



VICTORIAN JUNIOR PANEL REFEREE PROGRAM – SEASON 2019/20

The Victorian Junior Panel Program is a critical pathway to the development of Referees in Victoria. The Victorian Junior Panel Program is made up of selected qualified referees who are nominated by their home association and appointed to officiate in Victorian Championship League games.

Nominations are also made from this panel for the National Junior Championships and onto Senior Panels for Big V & NBL 1.

Associations participating in the Victorian Championship League must supply a minimum of two qualified Junior Panel referees for every three teams qualified.

Please be aware that the Victorian Junior Panel Referee numbers will be finalised the Friday prior to the commencement of the Victorian Championship League season so associations must ensure they have sufficient numbers to cater for the number of teams participating in the Victorian Championship League Competition in each age group. VJBL commences on 6th March 2020, therefore, Panel Numbers will be finalised on 28th February, 2020.

*Associations new to competing in Victorian Championship League level and associations that may not be in a position to supply one (1) referee may apply in writing to the VJBL Administration for assistance prior to the last testing day in February.

Minimum numbers are as follows:

1 team = 1 Referee*	7 teams = 5 Referees
2 teams = 2 Referees	8 teams = 6 Referees
3 teams = 2 Referees	9 teams = 6 Referees
4 teams = 3 Referees	10 teams = 7 Referees
5 teams = 4 Referees	11 teams = 8 Referees
6 teams = 4 Referees	12 teams = 8 Referees

- Associations may request to combine resources as a region. Requests should be in writing by the 16th December 2019 and are subject to the approval of the VJBL Administration.
 - Before applying for approval, both associations must have contacted the 'Technical Officials Metropolitan Development Officer' (Cathryn Lowe) to discuss why they need to combine resources.
- At the completion of Grading Phase One, the VJBL Administration will provide the following information to all associations:
 - A list of referees each association has nominated for Victorian Junior Panel at the end of Grading Phase One.
 - Estimates of referee numbers that each association may require for the Victorian Championship League Season
 - Provide information to the TOC showing which associations may require assistance as they haven't nominated enough referees.



ADDITIONAL TESTING

Associations may request individual and group testing where referees are unable to attend the designated testing days set by the VJBL. Requests will be granted by the VJBL Administration only in exceptional circumstances.

- All written and fitness tests must be arranged and approved by the VJBL administration.
- Any costs to perform testing will be charged to the association.
- All additional testing must be conducted by an approved VJBL or TOC representative and completed prior to the final VJBL registration day-on February 28th 2020.

ASSOCIATION PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO MEET QUOTA

As per the VJBL Rules of Operation, an association that fails to meet their quota as at the final testing day in February will be subject to the following penalties for the Victorian Championship League season.

- **First year**, the option of losing a percentage of their home games or buying back games at the rate set by the VJBL administration (2019/20 season \$100 plus GST per game).
Associations may nominate (1) Reserve referee who has passed the written test but has not passed the fitness test, but the nomination must be approved by the TOC. This nominated person will be included in the association's referee numbers required as part of the panel referee program. This referee will primarily be used at the home association but should be available to travel to other venues when required and is not eligible to officiate finals.
- **Two years in a row**, the option of losing a percentage of their home games or buying back games at the rate set by the VJBL administration (2019/20 season \$200 plus GST per game)
Associations may nominate (1) Reserve referee who has passed the written test but has not passed the fitness test, but the nomination must be approved by the TOC. This nominated person will be included in the association's referee numbers required as part of the panel referee program. This referee will primarily be used at the home association but should be available to travel to other venues when required and is not eligible to officiate finals.
- **Three years in a row**, teams will be penalised a percentage of their home games and **the VJBL will also have the right to deny participation into the Victorian Junior Championship League for the next championship season.** (There will be no option to buy back penalised games)
Associations will NOT be permitted to use reserve referees when short 3 years in a row.
- **Four years in a row, and your association will not be permitted into the Victorian Championship League for the following year.**
- All decisions will be final as directed by the VJBL Administration.



