



Westside Suns
Basketball Club

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The Westside Suns Basketball Club is a family friendly all-inclusive club that offers basketball programs for all ages and genders. The club strives to offer all local children the opportunity to play grass roots basketball. Playing basketball provides an opportunity for children to develop skills, be part of a team and make new friends. We hope the following information will answer many of the questions you may have.

The Westside Basketball Club was established in 2012. We have 74 teams and ~600 players. Our Lil' Suns, Junior Suns and 3x3 Programs form a pathway to provide skills and understanding to allow our youngest players to successfully transition to playing for the Westside Suns.

Our teams compete in the Westgate Association domestic competition which is conducted on Saturdays.



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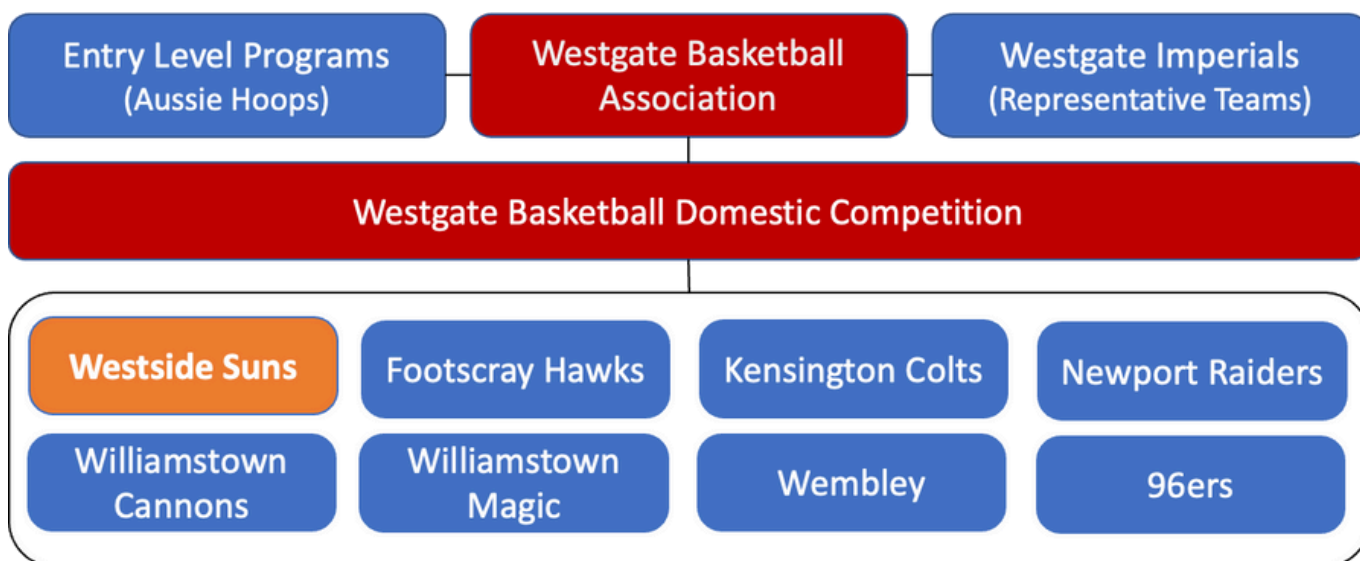


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Association Structure

The Westside Suns are a member club of the **Westgate Basketball Association**. The association manages three elements; the Saturday domestic competition that we participate in, the Westgate Imperials (the Association's representative teams that play in the Friday Night Victorian Junior Basketball League competition) and an entry-level program; Aussie Hoops.

The below diagram outlines the structure of the association and where the Westside Suns fit into the structure:



[The by-laws and competition policies can be found here](#)



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Westside Basketball Club Structure

The Westside Suns club is structured around each team operating as a separate group, with a volunteer coach and team manager. The coach is responsible for coaching the team during practices and on game-day. The Team Managers role is primarily administrative/co-ordination, acting as the link between the team and the club.

In the first instance, if you have any questions or issues, these should be raised with your Team Manager, who can directly contact the relevant person in the club's administration.

The diagram below outlines the structure of the club:



The committee is always keen to include anyone who would like to be involved.

Please reach out to us president@westsidesuns.com



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Seasons

The Saturday competition is school term based. Each season runs for two terms; Summer (Term 4/Term 1) and Winter (Term 2/Term 3). Games are played on weeks when children are at school, with no games during school holidays or on long weekends.

