



WINTER SEASON 2025 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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1. Registration

Registration for the Winter 2025 season opens February 2025

Numbers are capped for each age group due to limited training venue availability and coaching resources. Once the maximum number of registrations have been met for each group, you will be unable to register and your child will be placed on a waiting list. We strongly recommend that you register as soon as you can.

Fees are payable at the time of registration.

Maccabi Basketball Victoria reserves the right to accept or reject any participants registration.

Registrations will be done through the same system as previous seasons - Basketball Victoria's registration platform - Play HQ.

Registrations can be done on our Club's website: <https://www.maccabibasketball.com.au>

Or click on the link to the appropriate association below to register (links will only work whilst registration is open)

Waverley Association (GIRLS AND BOYS)

REGISTER NOW

McKinnon Association (GIRLS ONLY)

REGISTER NOW

IMPORTANT: Please check the below sections, 2. Competition Information and 4. Age Eligibility for Waverley and McKinnon - Winter season, before registering to ensure you register for the correct competition. For those that register in the wrong competition, you may incur additional fees to fix this error including club administration fees, PlayHQ fees and McKinnon spectator fees.

Use your email address and the password you created to set up your Play HQ account for last season. If you have forgotten your password use the forgotten link to reset your password.

If you don't have a Play HQ account click on the appropriate link for the association you are entering your player in (see links above)

Listed below are step by step instructions to signing in to Play HQ:

- Select Log in
- Create a new account (bottom of page under I don't have an account yet)
- Sign up with your details as requested
- Once signed up log into your account
- Select Quick registration
- Enter the player's details as requested
- Multiple players can be done in one transaction.

2. Competition Information

Registrations are available in the following associations;

Waverley Basketball Association (BOYS & GIRLS)

Saturday: Boys (U8-U16) and Girls (U8-U14) games start at 8am and continue throughout the day.

Sunday: Boys (U18-U21) games are played late on Sunday afternoons/evenings

Tuesday nights - Girls (U16-U21) games are played Tuesday evenings

Venues: Waverley Basketball Stadium, Oakleigh Recreation Centre, Ashburton Recreation Centre Lauriston Girls School, Orrong Romanis

McKinnon Basketball Associations

Saturday: Boys (U8 – U18) games start at 8.15am and continue throughout the day.

Sunday: Girls (U8 – U20) Boys U20 games start at 8.15am and continue throughout the day.

Venues: Various indoor facilities at schools in McKinnon/Bentleigh and surrounding suburbs.

3. Competition Dates

Waverley Competition

The Winter season commences the Saturday 26th / Sunday 27th April and concludes with the Grand Final to be played early September. Season duration 15 weeks plus 2 weeks of finals. The first 5 matches are grading games.

The Tuesday night competition begins one week earlier on Tuesday 22nd April and concludes with the grand final to be played on 9th September. Season duration is 17 weeks plus 2 weeks of finals. The first 5 matches are grading games.

Teams will start training week beginning Monday the 28th April 2025 (no game on June long weekend). A detailed calendar will be available in the documents section of Stack Team App and the Club's website.

McKinnon Competition

The Winter season commences Saturday 3rd/Sunday 4th May and concludes with the Grand Final to be played early September. Season duration is 14 weeks plus 2 weeks of finals. The first 4 matches are grading games.

Teams will start training week beginning Monday the 28th April 2025 (no game on June long weekend). A detailed calendar will be available in the documents section of Stack Team App.

4. Age Eligibility for Waverley and Mckinnon - Winter Season

Age eligibility has changed for Waverley for Winter 2025. This may mean that your child will be playing in an age group higher, but please note they are in the same situation as the majority of children in their current year level, and will not be disadvantaged in any way.