REFEREE REQUIREMENTS FOR PANEL:

- By agreeing to participate in the Victorian Junior Panel Program, Referees will have to satisfactorily complete a medical or sign the provided waiver (one or the other) in addition to satisfactorily completing a fitness test and theory exam.
- Referees must be financial when submitting nomination for the 2019/20 Season.
- Referees are required to officiate at stadiums as appointed by the VJBL Referees Commissioner and must be available for a minimum of 75% of the full season.
- All nominated Referees must have a minimum Level 1A qualification for at least 12 months prior to the close of nominations (for BVC Officials as at the end of the previous BVC season.)
- The above rule shall apply however, associations may apply in writing for exemption to this rule should there be special circumstances. Applications should be in writing to the VJBL and all decisions by the VJBL Administration will be final.
- If selected into the program, all Referees must be available to travel to venues other than their home association as required.
- Any referee that is 18 years or older will be required to have a completed Working with Children Check and signed the Basketball Victoria Statutory Declaration.
- All Referees selected onto the Victorian Junior Panel Program are expected to make themselves available to referee in the 2020 National Junior Classic, which will be held over the Queen's Birthday June Long Weekend (6th – 8th June 2020).
- All Referees selected onto the Victorian Junior Panel Program are expected to make themselves available for Victorian Championship League games before any other VJBL game. This is also to be recognised by the nominating association.

REFEREE TESTING DATES AND REQUIREMENTS

- **Try Out Day #1– Level 1 Course (Theory and Fitness Assessment) on Sunday 27th. October 2019 at Dandenong: FREE**
Eligible referees who are under consideration for VJBL in 2020 and nominated by their Association are required to attend the Level 1 Course to prepare them for VJBL Grading games and the 2020 VJBL season. The Level 1 Course will include modules on Theory, Leagues Fitness Testing and Theory Exam.

Current VJBL (Level 1) referees who are intending to continue officiating VJBL are required to attend the Modules of the Level 1 Course, involving the general League requirements, the Points of Emphasis along with the Fitness Testing and Theory Exam.(Afternoon session)

(It is compulsory that all 2020 new and returning Level 1 Panel Referees attend Day #1)
- **(Try Out Day #2– Level 1 Course (Theory and Fitness Assessment) on Sunday 8th. December 2019 at TBC FREE)**
This is a backup day, if required - To be eligible for this date, permission must be granted by the TOC.



- The date of the final test will be the cut off day for qualified referees to be tested - 28th. February 2020.
- Associations will be provided with updated referee quota numbers prior to the commencement of the Championship season.
- Referees will be provided a referee top and instructional information for the Victorian Championship League Season etc.

Please note

- Selection onto senior panels (MMBL Big V, NBL1, CBL or BVC) does not make referees exempt from attending the VJBL testing days.
- Pass rates – min 80% on theory exam and as follows on the yoyo test:

START: 5.1
 9.1
 11.1 / 11.2
 12.1 / 12.2 / 12.3
 13.1 / 13.2 / 13.3 / 13.4
 14.1 / 14.2 / 14.3 / 14.4 / 14.5 / 14.6 / 14.7 / 14.8

QUALIFICATION LEVELS:

MALE:	LESS THAN AGE 30	=	14.8
	AGED 30 - 44	=	14.4
	AGED 45 & OVER	=	Beep Test Complete Level 8
FEMALE:	LESS THAN AGE 30	=	13.4
	AGED 30 - 44	=	12.3
	AGED 45 & OVER	=	Beep Test Complete Level 6

The nomination form for the 2019/20 Victorian Junior Panel Referee Program is to be completed online, please distribute the link in the email to any Referees from your Association who fit the above requirements.

The Association Referee's Advisor will be contacted by the TOC to confirm all of the referees that have nominated for junior panel.

All nominations must be completed online by C.O.B Monday 18th November 2019.