Age Groups

For Summer 24/25, age groups will be based on these birth years:

Age Group	Year of Birth		
	2017	2016	
U10	2017	2016	
U12	2015	2014	
U14	2013	2012	
U16	2011	2010	
U18 Boys	2009	2008	
U19 Girls	2009	2008	2007

Venues

Venues. Games are played at venues in/around Footscray on Saturday:

- VU Community Sports Stadium
- RecWest Braybrook
- VU Footscray Park
- Footscray City Primary School
- Footscray North Primary School

Game Times

The times below are indicative timeslots for each age group. It is highly likely that your team will have a very similar timeslot each week. However, game times are determined by the Westgate basketball association, not the club, and they can change each season.

Age Group	8:20	9:10	10:00	10:50	11:40	12:30	13:20	14:10	15:00	15:50	16:40	17:30	18:20
U10 Girls													
U10 Boys													
U12 Girls													
U12 Boys													
U14 Girls													
U14 Boys													
U16 Girls													
U16 Boys													
U19 Girls													
U18 Boys													



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Team

Each Team will have one (1) training session and play one (1) game each week (assuming there is no bye in their division). Each team has a similar structure; a volunteer coach, a volunteer team manager and between 8 and 10 children in the team.

Coach

This role may be filled by a parent or a non-parent coach. Most teams are coached by a parent. The role of the coach will be to run your training session and coach the team on game day; all administrative matters are left to the Team Manager. No prior experience is required, so we'd love to see you join our coaching family!

Team Manager

This role is filled by a parent on the team. The Team Manager is the liaison between the club and the team and will be your first port of call for issues or queries. The team manager will inform parents of game details, disseminate information and to arrange scorers for the games.

Players

The club places children in teams based on years of birth wherever possible, so if your child is born in 2015, you will find that most / all other children in the team will also be born in 2015. This is done so that all children in the team have the same age eligibility each season.

Age eligibility is determined by the age of the child on 31 December of the year that the season ends.

Team Uniform

Your team manager will organise a singlet and shorts for your child. These singlets/shorts are supplied free of charge, with the expectation that they will be returned when your child outgrows them or leaves the club.

Training Sessions

Your team will be assigned one (1) 60-minute training session each week. It is important that children attend training each week. Each player will need to bring their own ball.

Size 5 - U10G, U10B, U12G, U12B

Size 6 - U14G, U14B, U16G, U19G

Size 7 - U16B, U18B



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Parent Expectations

Every parent will be expected to take a rostered turn at scoring. [A YouTube tutorial on how to score can be found here](#)

Westside upholds the zero-tolerance towards inappropriate and/or abusive behaviour from parents and spectators. The policy can be [found here Parent and Spectator Policy](#)

Registration Fees

The Westside Suns Basketball Club offers competitively priced fees which are calculated each season. The club offers a family discount for the 2nd and 3rd child. These fees cover team registration, training sessions and game fees.

In addition to club fees there is also an annual Basketball Victoria registration charge (currently \$29/annum) and a Basketball Australia registration charge (currently \$5/annum). Spectator entrance fee occurs at any VU venue, applicable to anyone aged 10+ (currently set at \$2.20).

Club Communication

The club uses various means for communicating with parents:

- **Newsletter**

The club issues a newsletter directly to our members email inboxes approximately once a month.

- **Facebook**

The club has a Facebook page which provides updates for parents. Our link is: www.facebook.com/WestsideSuns

- **Instagram**

The club has an Instagram presence which provides updates for parents. Our username is: <https://www.instagram.com/westsidesunsbasketball/>



Meet Us

The Westside Suns Basketball Club is a family friendly all-inclusive club that offers basketball programs for all ages and genders. The club strives to offer all local children the opportunity to play grassroots basketball.

Our Organisation



Kris Nichloson
President



Sonya Slater
Vice President



Erin Menzies
Treasurer/Secretary



Tina Nguyen
General Member



Lian Foster
General Member



Nathan Morgan
Head of Development



Westside Suns is proudly supported by



Partnership achievements

The partnership between RCL and the Westside Suns Basketball Club has successfully:

- Given **600+** young players a great start in basketball
- Enabled the club to retain & develop top coaching talent
- Grown participation in the U10 girls segment

“My daughter has loved her introduction to basketball. The Junior Suns and 3x3 program were fantastic, and we’re so happy she was placed in a team in U10s, so she could get that early experience”

-PARENT OF U12's GIRLS PLAYER



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