



Carnegie Chargers Basketball Club
Summer 2026/2027 Information Pack



<https://www.carnegiebasketballclub.com.au>



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1: Our Club

We aim to be a junior community sporting club that provides children with the opportunity to embrace and participate in the game of basketball.

The club is committed to providing children with a supportive environment that promotes positive social and community responsibilities including respect, fair and disciplined play and good sporting practices.

2: Season Overview

The Summer 2026/2027 season will commence with A GAME on the 3rd October 2026. This is the final week of the school holidays. Training will commence on the week of the 5th October 2026. There will be 14 rounds plus 2 rounds of finals.

There are no games on the following weekends:

Melbourne Cup weekend 31st October

Election Weekend 28th November

There will be a midseason break during the summer school holidays, 17th December - 27th January 2027.

Most of our Coaches are volunteers who generously donate their time to our club and players. Behind the scenes, Coaches put a lot of time and effort into preparing for training sessions and games. It is the Chargers expectation that players attend and participate in the weekly training session to develop their skills as individuals and as a team.

3: Age Groups

Age groups for the upcoming season are based on the following birth years:

Age Group	Birth Year	Ball Size
Under 8*	2020/2022	Size 5
Under 10	2018/2019	Size 5
Under 12	2016/2017	Size 5
Under 14	2014/2015	Size 6
Under 16	2012/2013	Boys: Size 7 Girls: Size 6
Under 18 Boys	2010/2011	Size 7
Under 19 Girls	2009/2010/2011	Size 6
Under 23 Boys	2005/2006/2007/2008	Size 7
Open	14 years or older	Size 7

* Must turn 5 years of age before the start of the season



4. Fees

Our club fees are \$330 for the Junior Competition; \$380 for the Wednesday Competition, and \$275 for the Open Seniors Competition. This fee includes all regular season games, training sessions and presentation evening.

Families with 2 or more players in our Club will receive an 8% discount. This discount will be automatically applied when registering.

A late fee may be applied if registering a player after registrations have closed.

Other Fees

Basketball Victoria Annual Licence Fee

Junior players (17 years and under) are charged a \$34 annual fee directly to Basketball Victoria. Senior players (18 years and over) are charged a \$48 annual fee. The fee covers player insurance for any basketball competition played in Victoria at any time during the 12 month period. If you have paid the fee within the last 12 months, you will not be charged this fee again if you use the same PlayHQ to register.

Basketball Australia

All players pay a \$5.50 annual Game Development Levy.

McKinnon Basketball Association Fee

All players will pay a registration fee to the McKinnon Basketball Association. This covers the door entry for all players during the regular season and unlimited number of spectators.

Junior players pay \$78 for the weekend competition and \$108 for the Wednesday After School competition. Seniors and Open players pay \$39.

The Chargers are committed to supporting families playing basketball. For families that need assistance with fees (e.g., financial hardship), please reach out to us at carnegiebasketballclub@gmail.com to discuss how we may support you.

Get Active Victoria is government initiative to help Victorians live a more active life. This program is able to help families afford the cost of organised sport. Eligibility criteria apply. Please see the link below: <https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/about/>

Finals Team Sheet Fee

The registration fee does not cover finals costs. Each team that reaches the semi-final will be required to pay the Team Sheet Fee at the stadium door, or arrange to pay the MBA prior to the final. Team Managers will arrange the collection of this fee prior to the game.

The Chargers will pay the Team Sheet Fee for any team that plays in the Grand Final.

Finals Stadium Entry Fees



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

5: How to Register

Our Club is open to all players during our registration period.

Go to our website <https://www.carnegiebasketballclub.com.au> and click on the relevant registration link.

You will be required to create an account in your own name as parent/guardian or use the account you created previously. Don't create the account in the child's name. Please use an email address that you will have access to over the next 12 months as PlayHQ currently doesn't provide the ability to change/update email addresses of account holders.

1. Register your eldest child.
2. Second and subsequent children; unfortunately, PlayHQ does not yet allow for registering all your children at the same time. The quickest way is to use the link again to register a second child. In the "Choose User" section select "Register New Family Member or Dependent" and in the next section select "Player" and continue. When you get to the payment section your discount is automatically applied.
3. If you are registering as Coach or Team Manager, you are required to register yourself as such. Use the link again and in the "Choose User" section select "I am registering myself" and in the next section select "Coach" or "Team Manager" and continue.

Player Clearances

Players transferring to or from the Carnegie Chargers must request a club transfer at the time of registration. This is completed through PlayHQ. You will be prompted to activate a club transfer request which is sent to the departing and accepting clubs and the MBA for approval. This process can take up to one week. Please note that the MBA by-laws restrict the number of player transfers to two per team.

- Transfers TO the Carnegie Chargers: approved by our age group co-ordinators.
- Transfers FROM the Carnegie Chargers: approved by the club President. The President will contact the player or parents (whichever is appropriate) via phone to discuss the transfer.

Coaches and Team Managers

All Coaches and Team Managers are required to through PlayHQ. There is no fee associated with this. All volunteers over the age of 18 MUST have a valid Working With Children's Check (WWCC). The WWCC must be uploaded into PlayHQ at the time of registration.

Coaches and Team Managers are vital to make our club and teams successful. If you choose to volunteer for one of these roles, the Club will provide a discount to your fees as a token of appreciation. The discount will be provided via reimbursement after the season has started.



Payment

PlayHQ accepts payments by credit or debit card, Google Pay and Paypal. Fees are payable at the time of registration. PlayHQ also includes an option to pay fees in instalments. If you need assistance with fees, please email:

carnegiebasketballclub@gmail.com

Family Circumstances

The Chargers and McKinnon Basketball Association are able to cater to families with court orders that may impact safety. Examples include scheduling games at venues with safe spaces, scheduling sibling games at the same venue and one after the other. Please reach out to our Vice President or President for a confidential conversation.

6: Refunds

The Chargers are able to facilitate a refund for players in some circumstances. These include:

- Where players have been registered in the incorrect competition (e.g., seniors instead of juniors) and require a refund of the difference
- When the competition does not proceed
- In the exceptional circumstance that we are unable to place a player in a team

The Chargers are not obligated to provide a full refund for change of mind, and reserve the right to keep an administrative fee.

7: Competition and Fixtures

All game fixtures are released via PlayHQ and the My Hoops app. Please ensure you have and check one of these every week as it will give you the time and venue of your game. To be eligible for finals, players must have played at least 7 of the games in the regular season. Forfeits and byes do not count towards eligibility.

After School Wednesday Junior Domestic Competition (U8-U10)

This competition is scheduled for Wednesday afternoons.

Junior Domestic (U8 – U20)

The first four weeks of the competition are 'grading rounds'. During these first rounds there are often big differences in scores as the MBA determine how teams compete and how to form the divisions. Coaches will be asked to provide feedback on the games in the first four weeks of the competition to help determine the divisions.

The boys junior competition games are played on Saturdays starting at 8am. Typically the younger age groups play first.

The girls junior competition games are played on Sundays starting at 8am. Typically the younger age groups play first.



Open Senior Domestic Competition

This competition is played on a Sunday for both Men and Women.

Wednesday O35M and O30W Domestic

This competition is played on Wednesday evenings.

8: Uniforms

All players must wear an approved playing uniform. This includes Chargers shorts and a reversible singlet, white, black or Chargers branded socks. Uniform and merchandise orders are made online (link below).

<https://www.carnegiebasketballclub.com.au/store>

Please contact merchandise@carnegiebasketballclub.com.au if you would like to try on a uniform and purchase in person.

Uniform delivery may be delayed until after teams are finalised to ensure there are no number clashes.

The final preordering date for a new uniform is 10th August 2026. To ensure a uniform is available before the season starts, final orders must be in by 25th September.

9: Team Selection

The Chargers Basketball Club aims to create teams where all players feel valued and can embrace and participate in the game of basketball. We hope that basketball is fun and enjoyable and that our teams are competitive.

We acknowledge that every player may want something different from playing basketball – from developing towards their maximum ability, being part of a team environment, building resilience or an opportunity to keep fit and social.

Our Age Group Co-ordinators put teams together after registrations have closed. Please see our current team selection policy for more information.

<https://www.carnegiebasketballclub.com.au/policies>

Second Game Opportunities

From the Summer 2026/27 season, players may nominate their interest in playing a second game when registering in their natural age group. Second-game opportunities are open to all players, subject to suitable team vacancies, and will be charged at the standard Summer Season registration fee. Please email your interest to registrations@carnegiebasketballclub.com.au AFTER you have completed your PlayHQ registration.



