

**NEERIM DISTRICT JUNIOR
BASKETBALL CLUB INC.**



**NEERIM DISTRICT
WOLVES**

COACH INFORMATION PACK

**SUMMER SEASON
2025 - 2026**

Thank you so much for taking on the volunteer position of Coach for our Club. We appreciate all you do for our kids and will support you in any way possible.

We have provided you with a Coach Instruction document that has been developed over the years. Please let us know if you wish to have further training. The Club may be able to provide financial support for additional training classes.

If you require assistance running training or skills sessions, the club has good resources, and we are happy to assist.

Basketball Victoria offers coaching training sessions; you should take the Community Coaching Course.

<https://basketballvictoria.com.au/get-involved/coach/coaching-courses-accreditation/#community>

We are available to answer questions and are open to suggestions and ideas. We are keen to grow our club, and we have a lot of potential. We have a great group of sponsors, supportive schools, and a dedicated committee, although we always need more volunteers.

Neerim Wolves Club Contacts

The first point of contact for any coaching/training-related enquiries is Tom Bolton, Vice President, 0425 881 674, or Chris Hartmann President, 0407 883 236

Third contact person Will Ladds 0493 720 551.

The club email is neerimwolvesbasketballclub@hotmail.com

Secretary/Treasurer

Club Child Safety Officer: Mary Patrickson 0418 120 613

Assistant Secretary – Sarah Welch 0438 062 842

Association Contacts

Note – All enquiries must go through our club before going to the association. Send an email or contact one of our volunteer committee members.

Kate Collins, Temporary Administration Assistant, Warragul Basketball – admin@warragulbasketball.org.au

Training Schedule

A training schedule is made before the season. The Coaching Coordinator will organise this with all coaches and team managers. Times may be requested, but not always granted. Due to competition games, the stadium is only available on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and the weekend for training or before games on other days. Training will run for 45-minute sessions, with some teams required to share half a court.

Game Nights (WDABA Domestic Competition)

Monday – Under 19 Boys (Warragul, Drouin, Bunyip)

Tuesday – 14/16 Boys (Warragul, Drouin, Bunyip, Neerim)

Thursday – Under 12, 14, 16 Girls (Warragul, Drouin, Bunyip, Neerim)
and Under 12 Boys Div 1,

Fridays – Under 12 Boys Div 2, 3,4 (Warragul, Drouin, Bunyip)

Saturday – Under 10 Boys and Girls (Warragul, Drouin, Bunyip)

Start of season

You are provided with a Coach's Bag that must be brought to all games either by you or your Team Manager. You are assigned a Team Manager to work with to ensure all administrative information is completed and weekly fixtures are communicated. The Coach's bag includes a board, marker and eraser, game ball, ball pump, small first aid kit, and instant ice pack. Please advise if anything else should be included.

A Neerim Wolves Polo or T-shirt is provided, and it would be great to wear this to all games to support the club. This is yours to keep.

Please read and sign the Coach's Code of Conduct and return it to your Team Manager as soon as possible. The requirements include a Working with Children's Check or, if exempt, an ID showing the exemption must be sighted by the NDJBC Secretary and approved. We expect coaches to uphold all aspects of the code of conduct. Please become familiar with the player's code of conduct.

All players must read and sign the Player's Code of Conduct and return by the first game.

Communication is key to success. Communicate with your players, parents, Team Manager and Committee. We are all in this together for the kids.

We have included the current Warragul and District Amateur Basketball Association's Junior Playing Conditions. Please familiarise yourself with them. They change each season.

Current Age Groupings for Domestic Summer Season 2025-2026
(changes each summer season)

