA.

Special Requests

All Special Requests regarding fixturing or grading must be placed in writing and lodged via email to domestic@pakenhambasketball.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. Ongoing fixturing requests for the regular season must be submitted prior to the commencement of Round 4 of the respective competition.

Fixture requests for players, team managers or parents in multiple teams will not be considered. Fixture requests for coaches in multiple teams will be considered.

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

One-off fixture requests will only be considered if submitted in writing via email to domestic@pakenhambasketball.com.au at least 5 days prior to the scheduled match.

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.

Winter 2026 Key Dates – FINALS

The finals are made up of the top 4 teams from each grade.

Junior

Monday Competitions

Semi Finals - 7/9/2026

1 v 4 & 2 v 3 - Winners play off in GF

Grand Finals - 14/9/2026

Saturday Competitions

Semi Finals - 12/9/2026

1 v 4 & 2 v 3 - Winners play off in GF

Grand Finals - 19/9/2026

Senior

Monday Competitions

Semi Finals - 7/9/2026

1 v 4 & 2 v 3 - Winners play off in GF

Grand Finals - 14/9/2026

Wednesday Competitions

Semi Finals - 9/9/2026

1 v 4 & 2 v 3 - Winners play off in GF

Grand Finals - 16/9/2026

Thursday Competitions

Semi Finals - 10/9/2026

1 v 4 & 2 v 3 - Winners play off in GF

Grand Finals - 17/9/2026

Sunday Competitions

Semi Finals - 13/9/2026

1 v 4 & 2 v 3 - Winners play off in GF

Grand Finals - 20/9/2026

Heat Policy

Once the inside temperature is 30 degrees or above:

- Referees will call a timeout at the mid-point of each half (roughly 9-minute mark). The clock will stop for this timeout.
- Each team must also call a timeout before and after the compulsory timeout in each half. The clock will not stop for these timeouts.
 - In the event coaches do not call a timeout, the referee will intervene and call a timeout and attribute them to the respective teams.

**Overall minimum 3 Time Outs per Half in total required (2 Team and 1 Referee) E.g., Time outs call at – 13:00, 09:00 and 05:00.*

Once the inside temperature is 35 degrees or above:

- Each half will be reduced by 2 minutes (16-minute halves).
- Above rules still apply.

Once the inside temperature is 40 degrees or above:

- Once the on-court temperature passes 40 degrees' games must be called off immediately.
- 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.

Notification of Game Cancellations (38 degrees or above):

- To allow reasonable time for players/families to be notified of game cancellations, if the temperature surpasses 38 degrees and competition management has reason to believe it will continue to climb, games scheduled 2, 3 and 4 time slots from the current game will be cancelled.
 - E.g., Temperature reaches 38 degrees during 10:15am game. This means 11:45am, 12:30pm and 1:15pm games will be cancelled. 11:00am game would still go ahead as scheduled.

Saturday		Sunday to Thursday	
Game Time Temperature reaches 38 During	Games cancelled	Game Time Temperature reaches 38 During	Games cancelled
10:15am	11:45am, 12:30pm, 1:15pm	4:00pm	5:30pm
11:00am	12:30pm, 1:15pm, 2:00pm	4:45pm	6:15pm, 7:00pm, 7:45pm
11:45am	1:15pm, 2:00pm, 2:45pm	5:30pm	7:00pm, 7:45pm, 8:30pm
12:30pm	2:00pm, 2:45pm, 3:30pm	6:15pm	7:45pm, 8:30pm, 9:15pm
1:15pm	2:45pm, 3:30pm, 4:15pm	7:00pm	8:30pm, 9:15pm or later
2pm	3:30pm, 4:15pm, 5:00pm	7:45pm	9:15pm or later
2:45pm	4:15pm, 5:00pm, 5:45pm	8:30pm	N/A

Times are approximate. We will communicate any decision to call off games 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. Recognize 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.

Please note other codes of conducts and PDBA Policies can be found on the PDBA Website.

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

Coaches Code of Conduct	Spectators Code of Conduct
Parents Code of Conduct	PDBA By-Laws
U8’s Competition Guidelines	Grading Policy and Procedures