For more detailed information about our Player Age Policy please see full policy [here >>](#)

Waverley	
AGE GROUP	YEAR OF BIRTH
U8	01/11/2017 - 31/10/2020
U10	01/11/2015 - 31/10/2017
U12	01/11/2013 - 31/10/2015
U14	01/11/2011 - 31/10/2013
U16	01/11/2009 - 31/10/2011
U18	01/11/2007 - 31/10/2009

U20	01/11/2005 - 31/10/2007
U21	01/11/2004 - 31/10/2005

McKinnon	
AGE GROUP	YEAR OF BIRTH
U8	Born in 2018/19
U10	Born in 2016/17
U12	Born in 2014/15
U14	Born in 2012/13
U16	Born in 2010/11
U18	Born in 2008/09
U20	2007/06 – Girls to play in the Open competition. Boys to remain in Junior competition

5. Training Times and Venues

Each team trains once a week. As a general rule, the following training nights will be allocated for each group:

- **Boys: Monday or Tuesday night**
- **Girls: Wednesday or Thursday night**

Please understand that with 80+ teams entered each season, catering to each child's (or parent's) preferred training venue or day is impossible. Therefore, once teams are announced **NO REQUESTS** for training day changes will be considered due to a clash with other sports/activities. When you register a player you are agreeing to the training days specified above and any requests for specific training days are not guaranteed.

Final training days and times will be determined by the following factors (in order of priority):

- Availability of coaches
- Availability of venues
- Availability of players

Training venues (subject to change):

Bialik College Sports Centre - 407 Tooronga Road, Hawthorn East, 3123

Orrong Romanis Recreation Centre - Molesworth St, Prahran, 3181

Wesley College (Elsternwick Campus) - 5 Gladstone Parade, Elsternwick, 3183

If you are requesting a specific day for training, please note this can affect your child's team placement.

TRAINING VENUE AND/OR DAY REQUESTS ARE NOT GUARANTEED.

Refunds will not be provided for participants not placed in their team of choice.

Player Commitment

Once a player registers for a season, he/she makes a commitment to be reliable and attend all training sessions and games for their team, unless for some unforeseen circumstance, such as sickness, injury or a special family function. Choosing to play another sport where it is known that training or game times conflict with basketball commitments is not an acceptable reason for absence. Unreliable players may be penalised

at the coach's discretion by reduced court time.

A player should notify their Team Manager as soon as they become aware that they will be unavailable for a particular training session or a game.

By registering for consideration into a team, parents agree to committing to the team and training time/venue allocated.

6. Coaches

All Maccabi coaches hold a current Working With Children Check and are constantly upskilling through Basketball Victoria accreditation and development sessions run by our Coaching Directors during the season. Within our coaching group we have some parent coaches/assistant coaches.

Parents make great coaches, so we encourage as many parents to get involved as possible. If you are interested in coaching please contact us: info@maccabibasketball.com.au

We also utilise a volunteer parent Back Up Coach system to assist when coaches are unavailable. You can volunteer to be a Back Up Coach when registering your player.

7. Club Membership Fees - WINTER SEASON 2025

We are pleased to advise there will be no increase to the club registration fees for the upcoming Winter 2025 season. Our club fees will remain as per last season, which covers all regular season games and training sessions.

Fees are set out below. Please note, Basketball Victoria charges an annual fee of \$29 (17 and under) and \$43 (18 and up) for every player. If you paid this fee last season you will not be required to pay it again this season. Play HQ will automatically add it to your registration fee if you are required to pay it this season.

Waverley - Winter Season 2025

\$465 - 15 week season + finals and includes:

- Player and Spectator entrance fee
- Competition Team Entry Nominations
- Competition Match Fees (Scoresheet Fees)
- Training Fees (Venue Hire)
- Training Resources
- Coach Payments
- Coach/Player Development
- Administration
- Maccabi Victoria affiliation fee

McKinnon - Winter Season 2025

\$365 - 14 week season + finals and includes:

- Competition Team Entry Nominations
- Competition Match Fees (Scoresheet Fees)
- Training Fees (Venue Hire)
- Training Resources
- Coach Payments
- Coach/Player Development
- Administration
- Maccabi Victoria affiliation fee

An MBA Player Fee covering door charges for players and spectators of \$84 (\$42 for U20 and Open) is charged separately and paid directly to McKinnon upon registration through PlayHQ.