Where the number of Expressions of Interest exceeds the available positions, the club committee will determine placements to ensure a fair and consistent process. Players participating in a second game will be treated the same as all other players in that competition and will be subject to the relevant MBA by-laws and team placement requirements.

10: Parent Scoring Duty

All parents are expected to take turns scoring during the season. The Team Manager will set up a roster. There are 2 scoring methods:

- The clock. This shows the information on the court scoreboard.
- The iPad. This records the statistics which are uploaded to PlayHQ.

Instructions on scoring can be found at:

<https://support.playhq.com/hc/en-us/articles/23948414454428-How-to-e-Score-a-Basketball-Game>

Key points to remember when scoring:

- Arrive early so you have time to check the players and singlet numbers and familiarise yourself with the instructions
- Compare the scores on the court scoreboard and iPad regularly. If they are different, it must be resolved at the time. If it isn't resolved, the iPad is taken as correct
- Fill in players must have their details correctly entered
- Players must not play under another player's name

11: Photos and Social Media

Team photos are absolutely fine — please use your judgment and be respectful. Blanket ban applies when playing against Lakers and Saints — no photos or videos are permitted during these games. For games against any other team, you must seek permission from the opposition's Coach or Team Manager before recording or taking videos.

12: Complaints and Grievances

The Chargers are committed to providing a safe, supportive and positive environment for all players, parents, and volunteers. As such, the Chargers have a Complaints and Grievances Policy and Complaints and Grievances Officer. The policy aligns with the MBA Complaints and Grievances Policy, Codes of Conduct and Child Safe Policy & Procedure. The policy can be found here: INSERT HYPERLINK.

13: Important Club Dates

After School Wednesday Junior Domestic Competition (U8-U10)



Training commences: 5th October 2026
Games start:

Junior Domestic (U8 – U20)

Training commences: 5th October 2026
Games start: 3rd October 2026

Open Senior Domestic Competition

Training commences: XXXX
Games start: XXXX

Club Presentation Evening: Sunday 21st March 2027.

13: Key Contacts

President	Donna Macnamara	carnegiebasketballclub@gmail.com
Vice President	Steve Walker	
Secretary	Sharon Stewart	
Treasurer	James Copes	treasurercarnegiechargers@gmail.com
Merchandise Manager	Miranda Welham	merchandise@carnegiebasketballclub.com.au
Complaints and Grievances Officer	Carolyn Alcorn	
U8 Boys Age Group Coordinator	Tali	registrations@carnegiebasketballclub.com.au
U10 Boys Age Group Coordinator	Tali	
U12 Boys Age Group Coordinator	Hayley and Iain	
U14 Boys Age Group Coordinator	Olga	
U16 Boys Age Group Coordinator	Carolyn	
U18 Boys Age Group Coordinator	Derek	
U20 Boys Age Group Coordinator	Derek	



U8 Girls Age Group Coordinator	Tony	
U10 Girls Age Group Coordinator	Tony	
U12 Girls Age Group Coordinator	Tony	
U14 Girls Age Group Coordinator	Natalie	
U16 Girls Age Group Coordinator	Natalie	
U18 Girls Age Group Coordinator	Natalie	
U20 Girls Age Group Coordinator	Natalie	

14: Codes of Conducts, Policies and By-Laws

By registering to play at the Carnegie Chargers Basketball Club all players agree to abide by the Player Code of Conduct. In addition, there are Codes of Conduct for Administrators, Coaches, Officials, Parents and Spectators. There is a Zero Tolerance Policy to address inappropriate and unsportsmanlike behaviour from any party. Please ensure you and the players are aware of these expectations.

[Basketball Victoria Code of Conduct](#)

[McKinnon Basketball Association – Zero Tolerance Policy](#)

[Child Safe – McKinnon Basketball Association](#)

[MBA Competitions By Laws](#)

[MBA Policies](#)

15: Volunteering Opportunities

The Carnegie Chargers Basketball Club is run entirely by volunteers. If you have the capacity to volunteer in any way we have a range of opportunities. At various times we may have other opportunities to volunteer – please reach out to the club president if you have some time to volunteer.



Role	Time Commitment
Coach	3 – 4 hours per week for the season
Team Manager	2 hours per week for the season
Presentation Day Co-ordinator	1 off per season
General Committee Member	4 in person meetings per year and ad hoc support through the season.
Review of policy documents	1 off every year – approximately 8 hours