



Hawthorn Basketball Association Inc. Junior Boys and Girls Competitions – 2018 Winter Season

Team registrations for the 2018 winter season will open Monday 19th February 2018

Team registration closing date: Thursday 29th March 2018

Competition structure

- Commence – 21st April 2018 (see competition calendar below)
- 5 rounds of grading / 11 regular season rounds / 2 rounds of finals
- Under 21 matches will be played on the Sunday following each of the competition dates listed below

21-Apr	Winter Round 1 (G)
28-Apr	Winter Round 2 (G)
5-May	Winter Round 3 (G)
12-May	Winter Round 4 (G)
19-May	Winter Round 5 (G)
26-May	Winter Round 6
2-Jun	Winter Round 7
9-Jun	Queen's Birthday Weekend
16-Jun	Winter Round 8
23-Jun	Winter Round 9
30-Jun	School Holidays
7-Jul	School Holidays
14-Jul	School Holidays
21-Jul	Winter Round 10
28-Jul	Winter Round 11
4-Aug	Winter Round 12
11-Aug	Winter Round 13
18-Aug	Winter Round 14
25-Aug	Winter Round 15
1-Sep	Winter Round 16
8-Sep	Semi Finals
15-Sep	Grand Finals

G – Grading period

Grading Meetings: Pre-Season meeting: TBC (Easter Sunday 15 April 2018)
Post Grading meeting: Sunday 20 May 2018

Competition age groups

- Age groups for the 2018 Winter season will be U/9, U/10, U/12, U/14, U/16, U/18, U/21
- **Eligibility will be determined by a player's age as at 31st December 2018 (the year in which the season is completed)**

Age bracket and eligible birth years:

U/9 (Players Born **2010**, 2011 and 2012) – size 6 ball with lowered ring

U/10 (Players Born **2009**, 2010, 2011 and 2012) – size 6 ball with full-height ring

U/12 (Players Born **2007**, **2008**, 2009 and 2010)

U/14 (Players Born **2005**, **2006**, 2007 and 2008)

U/16 (Players Born **2003**, **2004**, 2005 and 2006)

U/18 (Players Born **2001**, **2002**, 2003 and 2004)

U/21 (Players Born **1998**, **1999**, **2000**, 2001 and 2002)

Please note that this does not limit a player's opportunities to play up an age bracket (to act as a fill-in or as a permanent member of a team).

Fees

- Team registration fee of \$150 (incGST but not including online transaction fee) per team must be paid at the time of registration
- Late entries may not be accepted but if accepted, will be subject to a registration fee of \$300 (incGST but not including online transaction fee)
- Prepaid match fees of \$70 (incGST) per game must be paid in accordance with the following payment schedule:
 - Rounds 1-5 (\$350 total) to be paid by **20th April 2018**
 - Rounds 6-10 (\$350) to be paid by **1st June 2018**
 - Rounds 11-16 (\$420) to be paid by **20th July 2018**
- Teams will be sent invoices with the amounts payable (variable depending on the number of byes)

Registration process

- Note: this does not apply to club teams – delegates to advise of process for each club
- Register and pay for your team online
- Players must **self-register** to the team for next season (via method advised during team registration process)

PLEASE NOTE:

- Competition rules and member codes of conduct are available at www.hawthornbasketball.com.au
- A minimum of 6 players are required for a team nomination to be accepted
- **Places for teams are subject to availability and applicants should not assume automatic entry into the competition**
- Players have limited medical/injury cover under the Basketball Victoria Insurance Policy
- For further enquiries please contact HBA office on competitions@hawthornbasketball.com.au

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

This information should be circulated as widely as possible within all Clubs.

The Victorian Government has legislated that persons who work with children must undergo checks on their criminal records. Persons who have a conviction for a relevant criminal offence (sex, drug and violent offences) will be prohibited from working with children.

The Government has advised Basketball Victoria that (for) people working in basketball, the check applies to all levels of basketball where there are minors involved, from domestic through to representative competitions.

The Act requires all persons working with children to have the check if they have or are likely to have individual and unsupervised contact with children. This will include coaches, team managers and drivers and will also include referees and referee coaches. Club/Teams are urged to err on the side of caution in deciding who should be screened and screen a person if there is any doubt on whether or not they required to be screened. All Committee/Board members are also required to be screened, whether or not they have individual and unsupervised contact with children. Persons under 18 are not required to be screened.

The Working with Children Act creates offences carrying very high penalties for non-compliance and those offences apply not just to the persons working with the children but to their supervisors, organisations employing them and Committee/Board members of organisation in which the people work with children.

The Act does have some exemptions. Police and teachers (who have separate checks) do not have to get a Working with Children Check. However, they should give you some proof that they are police or teachers such as a copy of the teacher's Institute of Teaching card. These exemptions will be recognised by Basketball Victoria.

The Act also exempts parents where their children are playing in the team in which the parent is involved as a coach etc. Also exempt are adults where all children in a team are closely related to the person. **However, Basketball Victoria will not recognise these exemptions and will require those parents or close relatives to have Working with Children Checks.** This is in line with most sports and has the support of the Working with Children Office. The Working with Children Checks will last for 5 years.

Applying for Working with Children Checks is relatively easy and free for volunteers. It is similar to applying for a passport and you will need a passport type photograph and appropriate identification similar to opening a new bank account. Forms and an information pack may be obtained from most Post Offices or by calling the WWC Information Line on 1300 652 879. You will need to attend the Post Office personally to lodge the check. However, certain Post Offices will provide a service where a staff member attends by appointment to process checks in bulk. So it may be possible for you to organise a night where numbers of persons needing to be checked attend the stadium at an appointed time and all have their checks lodged at the same time. You should ensure that all persons applying name your association or club in the application so that you receive direct advice when they have been approved or otherwise. **The HBA will require verification of the WWC on the team registration form for all applicable coaches and team managers over the age of 18yrs.**

Further information can be obtained from: www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren .

