



Hello and thanks for expressing an interest in the grade 1 Introduction to Basketball Program with South Camberwell Basketball Club.

Please find below some additional details about the program and how to register to participate.

2023 Introduction to Basketball Program.

- The program runs for 9 consecutive weeks, starting on Tuesday the 7th of February 2023.
- All sessions are held on Tuesday's between 4-5pm at the Ashburton Recreation Centre in Ashburton. (Please note that entry to the Rec Centre is free to attend the program – you simply need to tell the front desk staff that you are there to play basketball)
- Children will be supported by experienced coaches each week. We aim to have a ratio of 1 coach per 7-8 kids. Our coaches are mostly high school students and are all experienced SCBC coaches. We have a head coach who creates the training drills each week.
- Any adults assisting with the Introduction Program hold current Working With Children Checks.
- All children who attend are guaranteed a place in a SCBC team once competitive games start in Term 2. This is very important as we find that teams that form in grade 1 tend to stay together and it can often be difficult to get into a team in later years.
- All that's needed from each child is a basketball, a water bottle and shoes appropriate for indoor sports. The Basketball needs to be a size 5 as this is the size the kids will use once they start playing.
- All children receive a SCBC T-Shirt.
- The cost of \$130.00 covers the entire 9 week program. Unfortunately we are unable to pay refunds for any sessions that are not attended.

How to Register.

Registration is a 2-step process.

Step 1 Registering and Paying on PlayHQ. This process registers the player with Basketball Victoria and includes payment for the program. This is important as Basketball Victoria provides insurance to the players should an injury occur. Please follow this link:

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/Oa33d4>

Step 2 Registering with SCBC. This process registers your child with SCBC and includes information such as your child's age and all the contact information needed. Please follow this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Fsef1mURN6>

Beyond the Introduction Program and Playing Basketball for SCBC.

The following section provides information about playing basketball for SCBC should you be interested to move from the introduction program to joining a team and playing basketball for SCBC.

After 4 weeks of the program we will confirm which kids want to continue post the program and start playing basketball for SCBC. We will form the kids into teams in preparation for them starting games when the Winter season starts in Term 2.

In case you and your family are new to junior basketball, here are a few details that you may find helpful.

South Camberwell Basketball Club (SCBC) is a great family orientated club that plays within the Camberwell Districts Basketball Association (CDBA). Most of our players come from Camberwell South Primary School, however, being a CSPS student is not a prerequisite for playing for SCBC.

Basketball is played in two seasons per year, Summer and Winter. Winter runs from the start of term 2 to the end of term 3 and Summer runs from the start of term 4 to the end of term 1 the following year. The CDBA is very aware of school holidays, long weekends etc and there are no games played outside of the school term or on public holiday weekends.

SCBC normally try to form teams of about 8 players, but sometimes we add more players to ensure everyone gets a spot. Practice will be once a week on Tuesdays 4-5pm at the Ashburton Rec Centre and competition games are played on Saturday mornings. Grade 1 teams play between 8:30 and 9:30am and as the kids get older, the games move to later time slots.

Each team needs a Parent to be the Team Manager and a Team Coach. Normally we find that these roles are filled by two separate parents willing to volunteer their time. If there are no parents interested in coaching we will find a student coach.

Basketball is played in age groups, with the youngest age group being under 8's, which suits kids in grade 1. Within the age group, the competition is graded to ensure that the teams always play other teams of a similar level. To ensure the teams are graded correctly, grading games are held during the first 4-6 weeks of each season. Once grading is finalised, the competition games begin and each season concludes with finals.

Costs for Winter 2023 will be finalised next year, however, please expect costs to be close to the following and will be due prior to the winter season starting.

- SCBC Uniform: \$90.
- Winter Season (Terms 2&3): \$300 - \$350 (Covers court hire at the training venue, court hire and referee costs incurred on Saturdays and the coaches' costs if a paid coach is used)

Lastly, if you have any questions, please contact me on scbc.register@gmail.com.

Thank you again for showing an interest in SCBC.

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