



MPBC Payment Policy

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Objective

The Merinda Park Basketball Club (MPBC) organises teams to play in competitive basketball games against other clubs, within the Casey Basketball Association (CBA).

The Club aims to offer basketball in a fun and safe family environment, fostering an enjoyment and knowledge of the game while developing a sense of team spirit, positive self-esteem and good sportsmanship through equal participation. MPBC aims to keep player fees reasonable so it is affordable for families but also is mindful that fees need to cover the costs of entering teams and running the club.

What is included in player fees?

Player fees are comprised of many components, including:

- Team registration costs inclusive of but not limited to
 - Weekly game fees
 - Weekly training fees
- Cost of any presentations, events, clinics, givebacks etc throughout the year or the end of year celebration.
- Club costs incurred in the running of teams etc.

What isn't included in player fees?

There are some club costs not included in player fees, as follows:

- Player insurance with Basketball Victoria
- Player Uniform
- Club administration costs
- Team training equipment
- Coach support

MPBC undertakes fundraising activities when possible to cover the above costs and also look for appropriate community grants. The club drives these activities and requests families support and participation in the aim to keep our player fees as low as possible.

How often are fees reviewed?

It is anticipated that fees will be reviewed annually, before the commencement of each Winter season. However, from time to time there may be a need to adjust fees in Summer seasons as well. Where CBA increases costs for a Summer season, the club will need to review their player fees to ensure that costs are covered and adjusted accordingly. Fee pricing for each season will be made available at the time of registration opening and communicated to families accordingly.

Discounts

MPBC offer an early bird discount each season to encourage and support families in paying their season fees within the required timeframe, this date varies season to season and will be communicated with families when registration opens.

MPBC offer a discount for multiple children registered each season in the junior teams only.

For the first child no discounts apply

For the second child, a discount of \$10 will be applied to their fees only for that season.

For the third, a discount of \$20 will be applied to their fees only for that season.

Any subsequent children, fees are reduced by a further \$10 per season per child.

MPBC offers coaches who return for their second and subsequent seasons a \$50 discount. This is in recognition of the effort and time sacrificed by Coaches to support a team.

How to pay your fees

Player fees are due to be paid in full by the 1st round of each season OR an active payment plan in place PRIOR to the first game of the season.

MPBC fees are paid via PLAY HQ - this is to make it easier for families as registration is all in one place now.

PLAY HQ offer Paypal Pay in 4 as a payment plan option.

If you require longer, please reach out to our treasury team via treasurer@mpbc.au

Payment plans are paid to our bank account - with the deposit taken via play HQ when registering.

MORE DETAILS BELOW

For any MPBC fees paid into our bank account, please use the reference of “player surname, Season (s for summer, w for winter) + fees”, for example “Jones S23/24 Fees.

Bank details: Bendigo Bank
Account name: Merinda Park Basketball Club
BSB: 633000
Account no: 156763492
Reference: Surname, Season + fees

No-pay no-play policy

We have a ‘no-pay no-play’ policy in place. If a player’s fees are not paid in full by the end of Round 1 of the season, and there is no payment arrangement in place with our treasurer, the player will be unable to take the court until payment is made or a suitable payment arrangement is in place. Please contact treasurer@merindaparkbasketballclub.com.au if you are having difficulty paying your fees.

Payment Plans

MPBC is a family focused club and has supported its members with financial arrangements as requested however these **must** be in place prior to the first game of the season.

PLAY HQ offer Paypal Pay in 4 as a payment plan option.

If you require longer, please reach out to our treasury team via treasurer@mpbc.au

Payment plans are paid to our bank account - with the deposit taken via play HQ when registering.

Payment plans are the responsibility of those entering into it, to ensure that payments are made on the agreed schedule. We are a volunteer run club. Our Treasury team will contact you if there is a missed or late payment for it to be sorted and the schedule followed. If payment plans are broken with no communication and payment is not received or arrangements made by the 2nd missed payment, then payment in full for the season will be required before the player may take the court again.

Payment plans need to be finalised by round 10 of the season.

In addition to this, if there are any fees outstanding prior to the beginning of the next season, your child will not be allocated to a team until all outstanding payments have been received.

In the event that you are unable to meet a payment as scheduled please reach out and let us know so we can have a chat and adjust your plan to support your current circumstances.

Non-refundable deposit - explained

PLEASE NOTE - as play HQ takes full payment the below will still apply to the 'deposit' amount of \$60.

At the time of registering a player, a payment needs to be made to secure a position in a team. Parents can choose to pay their fees in full at this time, or pay a deposit. The deposit amount is non-refundable as there is significant time put into placing children in teams and registering teams with CBA. The only time the deposit will be refunded is if MPBC cannot place your child in a team for their age group, or nominated age group.

If you are not satisfied with the team your child is placed in, your deposit will not be refunded.

If you change your mind after registering your child and having paid a deposit, your deposit will not be refunded.

Refund of fees

Player fees are due to be paid in full by the 1st round of each season. If you withdraw your child from MPBC after round 3, a refund will be given (which consists of the fees paid minus the deposit amount and games played). Any player that withdraws after round 6 will **only** have fees refunded where we are able to replace the player - as the team will still be charged game fees for that child.

Refund due to injury

If your child sustains an injury during the season, whether or not this happens during a game or training, and is then unable to play for a number of weeks, you may apply to have some fees refunded. You must email our treasurer, treasurer@merindaparkbasketballclub.com.au and provide a medical certificate which must include the date from and to which they can't play. Fees will be refunded at a rate of \$10 per week up to a maximum of \$120. Please note, your deposit amount will not be refunded.

Absence during season

If you go away for a period during a season, fees will not be refunded for games missed.

Un-financial Players

Please note where your family currently holds an outstanding balance with the club that is not on a current payment arrangement then we will be unable to offer/secure your child's place in the new season.

Government Vouchers & Incentives

From time to time families are able to apply for govt incentives. Voucher codes must be applied DURING the registration process at the start of the season. We are unable to open the registration process throughout the season.

If you are applying for an incentive outside of the registration period, you must upload a copy of your invoice and apply for your reimbursement directly from the Govt. This will not be processed via Merinda Park Basketball Club.

Any vouchers presented outside the allotted time period, all money previously paid to MPBC will be held for next season for that family.

Govt vouchers cannot be refunded directly to families, only back to the Govt organisation in which the funds came from.

Club Clearances

Where you apply to MPBC and have come from another club please note we are required to get clearance from your previous club to insure that no outstanding payments are held with another club. Where outstanding monies are sitting with another club we will be unable to proceed with acceptance of registration unless this has been resolved and the other club provides clearance.