

Ivanhoe Knights

IVANHOE EAST BASKETBALL CLUB

Newsletter Summer Season 2010/11

KEY DATES for the calendar

Wed **27th April** – training resumes
Thurs **28th April** – collect new uniforms
Sat **30th April** – First game of Winter season
Sun **5th June** – Fixtures Day
Sat **11th June** – no games for Queen's Birthday
Mon **13th June** – no training Queen's Birthday
Sat **13th August** – **Registration Day**
Sat **17th Sept** – Grand Finals

WINTER season stats

- 35 Boys teams, 19 Girls teams
- Summer season was 39 Boys teams and 21 Girls teams
- We have been able to create a new under 9s girls team due to introductory clinics
- We have exceeded 400 registered players (over 500 for Summer)

Summer Season Finals

The club was well represented with 38 teams through to finals. 18 teams made it to the Grand Final. Congratulations to all those players.

Winter Season starts straight after the Easter/ANZAC long weekend. Watch your email for the roster and training times. Note some teams may end up playing their first game with no training beforehand.

July School holidays games

We have two games scheduled during the July school holidays:

- Sat 2nd July – start of school holidays and Round 9 game is scheduled
- Sat 16th July – end of school holidays and Round 10 game is scheduled

There will be no training from Friday 3rd July through to Friday 15th July.

Please ensure that your Winter Season Team Manager is aware of any pre-booked holidays when your players cannot attend a game.

Uniform collection night – 28th April

A reminder that any new uniforms ordered on Registration Day can be collected from the Uniform Secretary's (Julie Stafford) house at:

28 Rotherwood Road, Ivanhoe East
4pm to 7pm, Thursday 28th April
Phone: 9499 4659

Please bring cash, cheque or EFTPOS card. Any credit card purchases will incur a \$2 surcharge. Diners and AMEX not accepted. Note that monies paid at registration Day **did not include the cost** of a new uniform (\$70 for singlet and shorts).

Note that teams lose points if players are out of uniform or have number clashes. You are reminded that players do not own their singlet number, and must swap if asked to by the uniform secretary.

Basketballs for sale \$60

The club has purchased some Molten brand 'GF' composite leather indoor basketballs at a discount price, which can be purchased from the Uniform Secretary (phone Julie on 9499 4659 to arrange collection).

Stocks are limited:

9 x size 6 balls (suitable for boys playing in Under 14s and all girls/women)

3 x size 7 balls (suitable for boys/men playing in Under 15s or over)

These basketballs normally retail for around \$90.00, so get one while they're cheap!

Report on Introductory Clinics

The club ran two free introductory clinics to recruit more players to our teams. The clinics were targeted at younger girls. The first clinic was a bit of a trial run as we haven't run anything similar before but at the second clinic run the following week (which was also registration day) we had 16 girls aged 6 to 9 attend. Thanks to Emily McColl, Lucy Horbach and Sarah Horbach for their efforts as assistant clinic coaches to make it a successful and satisfying exercise.

Look out for these clinics in the future and please encourage neighbours, siblings, cousins and friends to attend! They are specifically designed to give prospective players a touch of a basketball and a modest feel for the skills of the game before they and their parents decide to commit to a season of basketball.

Playing in cold weather

The rules forbid the wearing of tee shirts under singlets, (even if it's cold!) The only visible clothing that may be worn under singlets is that which is required for medical or religious reasons, and then it must be long sleeved and banded at the wrist. It must be the same colour as the singlet, or black. Players who turn up to games wearing tee shirts under their singlets will not be permitted to play until they have removed them. Club sweaters and pants are available on order from the Uniform Secretary, Julie Stafford on 9499 4659.

Scoresheet compliance

At the start of the Summer Season the club incurred over \$135 in scoresheet fines after only two rounds. The situation has been monitored with Team Manager Liaisons reporting back to Team Managers when their team was responsible for a fine. There has been a very positive response, and I would encourage those who are still not confident to attend the training courses we run at the start of every season. You can also refer to the 'Scoring Made Simple' instruction sheet for an example of how to complete the scoresheet. If you are confident, please share your knowledge by assisting others on the bench even when you are not on duty.

