



***2025 TRARALGON  
ANNUAL BASKETBALL  
TOURNAMENT  
OPERATIONS MANUAL***

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***Welcome to TABA's 2025  
Annual Labour Day  
Weekend Basketball  
Tournament.***

The Traralgon Amateur Basketball Association Committee and members would like to extend a warm welcome to all players, coaching staff, family, and referees to the 2025 Traralgon Annual Basketball Tournament. We trust that all games are played in a good competitive spirit with a sense of fair play and hope everyone enjoys their weekend of basketball.

Events such as this don't happen without the generous support, and we would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all our partners who have assisted us in making the Traralgon Tournament possible and to present our region in the best possible light.

Special thanks also to the Morwell Basketball Association for their assistance in organizing games and providing court supervision at their stadium over the weekend.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank our committee and tournament helpers who as always work tirelessly in preparing for this tournament.

Thank you again for participating in our tournament and we trust you will have a fantastic weekend and we wish you and your teams the best of luck.

Committee  
Traralgon Amateur Basketball Association.



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## REGISTRATIONS

### TEAM REGISTRATIONS:

Team registrations **are now closed**. Invoices will be sent to Associations/Clubs. Invoice payments must be made within the requested timeframe allocated by TABA's Treasurer. Teams that withdraw once the fixturing process has begun, may not receive any refund. Fixtures are expected to be released approximately seven days prior to the tournament. Please DO NOT contact the office regarding the release of the fixture, as this will prolong the process.

### PLAYER REGISTRATIONS:

Players and Coaches must be registered to their teams by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2025 to ensure they appear on electronic scoring.

### EVENT CONTACTS:

Email: [tournament@traralgonbasketball.net.au](mailto:tournament@traralgonbasketball.net.au)

Office Phone: 03 5176 3032

Tournament Office: Adjacent Court 6, Traralgon Stadium.

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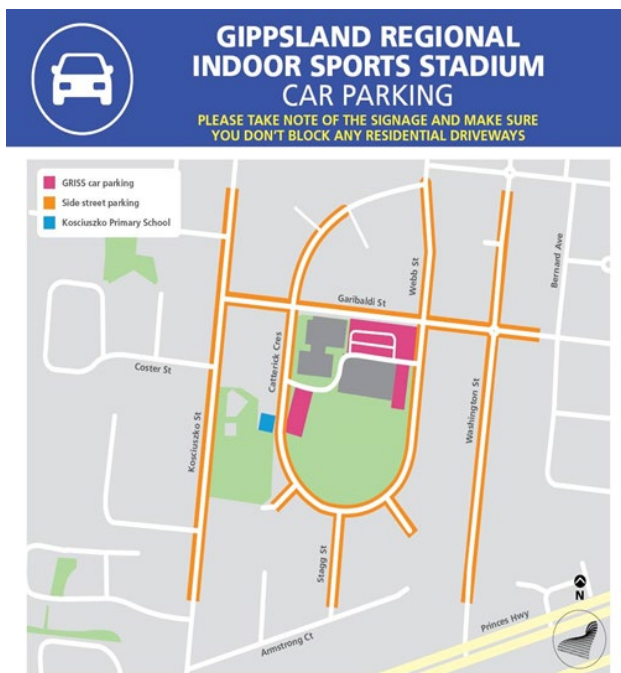
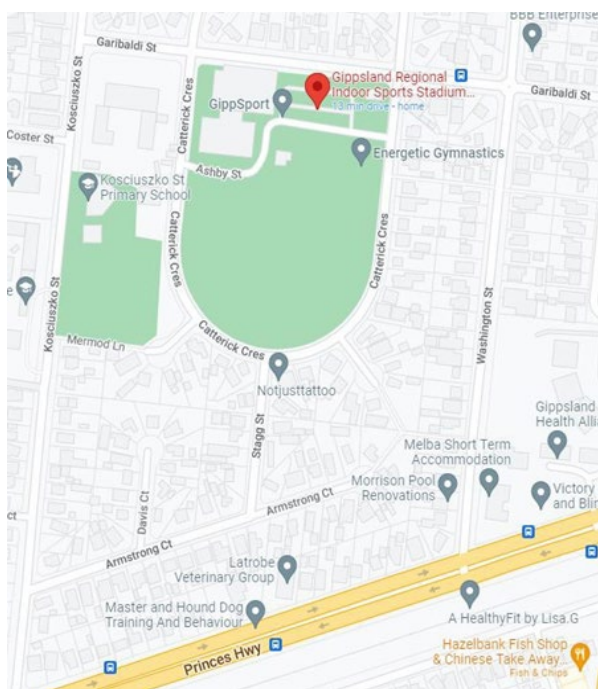


