MORWELL BASKETBALL MAGIC ASSOCIATION

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2026 Tournament

Welcome to Morwell Basketball's 2026 Tournament

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On behalf of the Morwell Basketball Association Committee and members, we warmly welcome all players, coaches, team managers, families, spectators and referees to the **2026 Morwell Basketball Tournament**.

We are incredibly proud to welcome **more than 191 teams** to this year's tournament, making this our biggest tournament yet. This incredible response is a wonderful reflection of the growth of representative basketball and the support our tournament continues to receive from associations across Victoria and beyond.

This year also marks an exciting milestone for Morwell Basketball with the **introduction of our U20 Boys competition**, providing an opportunity for older junior players to continue developing their basketball and competing at a high level.

We would like to sincerely thank our **major sponsors and all of our valued sponsors and supporters** who help make the Morwell Tournament possible. Their generosity allows us to continue providing opportunities for young basketballers and showcasing the Latrobe Valley region to visiting teams and families.

A special thank you goes to our **dedicated Committee members and Tournament volunteers**, who have invested countless hours into planning and preparing for the weekend. Events of this size simply would not be possible without the commitment and hard work of our volunteers.

We also sincerely thank the **Traralgon Basketball Association and Moe Basketball Association** for their continued assistance with hosting games and providing court supervision throughout the tournament weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated and plays an important role in helping us accommodate such a large number of teams.

Finally, we extend our appreciation to all the **coaches, team managers, players, parents and spectators** who have travelled to our region to be part of the tournament, as well as our local associations who continue to support our event.

We wish all teams the very best of luck and hope you enjoy your time at the 2026 Morwell Basketball Tournament.
Welcome to Morwell — and enjoy the basketball!

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REGISTRATIONS

TEAM REGISTRATIONS:

Team registrations **are now closed.** Teams that withdraw after fixtures have been released may not receive a refund. Fixtures are expected to be released approximately three to five days prior to the tournament. We understand the desire of all teams to see the fixture as soon as possible but we ask that you DO NOT contact the office regarding the release of the fixture as it will only prolong the release.

PLAYER REGISTRATIONS:

Players and Coaches must be registered to their teams by Wednesday 7th October to ensure they appear on electronic scoring.

EVENT CONTACTS:

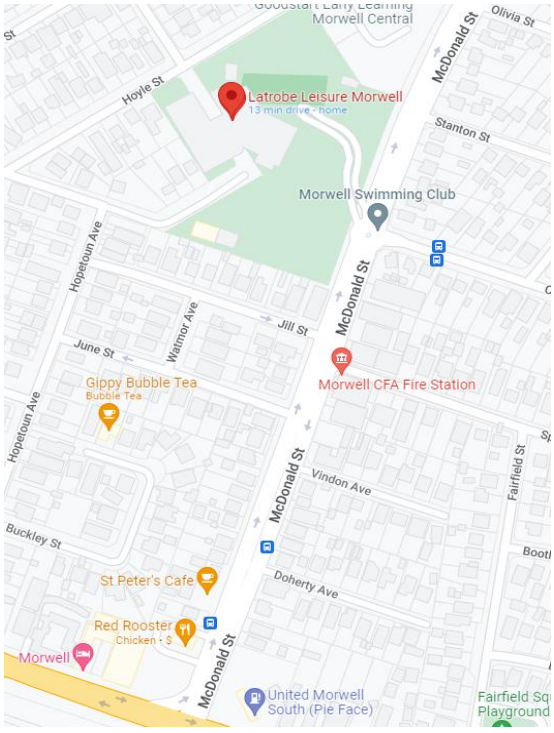
Email: info@morwellbasketball.au

Office Phone: 03 5133 0833 or 0488 590 309

Tournament Office: Adjacent Court 1, Morwell Stadium.

PLAYING VENUES:

MORWELL LEISURE CENTRE –
45 McDonald St Morwell, Vic 3840



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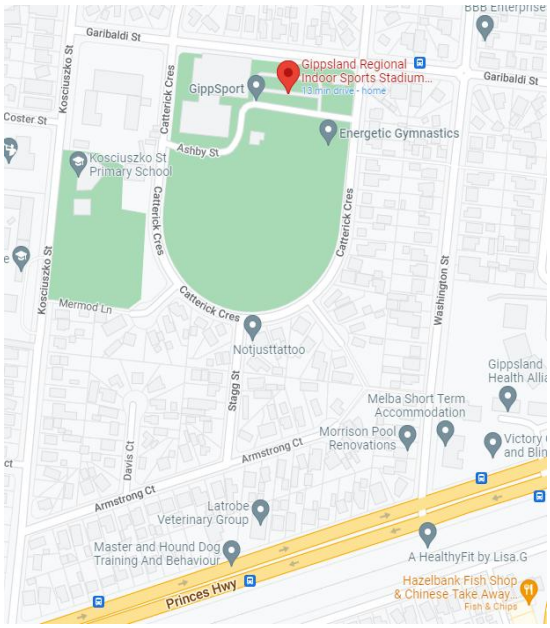
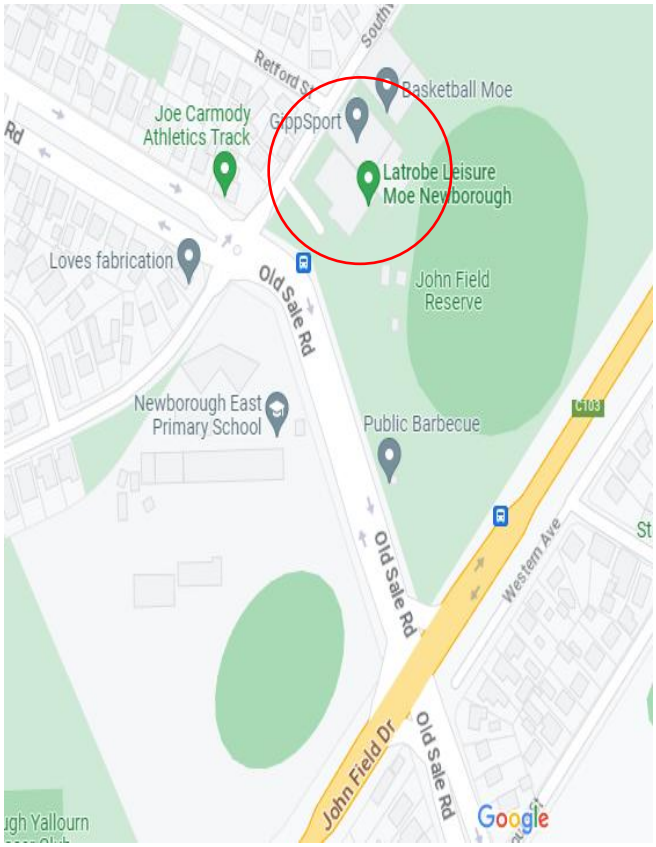


LATROBE LEISURE CHURCHILL –
Corner Northways Rd & McDonald Rd, Vic 3840

LATROBE LEISURE MOE –
Corner Old Sale Road and, Southwell Ave, Newborough VIC 3825



COMPETITION FORMAT

REGULAR POOL GAMES:

Teams will play in a round robin format within their respective grades. In some situations, grades will be divided into pools to accommodate high entry numbers. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of 4 games across the weekend.

PLAYER FINALS ELIGIBILITY:

The minimum number of games a player must play to be eligible to play in a finals match is 50% (in most situations this will be a minimum of 2 games).

COMPETITION RULES

Timing Rules:

Regular games, Quarter and Semi Finals (2 X 20 - minute halves) Clock will start on the advertised starting time.

1st Half – The clock does not stop.

Two Time-Outs for each team.

No Time-Outs in the last two (2) minutes.

No Subs in the last one (1) minute

2nd Half – Two Time-Outs for each team.

No Time-Outs in the last three (3) minutes.

No Subs in the last two (2) minutes.

The Clock **does not stop** except for –

All compulsory Subs in the last minute including, 5 fouls, injury and (or) the blood rule.

Grand Finals (2 X 20 - minute halves)

1st Half – The clock will stop on all whistles in the last one (1) minute.

Two Time-Outs for each team.

2nd Half – The Clock **will stop** on all whistles in the last three (3) minutes

Including for compulsory Subs, Injury and (or) Blood rule.

All compulsory Subs in the last-minute including, 5 fouls, injury and (or) the blood rule

Two Time-Outs for each team.

In the event of a drawn game in the grand final, an extra 3 minutes will be played. If no result at this time, an extra 3 minutes will be played.
If after 6 minutes of extra time there is still no result, the game will recommence with a Jump ball in the centre circle and the first team to score a point either from the field goal or the foul line shall be declared the winner.

GENERAL RULES

THREE POINT LINE:

U14, U16 & U19 competitions shall use the extended 3pt line if available. The 3-point line is not used for the U10, U12 competitions.