Parent Coaches

As a community club that relies on the support of its parents, we love parental help, because volunteering in our club assists Maccabi in providing a safe place for children in our community to have fun, develop skills,

learn valuable lessons and build life-long friendships. The Club thanks all our parent coaches who volunteer their time to be a parent coach at Maccabi Basketball Victoria. Your donation of time and effort is greatly appreciated and helps to increase the community feel of the Club. All parents wanting to coach will need to register their children and pay the full fee. In the event you require financial assistance for Winter Season 2025, a hardship fund is available to Maccabi parents. For more information regarding this option please go to <https://www.maccabirelieffund.com.au/> . **Please note this is completely private and confidential information and is not shared with all board members.**

8. Withdrawal from season.

Refund Policy

When a player withdraws after registering, it can cause significant disruption not only to individual teams but also to the entire age group, placing a substantial burden on the volunteers within our committee. The registration fees are designed to encompass expenses related to coaching, venue rental for training, registration and game related costs, insurance, administration and other miscellaneous expenditures. Refunds are only considered by the Club under exceptional and rare circumstances (and will incur a minimum \$100 on cost)

Refunds are not given for:

- Dislike of the team into which the player has been selected
- Dislike of the allocated coach
- Unavailability to train at the allocated time/day
- Preferences not being met e.g. not playing with friends
- Dislike of the team's allocated division/grade
- Other sport/social/work commitments of the player
- Change of mind by player/parents

9. Inclusion/ Financial Assistance

Maccabi Basketball believes that every Jewish child has the right to play basketball and will ensure financial assistance is available for registration if needed. Assistance may be accessed via the Maccabi Relief Fund.

Please apply online: <https://www.maccabirelieffund.com.au/>

The application process is confidential and simple. Maccabi Victoria will attempt to resolve all requests for assistance within 2-5 days.

10. Uniform

New members will need to purchase a singlet and shorts as separate items and any current player requiring a larger size will need to purchase a new uniform.

Uniform items can be purchased via the Club's online store <https://www.maccabibasketball.com.au/uniforms> and /or during registration via Play HQ.

Consider the size your child requires when ordering so they will at least get a couple of seasons out of it. Sizes are in children's sizes and true to size. If unsure what size your child needs, choose a size up.

Please ensure that all uniform orders are placed during registration. We cannot guarantee availability of uniforms if orders are placed after registrations are closed.

Uniforms will be available for pick up on uniform collection day - date and location to be advised.

If you have an old uniform you no longer use please consider donating it to the Club.

Any uniform queries email uniforms@maccabibasketball.com.au

11. Communication

For the Winter 2025 season we will be using two main forms of communication - Stack Team App & Whatsapp.

[STACK TEAM APP](#)

Stack Team App will be used as a source of fixed communication such as Team announcements, venues, training information and links to the associations.

It will look a little different to past seasons in its set up and an email will be sent directing you to log on when team announcements are ready.

If you currently do not have a Stack Team App account please follow the instructions below to get set up

WHATSAPP

We use the WhatsApp Community function to communicate news, updates and information. Your Team Manager (TM) will set up a WhatsApp group specifically for your team and will use Polls or Events to confirm attendance to games and training.

Please join our WhatsApp community! A link will be emailed after registrations asking you to join our WhatsApp community.

Please note - no child under the age of 18 is allowed to join the WhatsApp chat with their coach or other adults on the chat without one of their parents also being included on the chat.