When you are rostered to score, turn up early to games with a pen and team list so you can fill out the sheet without being rushed. The coach's name must be completed. This continues to be a problem, but we are getting better. If the coach is absent, write "No Coach". Do not leave it blank. The need to correctly fill out scoresheets has tightened due to Working with Children Check requirements.

More about the Grading phase

Every season the teams have 6 grading rounds where the results are analysed, and the teams juggled to try and make each grade have similar ability teams competing. Much effort is made to get this right by the EDJBA (Eastern Districts Junior Basketball Association), but with the limited time available, and the large number of teams, I am amazed at how well it usually succeeds. This season, one of our teams was clearly mis-graded, and didn't win a single game. This can be very disheartening for the juniors, but was an exception and every effort is made to avoid this scenario.

For more details, please refer to our website: <http://ivanhoeknights.org/policies/EDJBA-grading.htm>

Venue update

New SPACE Centre is almost ready

The new SPACE Centre being built at Ivanhoe East Primary School looks fantastic with new timber floors and the walls and ceiling have been lined. Builders are still working on rooms for school aftercare and music rooms. We're expecting to start using it again next term, at the beginning of Winter Season.

New gym at Ivanhoe Primary

The club has secured a timeslot at Ivanhoe Primary's new gymnasium. The available timeslot was for a weeknight for training, not Saturday games.

New membership database

The club has now transferred its membership database to SportingPulse, which is sponsored by Basketball Australia. Our thanks to the Fogarty family whose company, WebandFlo, has supported the club with managing our membership over the past years.

Safety on court – jewellery and mouthguards

In the interests of making the game safe for players, basketball rules forbid players from wearing jewellery on court (except plastic studs in ears).

Taping of earrings, studs, sleepers or any other jewellery is NOT acceptable. Wrist bands, watches, rings and hard hair-clips are similarly forbidden. Referees are instructed to send off players who ask for exemptions.

Mouthguards are strongly recommended for players by both our committee and Basketball Victoria: either custom fitted or the self-moulding variety available from chemists. The club has seen several instances of players needing complex dental and/or orthodontic work following basketball injuries. These could have been prevented by players wearing mouthguards.

Who are the Camberwell Dragons?

In October last year, Benno Spearritt took the plunge into coaching a Camberwell Dragons team playing in the Victorian Junior Basketball League (VJBL) who play on Friday nights. Quite a few Ivanhoe Knights also took the plunge into the deep end for the first time and were selected to play in under 12, under 14 and under 16 teams for the current season.

The team Benno coaches is an under 12 girls team, which is a younger age group to the EDJBA under 12s. None of the girls had played representative basketball before and after a rigorous grading process they have been graded into the VJBL equivalent of D-C grade. There are nine players in the team, with ages ranging from 8 years to 10 years.

There are two one and a half hour training sessions a week. As you can imagine it is a huge, and sometimes slightly insane commitment from coaches, parents and players. But at the same time it's that commitment to basketball that makes the rep comp so much fun and such a worthwhile pursuit. As a coach you can do an awful lot to develop players individual and team skills with three hours of training a week over a year long season.

For anybody considering taking up representative basketball, we highly encourage you to come along and check out a Friday night game or two. Camberwell home games are played at Balwyn High School and there are plenty of other Friday night venues local to the Ivanhoe area, some of which you will be familiar with from Saturdays. See website for details:

http://www.sportingpulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-3911-0-0-0

Support your Coach

It is important for parents to give the coach total support. Ideas, suggestions and problems should be discussed in a friendly and constructive manner, away from playing and training times, either with the coach, or the selection representative. Many of the coaches are young people, giving their valuable time to help your children. Support, not criticism, makes them feel it is worthwhile.

Yelling instructions to your child during a game may be counter to what the coach has asked them to do. This undermines the coach, and disrupts the team's focus. If you want to instruct players how to play, please volunteer to coach. It is a very rewarding role and assists the club greatly.

Help wanted

As your children get older, so do those of the committee members. Several of us no longer have children playing with the Knights.

New members are welcome to help committee, and to take over roles as families leave the club. Don't be modest, if we can cope, so can you. The rewards are great, and proportional to the effort you make. Please contact a committee member to volunteer.

Committee 2010-2011

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The website contains information on the club's history, policies, coaching, and club notices. It also has information on how to score, substitution rules, Basketball rules, with links to EDJBA results and ladders.