

First time as a coach? Welcome! This will be fun!

Firstly, we thank you for signing up as a coach for the Vermont Vultures Basketball Club. Being a coach is such a rewarding job and starting to coach at community level club like the Vermont Vultures is the perfect spot to start. In addition, clubs like ours that put together sporting opportunities for kids rely upon volunteers like you to keep the games going. There are many rewarding reasons to start coaching a junior basketball team, including:

- As a parent you get to spend more time with your kids and help their growth. You also spend time with their friends and peers and can build a great friendship group through a mutual interest.
- As an ex player you can take some of the great messages you were told as a player and pass them on to a keen young audience starting out their basketball paths.
- As a junior coach you get to learn and build many life skills such as being responsibility, communication, planning and working on how to motivate others. In essence it is a great start in leadership life skills.

We wish you all the best and hope you have a long and rewarding coaching path with the Vermont Vultures!

As a new coach, the Vermont Vultures website is a great place for you to start your coaching journey. We have a lot of resources posted and are continually improving our content. Our coaching co-ordinators can help assist with queries you may have, our coaches Facebook page is a great place to collaborate with peers, and we are happy to assist with mentoring and guidance programs that will suit your needs and experience.

As a starting point the first document all coaches should read is the “Coaches Code of Conduct”. This is posted on our website and is the conduct code followed by Basketball Victoria, Nunawading Basketball, and the Vermont Vultures. Regularly review this document and guide your coaching path with these policies.

After this there are two guides that you should read before running your first coaching session. These will help you with the club resources available to you, how to register as a coach, checking off your admin tasks, and training sessions that may be available. These two guides are listed below and can be found on the Vermont Vultures Website.

1. The Vermont Vultures Coaching Policy
2. The Season checklist and Resources

Finally, just a few quick tips to remember:

- Keep things simple, fun and enjoyable for the kids, but remember to have fun yourself as well!
- You have signed up to coach a team for a season of 16-18 games, so you don't need to start with a bang.
- Spend time getting to know the team and they will get to know you. It is important that the kids feel comfortable talking to you and taking guidance off you.
- Read through the guides on the Vultures website, and feel free to reach out to peers. We are all volunteers who love what we do. Thoughts and guidance will be easy to come by!