



WELCOME TO COUGARS

Cougar's basketball club has a proud history and tradition. Formed in 1969 as East Brunswick Basketball Club (E.B.B.C.), the club serviced the inner northern suburbs of Melbourne. The club moved to Mill Park and surrounding districts in 1975 and has continued the tradition of servicing the local community and promotes the sport of basketball to children and adults in a family orientated environment.



The club is managed by a Chief Executive Officer and a committee comprising of past players and players' parents. One of the most successful clubs not only in Victoria but also in Australia, the club has representation at junior and senior championships, and has had representation in State , Australian teams and finally at international levels.

Having provided the opportunity to thousands of children throughout the thirty eight plus years that the club has existed, the new millennium offers the same opportunity to your child. A strong coaching structure administered by understanding voluntary staff comprising of past players , coaches with both championship, state and national experience, and whose expertise ensures that the children learn the skills of the game in a "fun" environment.

All players are given the opportunity to participate at their own level.

MISSION STATEMENT



- Encourage and promote the sport of basketball in the Northern Suburbs of Victoria and its surrounding districts.
- Represent the interests of basketball and within the Northern Suburbs of Victoria and its surrounding districts.
- Encourage the development of socially desirable attitudes and values towards fitness and skills acquisition through play, training and competition
- Provide access for individuals to participate and maximize their potential in the sport of basketball by competing in the level of basketball possible, given their own ability.



COMPETITIONS COUGARS PARTICIPATE IN



Cougars is always ensuring that all players are given an opportunity to participate in the competition where they can perform at their ability level.



Age groups range from under 8 mixed up to under 19 male and female competitions. Currently, Cougars fields teams in the Diamond Valley and Whittlesea Basketball Association which is held mainly on Saturday. Some of our junior girl's teams also play on weeknights in the Diamond Valley competition.



EDJBA competition is a home & away basis competition held on Saturdays. Cougars is looking to fielding teams in this competition in 2016.

All venues schedule two seasons (Autumn and Spring) each year. There are normally no games during the School holidays, Public holidays, Christmas and Easter period.

GENERAL INFORMATION MEMBERSHIP & REGISTRATION

- *Registration is to be paid at the start of the new season.
- *The registration amount is set by the Executive 2 months before the new season commences.
- *Fees are used to cover costs such as training venues, scoresheet fees, insurance, team registration, trophies, banking fees and general administration costs. Fees can be paid by internet banking or direct deposit only:-

*Bank details – Commonwealth Bank of Australia
BSB: 063 226
A/N: 1008 8478

UNIFORMS

Uniforms (top & shorts) are ordered on Uniform Order Night which will be advised to new members two weeks before the season commences.

TRAINING

The club currently trains at three venues. Mill Park Secondary College (Junior Campus, Moorhead



Drive Mill Park), Lalor North Secondary College (Childs Road Lalor) Mernda P.S. (Erskine Road Mernda) on Mondays to Fridays.

On these night we ensure that the Boys or Girls Co-Ordinators or Committee member is on hand to ensure that the clubs training standards are maintained and that members have someone to approach regarding club business.



BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Any player who is new to the club will need to provide proof of their age. A photocopy of the player's birth certificate or similar document is to be handed to the team manager before the player's first game. This is a League ruling.

COMMUNICATION

The club uses a number of methods of keeping its members up to date. Moving towards a more green solution we have moved away from using paper as much as possible.

Cougar's basketball club has a website located at www.cougarsbasketball.com.au

We also have a **Facebook** presence and encourage all our members to sign up as we post a great deal of information and photos here of our club members.

To keep our members up to date we also use email and require all members to provide an email for us to be able to send out important club information. This email is kept private and is not passed on to any other sources.

With the advent of smartphones the club has adopted the use of an application called TEAM APP which can be used on both iPhones and Android phones. This application gives our members easy access to news, team details, game timing and much more. For more information please visit <http://teamapp.com/>. Once installed, do a search for Cougars Basketball Club and sign up.

If you are having difficulties with the application please contact your team manager or committee member.

COUGARS BASKETBALL CLUB





MEMBERSHIP CARD

The club has introduced the Cougars Membership Card. The aim was to have a means for our members to interact with our sponsors and supporters. The club is constantly on the lookout for local businesses that are willing to support the club.

Rather than asking these business to provide a large investment we have requested they support the club based on our members supporting them. We ask our supporters to return 10% of anything our members spend with them to the club. We encourage our members to use this businesses. At the end of the day your efforts come back to the club.

If you know of a business that would be interested in supporting the club please contact the club secretary for more information.

PRESENTATION DAY / NIGHT

A Presentation Day / Night is held annually, where each financial player receives a club participation award or gift.

ISSUES

If you have any issues related to the club you are requested to submit them in writing via email to the club secretary. If the issue is in regards to the committee then your email should be directed to the CEO of the club. We request this so a record can be kept to ensure the matter is handled in a timely and proper manner.

CONTACTS

| Position | Name | Phone | Email |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------|--|
| CEO | Rachel McBrien | | ceo@cougarsbasketball.com.au |
| President | Rino Zancan | | chairman@cougarsbasketball.com.au |
| Vice President | Robyn Boyle | | vice_president@cougarsbasketball.com.au |
| Secretary | Jackie Fitzpatrick | | secretary@cougarsbasketball.com.au |
| Treasurer | Rino Zancan | | cougarsbballtreasurer@gmail.com |
| Coaching Director (Boys) | Jarrod Hart | | coach1@cougarsbasketball.com.au |
| Coaching Director (Girls) | Debbie Coulson | | coach2@cougarsbasketball.com.au |
| Uniforms | Robyn Boyle | | uniforms@cougarsbasketball.com.au |
| Team Manager (Boys) | Jodie Voss | | teamboys@cougarsbasketball.com.au |
| Team Manager (Girls) | Jackie Andrews | | teamgirls@cougarsbasketball.com.au |



COUGARS BASKETBALL CLUB

"PAW IT ON"

E.B.B.C Est 1969

EVERY PRO WAS
ONCE AN AMATEUR.
EVERY EXPERT WAS
ONCE A BEGINNER.
SO DREAM BIG.
AND START NOW.