**PLAYING VENUES:**

**GIPPSLAND REGIONAL SPORTS STADIUM – Catterick Cres, Traralgon, Vic 3844**

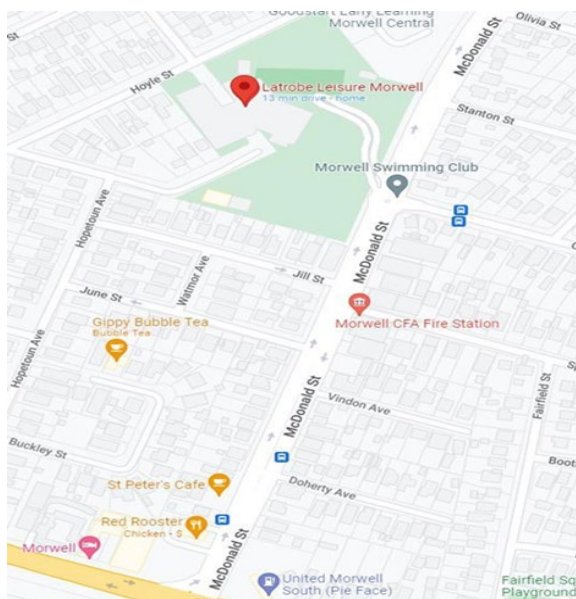
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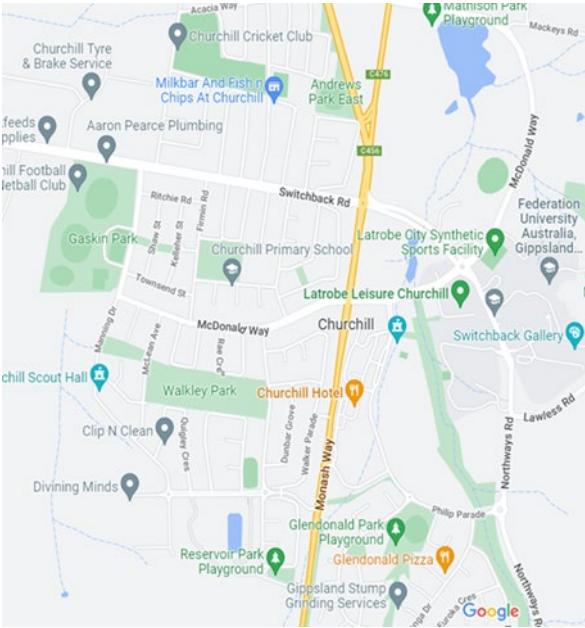


**MORWELL LEISURE CENTRE – 45 McDonald St Morwell, Vic 3840**

**Courts – 1, 2, & 3**



**CHURCHILL LEISURE CENTRE – Northways Rd & McDonald Way, VIC 3842  
Courts – 1, 2, & 3**



## **COMPETITION FORMAT**

### **REGULAR POOL GAMES:**

Teams will play in a round robin format within their respective grades. In some situations, grades will be divided into pools to accommodate high entry numbers. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of 4 games across the weekend.

### **PLAYER FINALS ELIGIBILITY:**

The minimum number of games a player must play to be eligible to play in a finals match is 50% (in most situations this will be a minimum of 2 games).

### **COMPETITION RULES:**

#### **Timing Rules**

##### **Regular Pool Games:**

2 X 20 - minute half. Half time break two (2) minutes.

Clock does not stop AT ALL during regular pool games.

Two (2) time-outs per team each half.

NO time outs in the last two (2) minutes of both halves.