Please see our Whatsapp Policy for further information click here for our policy >>

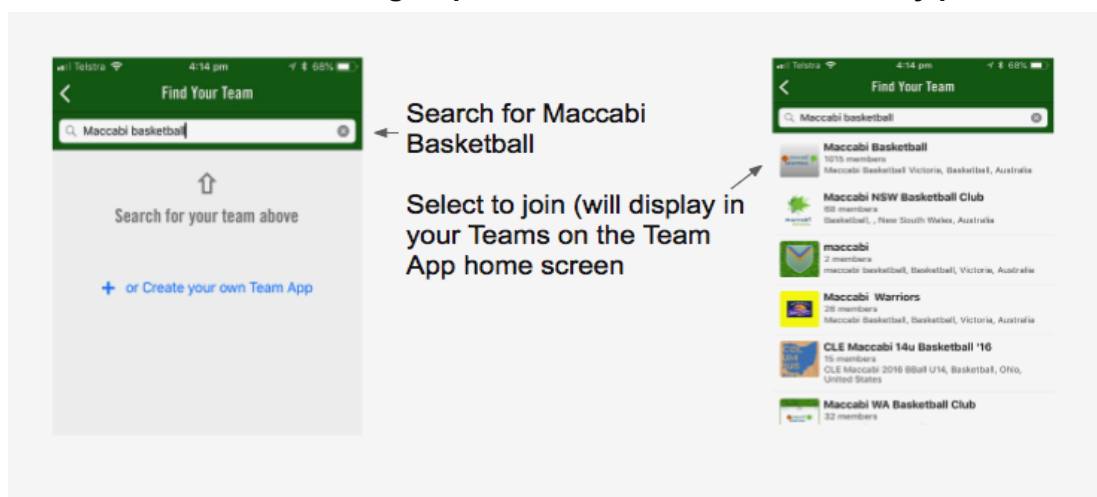
SETTING UP STACK TEAM APP

ALL INFORMATION REGARDING THE SEASON/ TRAINING TIMES and DAYS WILL ONLY BE ANNOUNCED ON STACK TEAM APP.

If you are new to Maccabi Basketball and don't have a Stack Team App account yet:

- Go to the Apple store Download Stack Team App (iphone users) or Google play (android users)
- Join **Maccabi Basketball**
- Request access to the Winter 2025 Season Access group

WINTER 2025 SEASON - is an access group for both Mckinnon and Waverley pre-season



For any new player queries contact info@maccabibasketball.com.au

12. Player Grading and Team Selection

Team placement for the new season is determined through a comprehensive process that considers several factors. Returning players are observed multiple times throughout the season where possible by lead and head coaches either during games or training sessions. This is in addition to receiving feedback from their current coach. Coaches provide regular feedback about both individual and team performance to the coaching panel throughout the season via weekly coaching reports. Each coach compiles a season summary of a players performance based around specific criteria containing both skill development/execution as well as attitudinal competencies. If a player has been identified as a candidate for movement, then a lead/head coach will also have viewed this individual for assessment. Movement will also occur due to age restrictions whereby players move into the next age category. Any new players to the club will have an in person skills session with a lead/head coach to determine the appropriate placement. Where plausible most teams will have continuity of playing group unless a player has been identified as requiring specific movement to

enhance the development of their skills and confidence or are no longer the eligible age.

Graded Club Policy

One of Maccabi Basketball Victoria's founding principles is that we are a Graded Club. By registering your child with Maccabi Basketball Victoria, you agree to this Grading Policy.

Why Maccabi is a Grading Club

The club's philosophy is that grading is the fairest way to ensure that players of varying abilities play with and against others of similar skills. This approach optimises your child's involvement, contribution to the team, and skill development.

When players of widely different abilities are placed on the same team, it can lead to frustration for both higher and lower skilled players, benefiting neither in the long run. This environment may cause players to become disheartened and lose self-esteem.

Players placed on teams beyond their ability will struggle to develop when overshadowed by more talented teammates. Conversely, stronger players won't reach their full potential if placed on a lower level team just to stay with a friend.