WDABA BASKETBALL AGE GROUPS DOMESTIC

SUMMER SEASON 2025- 2026

UNDER 10 – 2017-2018

UNDER 12 - 2015-2016

UNDER 14 – 2013-2014

UNDER 16 – 2011 -2012

UNDER 19 – 2007, 2008, 2009

SEASON DATES – SUMMER 25-26

October			November			December			January			February			March		
1	WED	School Holiday	1	SAT		1	MON	Round 7	1	FRI	School Holidays	1	SUN		1	SUN	
2	THUR	School Holiday	2	SUN		2	TUE		2	SAT	School Holidays	2	MON	Round 9	2	MON	Round 13
3	FRI	School Holiday	3	MON	Round 4	3	WED		3	SUN	School Holidays	3	TUE		3	TUE	
4	SAT	School Holiday	4	TUE	Public Holiday	4	THUR		4	MON	School Holidays	4	WED		4	WED	
5	SUN	School Holiday	5	WED		5	FRI		5	TUE	School Holidays	5	THUR		5	THUR	
6	MON		6	THUR		6	SAT		6	WED	School Holidays	6	FRI		6	FRI	
7	TUE		7	FRI		7	SUN		7	THUR	School Holidays	7	SAT		7	SAT	
8	WED		8	SAT		8	MON	Round 8	8	FRI	School Holidays	8	SUN		8	SUN	
9	THUR		9	SUN		9	TUE		9	SAT	School Holidays	9	MON	Round 10	9	MON	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
10	FRI		10	MON	Round 5	10	WED		10	SUN	School Holidays	10	TUE		10	TUE	Round 14
11	SAT		11	TUE		11	THUR		11	MON	School Holidays	11	WED		11	WED	
12	SUN		12	WED		12	FRI		12	TUE	School Holidays	12	THUR		12	THUR	
13	MON	Round 1	13	THUR		13	SAT		13	WED	School Holidays	13	FRI		13	FRI	
14	TUE		14	FRI		14	SUN		14	THUR	School Holidays	14	SAT		14	SAT	
15	WED		15	SAT		15	MON		15	FRI	School Holidays	15	SUN		15	SUN	
16	THUR		16	SUN		16	TUE		16	SAT	School Holidays	16	MON	Round 11	16	MON	Semi
17	FRI		17	MON	Round 6	17	WED		17	SUN	School Holidays	17	TUE		17	TUE	Semi
18	SAT		18	TUE		18	THUR		18	MON	School Holidays	18	WED		18	WED	Semi
19	SUN		19	WED		19	FRI		19	TUE	School Holidays	19	THUR		19	THUR	Semi
20	MON	Round 2	20	THUR		20	SAT	School Holidays	20	WED	School Holidays	20	FRI		20	FRI	Semi
21	TUE		21	FRI		21	SUN	School Holidays	21	THUR	School Holidays	21	SAT		21	SAT	
22	WED		22	SAT		22	MON	School Holidays	22	FRI	School Holidays	22	SUN		22	SUN	
23	THUR		23	SUN		23	TUE	School Holidays	23	SAT	School Holidays	23	MON	Round 12	23	MON	Grand Final
24	FRID		24	MON	Meet to Grade	24	WED	School Holidays	24	SUN	School Holidays	24	TUE		24	TUE	Grand Final
25	SAT		25	TUE	Grading Week	25	THUR	School Holidays	25	MON	School Holidays	25	WED		25	WED	Grand Final
26	SUN		26	WED	Grading Week	26	FRI	School Holidays	26	TUE	School Holidays	26	THUR		26	THUR	Grand Final
27	MON	Round 3	27	THUR	Grading Week	27	SAT	School Holidays	27	WED	School Holidays	27	FRI		27	FRI	Grand Final
28	TUE		28	FRI	Grading Week	28	SUN	School Holidays	28	THUR	School Holidays	28	SAT		28	SAT	
29	WED		29	SAT		29	MON	School Holidays	29	FRI					29	SUN	
30	THUR		30	SUN		30	TUE	School Holidays	30	SAT					30	MON	
31	FRID					31	WED	School Holidays	31	SUN					31	TUE	

WARRAGUL AND DISTRICT AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (WDABA)

We run under the auspices of the WDABA and Basketball Victoria. We are part of the WDABA, which includes 8 clubs: Yarragon, Warragul Rebels, Chalkies, Gladiators, Warranor, Drouin and Bunyip.

COACH BEHAVIOR

The WDABA and Neerim District Basketball Club will not tolerate any poor behaviour from a coach directed at a player, parent, or official. As a coach, you are a leader and someone the players must look up to. If any issues need to be dealt with, please get in touch with Tom or Chris. **We do not expect our Coaches to get Technical Fouls.**

At Your First/Second Training Session

Each Coach and Team Manager runs a 10-15 minute meeting with parents and players at the start of the first training session to go over a few team/training expectations. At this meeting, please advise players and parents of the following:

- It is expected that all players will turn up to train on time.
- It is expected that all players and coaches will show up 15 minutes before the scheduled game start time.
- Each player is expected to be prepared and come with clean basketball shoes.
- Each player must bring a water bottle to the training sessions and games.
- Come into the stadium for training with a parent to confirm that there is an adult present.
- Let your coach and/or team manager know if you cannot make training and/or the scheduled game as soon as possible (also keep in mind school camps, concerts, etc.).
- Each player is to review, sign and return the player's Code of Conduct to be given out and returned signed by the second week of training.
- The Team Manager will send out weekly texts regarding the game, but remind everyone that they can also check the PlayHQ website for fixture details.
- Any other "team rules" you may have.