NO subs in the last one (1) minute of both halves unless it's a compulsory substitution.

##### **Preliminary/Semi Final Games:**

2 X 20 - minute half. Half time break two (2) minutes.

Clock stops on ALL whistles in last two (2) minutes of second half ONLY.

Two (2) time-outs per team each half.

NO subs in last one (1) minute of first half.

Overtime – Three (3) minutes, clock stops on ALL whistles in last two (2) minutes,

One (1) timeout per team.

##### **Grand Final Games:**

2 X 20 - minute half. Half time break two (2) minutes.

First half - Clock stops all whistles during the last one (1) minute.

Second half - Clock stops on all whistles during the last two (2) minutes.

Two (2) time-outs per team each half. Time-outs/Subs are permitted while clock is stopped.

Overtime - Three (3) minutes, clock stops on ALL whistles in last two (2) minutes, One (1) timeout per team.

## GENERAL RULES

### **THREE POINT LINE:**

The three (3) point line will be the 6.75 metre arch were marked on the courts. 3-point made shots are included in ALL age groups including under 10's.

### **FREE THROWS:**

Under 10 & 12 competitions will shoot Free throws from the 3.7m line.

### **LATE START:**

All games will commence at the advertised starting time even if the sides are not ready. Failure of a team to take the court within (10) minutes of the game clock starting will mean a forfeit. A two (2) point penalty for each minute and part thereof for a late start will be awarded to the opposing team.

### **MERCY RULE:**

The Mercy rule will apply. Teams must play defense behind their opponents 3-point line after a 20-point lead is achieved. Failure to comply will result in a warning in the first instance and the offending team will receive a Bench Tech foul for indiscretion thereafter.

### **NO ZONE POLICY:**

We support and promote the **NO ZONE** Policy for U10, U12 and U14 competitions. We ask that all teams playing in these grades comply with this policy whilst competing in our Tournament. This is a policy in which Basketball Australia, Basketball Victoria, and Basketball Victoria Country have in place.

### **COMPETITION POINTS SYSTEM & FINAL LADDERS:**

Draws are allowed in round games. Finals games must have a result. Points for Pool / Round games will be awarded as follows:

**Win = 3 points, Draw = 2 points, Loss = 1 point, Bye = 0 points, Forfeit = 0 points.**

Ties for ladder position will be decided on the game between the two tied teams with the winning team advancing to the finals. If a tie still exists due to a draw between the two teams in the round game, the team with the highest number of points 'for' will decide the final position.

Three-way tie: Percentage of games played between all the tied teams. > If neither of these systems provides a result, overall percentage will be considered.



## PLAYERS / E-SCORING:

A team is not permitted to commence a match with less than four (4) eligible players. A team may use as many different eligible players as they desire during the course of the tournament but a maximum of ten (10) players can be used in any one match. Players may only play in one grade or division.

The maximum number of player names marked as active on the e-scoring is limited to 10. Up to 12 can play for a team over the duration of the tournament. A maximum of 10 trophies will be issued to Premiers and Runners up players.

Any team which plays an ineligible player will be subject to a penalty which will include forfeiting all matches in which that player participated based on whether that players name appeared on electronic scoring. Players shall not wear equipment (objects) prohibited by Basketball Victoria. Players must have short fingernails or approved gloves if fingernails are deemed to be too long to take the court.

## UNIFORMS:

A player will not be allowed to take the court unless wearing their team's correct uniform. Allowance should be made for teams that have slightly different coloured uniforms, however, it must be clear which team they belong to. Tops are to display "permitted numbers" as per FIBA & BV regulations.

## COLOUR CLASHES:

In the situation where there is clash of colours, the first named team on the fixture will have priority in the event of a colour clash. Therefore, it is mandatory that **ALL teams** have an alternative set of uniforms available.

In the situation where there is a disagreement if a colour clash occurs the venue referee supervisor or Court Supervisor shall have the final call.

## GAME BALL:

All game balls are to be supplied by the team that is first named on the fixture. The ball must be a Spalding Brand Basketball and correct size basketball used as per below.

