



Parent / Player Information

The information supplied here should assist parents or players with some of the questions they have in relation to playing junior basketball at the Meteors.

Further questions can be directed to –

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Becoming a Meteor

The Mt Eliza Meteors is a non for profit junior basketball club based on the Mornington Peninsula. Currently one of the largest junior basketball clubs in the Frankston and District Basketball Association.

We offer the chance for kids to play in domestic competition basketball from the age of Under 8 – right through to Under 18.

Once registered with the club, players will be placed into a team – the club does not hold tryouts or create super teams. In most cases, players stay in the same team throughout their time as a Meteor* (refer to team section)

The Meteors currently play in one of two associations. The majority of the Meteors junior teams play within the FDBA (see below) with only a few teams registered with the MDBA.

Teams generally train once a week at either Mt Eliza Primary School, Mt Eliza North Primary School and Mt Eliza Secondary College and then play competition.

Cost

The fee structure at the Meteors can vary depending on various components. If you are a brand new player to the club and need to purchase a uniform then the price is somewhat more expensive. If your team is registered at the MDBA the fee structure is also a little different.

The registration fee covers the following:

- Player Insurance
- Registration fee (to play in the FDBA)
- Hire of training facilities
- Team Photo, family day and medal (winter season)

There will also be a 'Team Sheet fee' that is payable to the team manager of your team. This fee is dependent on how many players are in your child's team and how many games there are in the season. This fee covers costs associated with the FDBA and MDBA – use of stadiums, match officials (referees), use of game ball and varies from season to season.



Teams

The Meteors aim to keep players and teams together throughout the winter and summer competitions as much as possible. However, we cannot guarantee that teams will stay the same each year.

There are no guarantees of a player to be in a certain team, or to always remain in a certain team. There are often many factors involved in Team Formation, and while best endeavours are made to accommodate requests, this will only be achieved if other certain criteria are met.

Teams will not be formed to single-mindedly strive for on-court success at the expense of overall player participation, enjoyment and development.

To support the club mission, Team Formation will be compulsorily reviewed during the U10 (top age) season and during the registration process in preparation for the U12 season. This is intended to broaden player development, facilitate expected merging or changing of teams in later years, and enhance teamwork skills. This will be done in conjunction with Coaches and/or Team managers of the relevant teams in association with the Committee.

New players registering will be allocated to a team in their age level with a vacancy. If all existing teams are full, then a new team will be formed with all new players allocated to that team based on a minimum of six new players. All teams will have no more than eight players unless in extenuating circumstances (and except in the case of existing teams already with more than eight players) or by the request of the coach of that particular team. This enables all players to have a fair amount of court time and maximum enjoyment of the game.

Associations

FDBA

The FDBA – Frankston and District Basketball Association is the largest sporting association on the Mornington Peninsula with over 13,000 participants competing annually in various basketball programs.

The FDBA supports programs which include competitions for Primary School level participants; people with disabilities; junior and senior grade competitions; referee development; as well as providing beginner to advanced coaching education courses.

The Meteors is associated primarily with the FDBA, so our junior teams play mainly against other junior teams within the FDBA.

U8, U10, U12 and U14 age groups play on a Saturday (Game Times vary on Saturday from 8.30am to 4.00pm – younger age groups play in the morning) with U16 & U18 girls teams playing a Monday after school and U16 & U18 Boys playing wither a Wednesday or Thursday after school.

Competition matches are currently played across three stadiums: Frankston Stadium, Elisabeth Murdoch College (Langwarrin Stadium) and Patterson River Stadium (Patterson Secondary College).



Winter 2016 and summer 2016/2017 Season

Age Group	Year of Birth	Classification
Under 8	2010	Bottom Age
	2009	Top Age
Under 10	2008	Bottom Age
	2007	Top Age
Under 12	2006	Bottom Age
	2005	Top Age
Under 14	2004	Bottom Age
	2003	Top Age
Under 16	2002	Bottom Age
	2001	Top Age
Under 18	2000	Bottom Age
	1999	Top Age

MDBA

The MDBA – Mornington and District Basketball Association has more than 3,500 playing members participating in weekly domestic competitions throughout the year. The domestic competition runs 6 days a week at the Mornington Basketball Stadium (Mornington Secondary College) and various other local venues.

Seasons are broken in half and Season 1 runs from February to June and Season 2 from July to December. The MDBA has U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18 competitions.

U12, U14 and U16 Girls play on a Monday, U10 girls on a Tuesday with U16 Boys on a Wednesday, U14 Boys on a Thursday and the remainder of age groups playing on a Saturday.

Meteors Uniform

All players are required to wear the compulsory Meteors playing uniform

- Playing Shorts (compulsory)
- Playing Singlet (compulsory)
- Hoodie (optional)

Players can purchase the uniform directly from the uniform officer. There are a limited number of second hand uniforms available to borrow until your new uniform arrives.

Guidelines and Codes of Conduct

The Meteors strongly enforces the Basketball Victoria Code of Conduct and also has its own Meteors Policies and guidelines. These documents can be found at www.meteors.com.au

Once a player is registered with the Meteors – all players, Parents, Coaches and Team Managers need to sign a declaration stating they have read these documents.

Coaches and Team Managers

Once teams are selected, Coaches and Team Managers volunteer their time to coach and mentor our budding basketballers. These volunteers are generally parents from the team.



The team manager will be responsible for the team money, organising scoring rosters and is the general communicator to the parents of the players.

All Coaches and Team Managers are required to hold a current Working with Children Check.

Meteors Committee

The Meteors is run by a committee of volunteers. Any problems that cannot be resolved at team level should be directed to the Committee.

The committee generally meets 3 to 4 times a year and holds nominations for positions at the Annual General Meeting that is held around March.

Please remember that when addressing any members of the committee, they are volunteers who are attempting to run the club for the benefit of our children. Without these volunteers, the club would not operate.