Grading ensures a better team fit, increased individual confidence, and a more constructive learning experience. Players, and parents, tend to enjoy the game more when playing at the right level. Grading also allows coaches to better meet development needs during training because players will have similar skill sets.

Our aim is for every player at the club to train and play at a level most appropriate for their development needs.

Friendships

While Maccabi Basketball's priority is to be a graded club, we do consider friendships where possible. We consider ourselves to be in a fortunate position, whereby the entire club is one community, therefore, every player is potential friend and a new social connection. This enables our families to broaden their social circles and develop stronger links in the community.

To consider friendships, they must be identified during the player registration process. You will be able to nominate two friends that your player would like to be in a team with. Friends nominated must be of a similar ability. Please note that when considering friendship requests, significant differences in skill level between nominated friends, as assessed by the coaching panel, is deemed counter productive to the clubs grading policy and, therefore, might not be accommodated. **Only reciprocal friend requests made during registration will be considered.** Late friend requests after team selections will not be accommodated due to the impact on team numbers across multiple teams and families.

How reciprocal friendship requests works, for example:

Moshe requests Noah and Noah requests Moshe - **Reciprocal**

Miriam requests Dina BUT Dina does not request Miriam - **Not reciprocal**

Large friend groups or significant differences in skill levels may not be accommodated, as this could compromise player development and other players' opportunities. The club is committed to maintaining the integrity of the grading process and ensuring fairness for all players.

While we understand that parents make decisions based on the best interests of their children, the club must also consider the broader playing group within the age category.

Although this may mean that children won't always play with their friends, experience has shown that they quickly form new friendships and bonds with their new teammates.

FRIEND REQUESTS ARE NOT GUARANTEED.

Refunds will not be provided for participants not placed in their team of choice.

Once your child's team placement and lists are finalised - no movements are permitted.

New Player Tryouts

For all new players - an assessment session will be held prior to the Winter 2025 Season.

If you are a new player U10 (U8 players are placed mainly on a social criteria and therefore do not need to attend try outs) or above who has previously played basketball at another club or with Maccabi more than 1 season ago, please note this when registering and you will be invited to attend a training session for assessment so that you can be best placed with a team of similar ability.

The Coaching Directors undertake the complex task of combining all players within an age group into the most appropriate teams that will play in graded competitions for the upcoming season.

Teams are selected by our coaching group based on the following criteria:

Player ability - grading skill level, attitude, motivation (based on try-outs and the coaches grading process)

Team balance - mix of offensive and defensive abilities making a well rounded team

Friendships - for those wanting to play socially, reciprocal requests can be made via registration, however this will be considered with the above criteria and is at the total discretion of the club.

Refunds will NOT be provided for participants not placed in their team of choice.

Once your child's team placement and lists are finalised - no movements are permitted.

13. Team Managers

Team Manager is a critical role and no team can play without one. **Please consider volunteering for this role**, your kids will love seeing you involved and you are making a fantastic contribution to our club which relies on our wonderful volunteers to operate smoothly.

It is essential that one parent performs the role of Team Manager for each team. This involves:

- Facilitating communication within your team
- Scheduling training and creating a parent roster for training supervision
- Scheduling match day events and rostering parents for scoring

This is a simple but essential role that requires minimal time but makes an enormous difference to your child's team for the season. It is a condition of registration that you agree to accept the responsibility of being a Team Manager if you are chosen. Team Managers are allocated each season on a rotational basis (unless there is a volunteer).

Please do not email the club saying you are unable to be a Team manager. You have agreed to it as part of the T&Cs in registering your child. If you cannot fulfil your Team Manager duties it is your responsibility to find a parent from your team to replace you.

Training cannot commence without a parent supervision roster in place for training.

We have a dedicated volunteer who assists Team Managers to fulfil their roles. Please contact info@maccabibasketball.com.au if you require any assistance.