**U10, U12 Boys and Girls – Size 5**

**U14 Boys, U14, U16, U19 Girls & Open Women's - Size 6**

**U16, U18 Boys & Open Men's – Size 7**

## AGE GROUP GUIDE:

For the 2025 Tournament is defined as:

AGE GROUP	BOTTOM AGE	TOP AGE
UNDER 10	2017	2016
UNDER 12	2015	2014
UNDER 14	2013	2012
UNDER 16	2011	2010
UNDER 18	2009	2008

**A player can only register/compete with one team during the tournament.** If he or she plays in a second side, then that game will be deemed a forfeit.

## SCORERS:

Each team must supply at least one (1) competent score table official for each of their games. The score table will consist of a person for the electronic scoring and one person for the game clock (scoreboard).

A competent scorer is to be supplied by both teams for all games including Preliminary & Semi-finals and Grand Finals.

Should a disagreement arise over allocated duties the first named team will be responsible for the game clock and the second named team will be responsible for the electronic scoring.

## SIN BIN: ZERO TOLERANCE

Referees will enforce zero tolerance and the sin bin rule will apply as per BV rules. Any player that receives a Technical Foul for dissent will be removed/subbed from the playing court for a minimum of (5) minutes.

Any member of team staff that receives a Technical Foul will be asked to sit down at the end of the bench. If a second Technical Foul is received from any player or team staff, they will be asked to leave for the remainder of the game. If a player is removed from the game, a parent/guardian must accompany them when leaving the playing area.

## HEAT POLICY:

All venues used for the Tournament have Air Conditioning capabilities and will be utilized throughout the weekend. If, however, there are issues with the Air Con, then the procedures will be implemented as per Basketball Victoria's Climate Policy. **Please scan QR Code for policy.**



## **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY:**

To ensure a safe and enjoyable playing environment for all players, officials and participants, Basketball Victoria Country has a Zero Tolerance Policy for inappropriate behavior for Team Officials, Parents and Spectators.

This Policy will ensure that:

1. There will be zero tolerance shown towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviors from team officials, players, parents, and spectators.
2. Any team official, parent/guardian and/or spectator who feels the necessity to:
  - a. Persistently or willfully question or challenge the rulings of the referees
  - b. Display conduct which is inappropriate in a junior sporting environment
  - c. Berate or abuse game officials i.e., referees and score-table personnel
  - d. Berate or abuse team officials
  - e. Berate or abuse players
  - f. Berate or abuse other parents or spectators
  - g. Berate or abuse any game day official such as a Court Supervisor, referee Supervisor or Association representative, will be asked to leave the venue immediately by the referee supervisor or venue supervisor.

Failure to leave when requested will result in a Tournament Representative taking appropriate action to safeguard the safety of players, spectators, and officials. No warnings need to be given in the event of the above action becoming necessary.

## **PROTESTS:**

All inquiries are to be directed to the Tournament Committee at the Traralgon Tournament office, located at the GRISS stadium adjacent to Court six (6).

In the event of a protest, the tournament committee will hear the protest and the decision of the committee will be final. All protests must be lodged to the tournament committee within one (1) hour of the game and be accompanied by a non-refundable deposit of \$200.

## **REPORTS:**

Any persons reported will be referred to the Basketball Victoria Tribunal to be addressed after the event. The Tournament Director reserves the right to suspend or remove any person who has been reported from the event until a suitable tribunal can be held.

Any report lodged during the tournament will not be dealt with during the tournament. The report will be referred to Basketball Victoria after the event.



## FIRST AID:

First Aid support will be provided by Phoenix First Aid Services across all venues being utilized for the Tournament. Phoenix provide additional services such as strapping for pre-existing injuries.

Ice is available at Traralgon Stadium (GRISS) with limited access of ice at the remaining venues.

