VJBL Information

1. What is VJBL?

The VJBL competition is played on a Friday evening at associated venues across the state. Each week over 1300 teams participate in the competition which equates to about 650 games on 200 Courts across approximately 80 venues. The VJBL is arguably the largest competition of its kind, offering a graduated system of junior basketball competition giving opportunities for players to reach the peak, but also to climb the foothills.

The VJBL is made up of associations who enter representative teams. These teams are selected from a 'domestic' competition that is played out of that particular association.

The VJBL Competition comes under the governing body of Basketball Victoria.

The League was designed to give keen junior basketballers an opportunity to participate at a more competitive level than their local domestic competitions. The VJBL allows teams to compete against composite teams from other Associations. The competition has developed as such to incorporate Associations Victoria wide.

2. Competition Structure

There are 3 tiers of competition within the VJBL:

- VICTORIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP LEAGUE (HIGHEST LEVEL OF COMPETITION) (VC)

- VICTORIAN JUNIOR LEAGUE (VJL)

- REGIONAL LEAGUE (RL)

Regional League (RL) is being introduced for the 2025/26 season, replacing the former Regional Development League (RDL) competition, and inserts into the broader VJBL competition structure. Regional League now sits as the third tier of competition, beneath Victorian Championship (VC) and Victorian Junior League (VJL).

Games within the VJBL structure are usually played for about 40 weeks of the year commencing approximately early-mid November and going through to September the following year.

There are usually two areas of competition played throughout the year as follows:

Grading Phase One & Two (Usually late November to March)

This is considered the most important part of the VJBL season as grading decides where the teams will play throughout the Championship season. The strongest team will be placed on the court. Grading also impacts our teams rankings position in seasons to come.

Championship Phase (March through to September)

3. VJBL Age Group Competition Formats

Under 12 – Boys and Girls

Teams grade for the following competitions:

- Victorian Championship (VC) (2 Pools of 10 Teams)
- Victorian Junior League (VJL) 1-4 (2 Pools of 10 Teams)
- Victorian Junior League (VJL) 5 (3 Pools of 10 Teams)
- Regional League (Remainder of Teams, Separated into Geographic Pools)

Under 14 – Boys and Girls

Teams grade for the following competitions:

- Victorian Championship (VC) (2 Pools of 10 Teams)
- Victorian Junior League (VJL) 1-3 (1 Pool of 10 Teams)
- Victorian Junior League (VJL) 4 (2 Pools of 10 Teams)
- Victorian Junior League (VJL) 5-8 (3 Pools of 10 Teams)
- Regional League (Remainder of Teams, Separated into Geographic Pools)

Under 16 – Boys and Girls

Teams grade for the following competitions:

- Victorian Championship (VC) (2 Pools of 10 Teams)
- Victorian Junior League (VJL) 1-3 (1 Pool of 10 Teams)
- Victorian Junior League (VJL) 4 (2 Pools of 10 Teams)
- Victorian Junior League (VJL) 5 and below (3 Pools of 10 Teams)

Under 18 – Boys and Girls

Teams grade for the following competitions:

- Victorian Championship (VC) (2 Pools of 10 Teams)

- Victorian Junior League (VJL) 1-4 (1 Pool of 10 Teams)
- Victorian Junior League (VJL) 5 and below (3 Pools of 10 Teams)

4. VJBL Travel Requirements

	VC	VJL1	VJL2	VJL3	VJL4	VJL5	RL
UNDER 12	210 KMS	210 KMS	210KMS	170KMS	170KMS	170KMS	170KMS

	VC	VJL1	VJL2	VJL3	VJL4	VJL5-8	RL
UNDER 14	210 KMS	210 KMS	210KMS	210KMS	210KMS	170KMS	170KMS

	VC	VJL1	VJL2	VJL3	VJL4	VJL5-10
UNDER 16-18	210 KMS	210 KMS	210KMS	210KMS	210KMS	170KMS

5. Geographic Pools – Regional League

VJBL have provided a basic breakdown of how the RL competitions may be broken down, but this is a guide and not set in stone. If your association grouping, is touching another group, or has an arrow pointing to a different group, there is a possibility your teams may play.