Housekeeping

- Coaches, advise your team manager and players if you cannot make a training session or game and arrange for someone else to take training or coach on game night.
- Please look after our equipment and make sure no basketballs are taken out of the stadium.
- Put equipment back into labelled bench seats by basketball size number.
- Make sure only your team members are training on the court.
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- If you are going to cancel training, you need to contact all of the players on your team or ask your Team Manager to contact the players. Please also notify other coaches and the coaches coordinator via the Messenger group so the stadium can be opened/locked for other teams.
- At the end of your training session, ensure all balls and training equipment have been put back and locked.
- The club provides balls, cones, bibs and other training equipment. The Equipment Coordinator looks after this.
- **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE ALL BALLS ARE RETURNED TO STORAGE BENCHES BEFORE LEAVING TRAINING.**
- Team Manager – each of you has a Team Manager to work with. It is a volunteer parent, and you should work together. They can help you with administrative details and they will text every parent and you each week with date, time and location of games.

Use the Key Lock by the Defib Cabinet (2432) to open –

- Use key to open front door.
- Use key to open closet door and turn on lights as needed. The lights are marked.
- Use key to open stadium door.
- Balls are now kept in locked blue bench seats. Depending on the age you coach will depend on the section of the seats you will have access too.
- A bag is in each bench seat in case you have to carry balls to the canteen to inflate. We have a new inflation device with a needle and petroleum jelly next to the needle.
- The keys are located on a key rack inside the canteen. Please take the key, unlock the bench seats and put key back.

- At the end of training, please put all balls in appropriate sections by size and lock the locks.
- We have cones, bibs, D-Man and other equipment for training. Please advise if there is something else that you require.

When leaving, lock stadium door, turn off all lights (foyer, canteen and outdoor parking lights are on a 15- minute timer), check bathrooms, lock door where lights are, lock canteen door if opened, lock stadium door.

BASKETBALL VICTORIA

GAME BALL SIZES (Amended July 2021)

- Size 5 Balls
 - Aussie Hoops
 - U 8s
 - U 10 boys and girls
 - U 12 boys and girls
- Size 6 Balls
 - U14 boys and girls
 - U16 girls
 - U19 girls
- Size 7 Balls
 - U 16 boys
 - U 19 boys

Game Day

Junior game nights are on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays and can be played at different venues throughout the season.

Neerim South (Neerim East Road)

Warragul Leisure Centre (Burke Street)

Bellbird Park Drouin (Settlement Road)

Bunyip (Bunyip Recreation Reserve)

St Pauls (Bowen Street)

Arrive at least 15 minutes before game time. Teams will have 5-10 minutes to warm up.

Bring a coach's bag with the game ball to supply to referees.

Each team must supply a scorer which your Team Manager will organize.

Please check over the WDABA playing conditions as rules differ between age groups.

Fixtures and Results can be found on PlayHQ Warragul District Amateur Basketball Association.

Grading Process

The club will allocate players to teams. It is not always possible to keep friendship groups together. The Club may ask for the Coach's input. Once teams are set, the WDABA will hold 3-6 grading weeks to start the season. During this time, the club may move players to higher or lower grades to even out the balance and fairness of teams. This can only happen if the club has multiple teams in the same age group.

After 3-6 rounds the association will hold a grading meeting. Teams can be moved between the grades, if this happens the standings and fixtures will be reset at the next round that starts after grading.

Grades: Div 1, Div 2, Div 3, Div 4, Div 5, Div 6

Squad & Representative Players

Any player who represents the Warragul Warriors or any other country association as a rep player has restrictions on where they can play in the WDABA domestic competition. The registrations coordinator will contact parents and team managers if there are issues with team selection. As a small club with usually only 1 team in each grade, we can apply for exemptions to have rep players on our Div 1 and Div 2 teams.

Coaching Responsibilities

- Manage the training and game day activities for your team.
- Be able to run appropriate training sessions for kids of all skill levels. (In assigned age group).
- Be inclusive and treat all players in the same manner.

- Cooperate with your team manager as well as the parents on the team.
- Cooperate with club volunteers and other coaches, especially on training nights where the stadium may be shared.
- Respect referees and court supervisors and follow WDABA and BV playing conditions.
- Keep the basketball stadium and all training equipment in good condition.
- Select end of season award winners
 - *Most valuable player and Coaches Award*
- With the team manager, organise an end-of-season presentation with parents and players (if the club doesn't hold one at the stadium)
- At season's end, return the coach's bag with all supplied equipment.

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/261942447656517>

Like our public Facebook page -

<https://www.facebook.com/neerimwolvesbasketball>

Instagram - @neerimwolves

Check out our website - <https://www.neerimwolvesbasketball.org.au>

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THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING TO BE A COACH!