AMBULANCE	<b>CALL 000</b>		
HOSPITAL	Latrobe Regional Hospital	Princes Highway, Traralgon West, Vic 3844	Ph: 03 51 73800

## APPENDISES

### Codes of Conduct

Basketball is intended to be a recreational activity for the enjoyment of the players, coaches, managers, referees, parents, and spectators. Basketball Victoria have developed Codes of conduct for players, coaches, parents, and spectators to give everyone some guidance to the expectations they have on those participating in BV Affiliated tournaments and events. The Codes of conduct are there to assist everyone in obtaining the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in basketball. Thus, the quality of participation will be improved so people are more likely to start and continue their involvement in basketball. The Morwell Association adopt and abide by Basketball Victoria's code of conduct for players, parents, coaches, and spectators. The full version of these codes is located on the Basketball Victoria website.

### Player Code of Conduct

- Understand and play by the rules.
  - Respect referees and other officials.
  - Control your temper.
  - Work equally hard for yourself and for your team.
  - Be a good sport.
  - Treat all players as you would like to be treated.
  - Play for the enjoyment of the game and not just to please parents and coaches.
  - Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
  - Be prepared to lose sometimes.
  - Listen to the advice of your coach and try to apply it at practice and in games.
- Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided

## **Parent Code of Conduct**

- Encourage your children to participate for their own interest and enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to always play by the rules.
- Teach children that an honest effort is always as important as a victory.
- Focus on developing skills and playing the game. Reduce the emphasis on winning.
- A child learns best by example, applauding good play by all teams.
- Do not criticize your or other's children in front of others.
- Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
- Set a good example by your own conduct, behavior, and appearance.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials, and administrators.
- Always keep children in your care under control.
- Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

## **Spectator Code of Conduct**

- Remember that most people play sport for enjoyment.
- Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
- Always be positive in your support for players.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form.
- Respect your team's opponents, officials, and spectators.
- Encourage players to obey the rules and to accept decisions of officials.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behavior by not using foul language or harassing players, coaches, or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
- Always keep children in your care under control.
- Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

## **Social Media Code of Conduct**

Social media can be fun, helpful and dangerous.

Comments, notes and photos posted on social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter and on-line forums are usually constructive and positive. But negative comments and images, bullying, criticism and sexist remarks can be dangerous and harmful to people's wellbeing and reputation and the image of the sport.

**Do not use social media to be critical of teammates, coaches, officials, Administrators, volunteers, or spectators.**

Any comment you make on social media sites has the potential to be seen by millions of people. That is great if comments are positive. But it can be extremely negative and harmful if critical of people. Before you post a comment on social media ask yourself this: Would I want millions of people to read something negative about me?

**Always assume the person you are talking/writing about will see what has been said/written.**

Just because an online chat is between two people does not mean it remains private and nobody else can see it. Social media is accessible to everyone. Even if the person you are discussing does not see it, somebody else may. The result is **you** rather than the person you are ridiculing will be seen in a negative light.

**Use social media as a positive outlet to promote players, teammates, teams, clubs and others involved in basketball.**

Posting results and acknowledging individual and team performances on social media makes many people aware of team and individual achievements. That can have a positive effect for many people and should be used, encouraged and embraced wherever and whenever possible.

**Remember to show respect.**

When using social media, show the same respect and regard for people that you would show and are expected to show when playing, officiating, or attending a basketball game. **When in doubt leave it out.**

If you are unsure if what you are posting on social media is appropriate, then it is best not to post it. **When in doubt leave it out.**

**Do not tolerate or condone poor social media behavior or actions.**

If you are aware of or observe poor social media behavior or actions, do not accept it. There is no place for it in basketball and it will not be condoned. You should remind people of their responsibilities when using social media and warn them that action can be taken against them. In the instance of minors breaching the code of conduct, alert their parents to the situation. If you believe the breach is serious, report it to team, club, or association officials.

**Be aware that your actions on social media may have serious consequences.**

Negative comments and images, bullying, criticism and sexist remarks do not only impact negatively on the people they are about. If you are found to have acted improperly on social media regarding a basketball related matter, you are liable to disciplinary proceedings and may be required to face a tribunal hearing to explain your actions. A suspension from basketball could be imposed.

**Consider social media to be your personal brand.**

Your Internet presence fuels any perception of your personal brand – whether you like it or not. Does your social media identity match your real identity? Be mindful of the content of photos, status updates, Tweets. Are they truly reflective of who you are and how you want people to see you.