14. Announcement of Teams

Please be patient. Team allocation is a timely process. A number of factors are taken into consideration to determine teams. You will receive notification via Stack Team App when the teams have been released. Only those that have registered for the season will receive a notification.

15. Mini Skills Program

From time to time Maccabi Basketball offers a Mini Skills Program for children aged 5 to 8 when court and coaching availability allows for it. For more information please contact info@maccabibasketball.com.au.

16. Social Basketball

At Maccabi Basketball Victoria, our social basketball program offers players the chance to enjoy the game purely for the love of it. We provide a relaxed and inclusive environment where teams of basketball friends come together, compete, and simply have fun. Playing with friends, the focus is on enjoyment, not on development or playing at the highest level—no training required. Join us to experience basketball in its most

enjoyable form, where the joy of the sport is the ultimate goal. If you are in age group U16 - U20 and would like to find out more about registering a **Social Team** please email info@maccabibasketball.com.au.

17. Enquiries

If at any stage you require assistance please contact

Team Manager Liaison teamapp@maccabibasketball.com.au - Ronit Almagor
Registration and general enquiries info@maccabibasketball.com.au - Ronit Almagor
Uniform enquiries uniforms@maccabibasketball.com.au - TBA

18. Photos/Social Media

We are on socials and love to share footage from training and game day. We also like to share what's happening in the Club with Maccabi Victoria for their publications. Players' names will NEVER be used. If you do not consent for your child's photograph or video to be published, please advise us in writing if you did not do so during the registration process. Please include your child's full name and team name to: marketing@maccabibasketball.com.au

If you do not consent to your child's photo being published, please speak to your child to ensure they are aware to step out of group photos. Please know that whilst Maccabi Basketball will take all reasonable precautions, we are unable to control what individual team members and parents may photograph or post.

Share with us all the action on court on game day with photos@maccabibasketball.com.au

Please ensure you are familiar with Basketball Victoria's photo/filming policy as per below.

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/63995be8241ae54a4286807b/t/65f38e7e1ef185348935b31f/1710460543007/BV_PhotographyFilmingPolicy_22092021.pdf

Prior to filming, please inform all teams that you will be filming and your intention to do so. Eg. Training purposes/Keepsake etc.

**** Should any person take objection to the photographing or filming, they should be asked the reason why they object. It should be explained to them that the Basketball Victoria Photography/Filming Policy permits the creation of content for organisational and individual use. However, if the person objecting has a legitimate and strong reason why the objection is made, then a bar should be placed on that content. A strong reason may include a child safety exemption whereby the child concerned is the subject of contested custody proceedings or has been the subject of violence or threats and publication of a video or photograph may compromise the safety of the child.**

We expect that all communication towards each other is carried out in a polite manner. If there are any issues, please address these with the venue manager at the stadium.

19. Policies and Procedures

Please find below a list and link to our Policies and Procedures

[Code of conduct](#)

[Privacy Policy](#)

[Terms & conditions](#)

[Player age policy](#)

[Refund Policy](#)

[Extreme Heat Policy](#)

[WhatsApp Usage Policy](#)

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20. Board Members and Volunteers

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Website

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Uniform Coordinator

TBD

We need your help!

Like all not-for-profit organisations we rely heavily on a volunteer army. Our volunteers are parents of players who love to not just watch from the sidelines but be part of the action. We are always seeking more hands on deck to create more opportunities to meet and connect. Each role requires different expertise and time commitment from once a season to weekly but is always invaluable to the Club. We are currently looking for help with:

- New Member Liaison
- Fill-In Player Coordinator
- Senior domestic competition coordinator (over 20's)
- Pathways to Youth League coordinator (competitive senior)
- TM Coordinator
- Events Coordinator
- Community Liaison
- Awards Coordinator
- Weekly Games Wrap
- Try-Out Coordinator
- Uniform Cooridnator

If you would like to find out more please email info@maccabibasketball.com.au

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