# REBELS REBELLES BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION CLUB INFORMATION PACKAGE

# Welcome

Welcome to the Rebels Rebelles Basketball Association (RRBA)! Our club is dedicated to providing a positive, inclusive and competitive environment where players of all skill levels can develop their talents, build confidence and cultivate a lifelong love for the game. Our mission is to empower young athletes through the game of basketball by fostering a culture of teamwork, discipline and growth. At RRBA every players gets to have fun, compete and belong.

This document contains information to orient new players with our club and provide helpful reminders to returning players.

## **Night League**

Our teams play weekly games organized by Night League (the League). We encourage you to visit <u>Night League's</u> <u>website</u> and get familiar with the information shared there, including rules, regulations, registration, and schedules. Our volunteers are knowledgeable with the League and able to help with questions.

Depending on the age category, the game starts in mid-October and finishes by either mid-February or in March before spring break. We can help you navigate through the information and prepare you for the season once the teams are formed.

### **Player assessment**

Our club hosts player assessment sessions in June each year to get a sense of how many players we'll have for the new Night League season, assess player skills, and inform team formation based on skill levels and the availability of volunteer coaches. Sessions are typically provided based on the League's age categories: U11, U13, and U15. U13 and U15 assessments are more focused on skills compared to the expectations for U11.

## Players and parents code of conduct

All RRBA players and associated parents are expected to follow the standard code of conduct approved by the RRBA Board. A code of conduct form will be shared with all families and must be signed and returned to the club before registration.

## Teams

Teams are formed based on multiple factors:

- Player age: we follow the age assignment rules provided by the League:
  - U-11: under 11 years of age on December 31st of the current registration year
  - $\circ~$  U-13: under 13 years of age on December 31st of the current registration year
  - U-15: under 15 years of age on December 31st of the current registration year
- Player skills: to ensure players have the optimal development and enjoyment throughout the season, the coaches do their best to assign appropriate teams based on player experience with basketball. U11 teams are formed mostly based on age and friendship.
- Available coaches: we have a limited number of coaches for players. Parents are encouraged to join our club as coaches if they have previous basketball or coaching experience. All coaches must follow the Night League Coaches Code of Conduct and maintain a valid Criminal Record Check with the League.
- Unfortunately, if we don't have enough coaches to support the number of interested players, some players may be directed to join other clubs.

## Practice

Team practice schedule and duration are dependent on school gym availability. Our Facility Coordinator works with Saanich Rentals and Night League to book weekly practice sessions. The cost for the weekly practice sessions is included in club fees. Weekly practice length varies based on age category:

- U11 practice: 1 hour per week
- U13/U15 practice: 1.5 hours per week

An additional practice per week is possible, but dependent on gym and coaches' and team players availability. This is up to each team to discuss and decide on. The club fee at the beginning of the Night League season covers 1 practice sessions between September and March.

Players need to bring their basketball, water bottle, and dress appropriately (e.g., clean indoor basketball or tennis shoes. No Converse or Vans as they ruin the gym floor.) for practice.

## **Team trips**

Our club works with community and school teams such as UVic Vikes and Camosun College Rams for our players to participate in their in-season events to mop the floor and play a half-time game. We also participate in local tournaments when possible. We try our best to provide this unique and exciting experience to all teams based on the community teams' availability.

#### Fees

#### EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION - Registration open until June 21, 2025

U11: \$295 U13/U15: \$395

#### **REGISTRATION FEES - Registration open until Aug 25, 2025**

U11: \$320 U13/U15: \$420

Included in the club fees:

- Night League season fee per team (\*note Night League team fees increased by \$200 per team this year to cover the cost of gym rentals and referees.)
- Practice gym (mid-September to mid-March)
- Team and individual photo
- Year-end medal
- First aid supplies

Additional/optional:

- Jersey and shorts **REQUIRED** available to order through team store
- Team hoodie and socks OPTIOAL available to order through team store
- Tournament fees (as applicable)

\*Please note, for new athletes, you will be required to purchase a jersey and shorts from the team store in addition to your team fees.

#### Club fees are due August 25, 2025 to prioritize a team roster spot.

No refunds will be provided after August 25, 2025, except circumstances as described in the bylaws. All refunds are subject to a \$25 admin fee.

## Jerseys

All players can keep their jerseys (top and bottom). We encourage families to donate jerseys and shorts that are too small or no longer needed for players back to the club. There will be a small incentive for families if they wish to participate. With enough donated jerseys and shorts, we hope to start a jersey rental program for future families so that basketball experience will be more affordable and enjoyable.

## **Fundraising Opportunities**

As a club we strive to participate in exciting events and activities that allow players, families, coaches, and managers to get out in the community and show how the RRBA is a positive club to be a part of. Our goals are to be able to fundraise and give back to our players (for example; new equipment or team playing opportunities).

## Spring basketball development programs

During the Night League off season, our club works with community teams to host basketball camps. Let your coach or manager know if you are interested in joining our spring basketball development programs.

Spring development sessions will be opened for registration in January the following year.

## Contact

We wish you the best experience with RRBA! We're here to help if you have any questions.

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