FREE THROWS:

Under 10 & 12 competitions will shoot Free throws from the 3.7m line.

LATE START:

All games will commence at the advertised starting time even if the sides are not ready. Failure of a team to take the court within (10) minutes of the game clock starting will mean a forfeit. A two (2) point penalty for each minute and part thereof for a late start will be awarded to the opposing team.

MERCY RULE:

The Mercy rule will apply to the U10, U12 and U14 competitions. Teams must play defence behind their opponents 3-point line after a 20-point lead is achieved. Failure to comply will result in a warning in the first instance and the offending team will receive a Bench Tech foul for reach indiscretion thereafter.

NO ZONE POLICY:

We support and promote the **NO ZONE** Policy for U10, U12 and U14 competitions. We ask that all teams playing in these grades comply with this policy whilst competing in our Tournament.

COMPETITION POINTS SYSTEM & FINAL LADDERS:

Draws are allowed in round games. Finals games must have a result. Points for Pool / Round games will be awarded as follows:

Win = 3 points, Draw = 2 points, Loss = 1 point, Bye = 0 points, Forfeit = 0 points.

Ties for ladder position will be decided on the game between the two tied teams with the winning team advancing to the finals. If a tie still exists due to a draw between the two teams in the round game, the team with the highest number of points 'for' will decide the final position.

Three-way tie: Percentage of games played between all the tied teams. ➢ If neither of these systems provides a result, overall percentage will be taken into account. take the court.

UNIFORMS:

A player will not be allowed to take the court unless wearing their team's correct uniform. Allowance should be made for teams that have slightly different coloured uniforms, however, it must be clear

PLAYERS / E-SCORING:

A team is not permitted to commence a match with less than four (4) eligible players. A team may use as many different eligible players as they desire during the course of the tournament, but a maximum of eleven (11) players can be used in any one match. Players may only play in one grade or division.

The maximum number of player names marked as active on the e-scoring is limited to 11. Up to 12 can play for a team over the duration of the tournament. A maximum of 11 trophies will be issued to Premiers and Runners up players.

Any team which plays an ineligible player will be subject to a penalty which will include forfeiting all matches in which that player participated based on whether that players name appeared on electronic scoring. Players shall not wear equipment (objects) prohibited by Basketball Victoria. Players must have short fingernails or approved gloves if fingernails are deemed to be too long to

which team they belong to. Tops are to display "permitted numbers" as per FIBA & BA regulations.

COLOUR CLASHES:

In the situation where there is clash of colours, the first named team on the fixture will have priority in the event of a colour clash. Therefore, it is mandatory that **ALL teams** have an alternative set of uniforms available.

In the situation where there is a disagreement if a colour clash occurs the venue referee supervisor or Court Supervisor shall have the final call.

GAME BALL:

All game balls are to be supplied by the team that is first named on the fixture. The ball must be a Spalding Ball.

U10, 12 Boys & Girls – **Size 5**

U14 Boys, U14, U16, U19 Girls - **Size 6**

U16, U18 & U20 Boys– **Size 7**

AGE GROUP GUIDE:

For the 2026 Tournament is defined as:

AGE GROUP	TOP AGE	BOTTOM AGE
UNDER 10	2018	2019
UNDER 12	2016	2017
UNDER 14	2014	2015
UNDER 16	2012	2013
UNDER 18	2010	2011
UNDER 19	2009	2011
UNDER 20	2008	2009

A player can only compete in one grand final and one team during the tournament. If he or she plays in a second side, that game will be deemed a forfeit.

SCORERS:

Each team must supply at least one (1) competent score table official for each of their games. The score table will consist of a person for the electronic scoring and one person for the game clock (scoreboard).

A competent scorer is to be supplied by both teams for all games including Quarter & Semi-finals and Grand Finals.

Should a disagreement arise over allocated duties the first named team will be responsible for the game clock and the second named team will be responsible for the electronic scoring.

SIN BIN:

Not applicable at this tournament, however there is a zero-tolerance policy towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviour from any participant in the tournament including spectators. Please see appendices for this policy.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY:

To ensure a safe and enjoyable playing environment for all players, officials and participants, Basketball Victoria Country have a Zero Tolerance Policy for inappropriate behaviour for Team Officials, Parents and Spectators.

This Policy will ensure that:

1. There will be a zero-tolerance shown towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviours from team officials, players, parents, and spectators.
2. Any team official, parent/guardian and/or spectator who feels the necessity to:
    a. Persistently or wilfully question or challenge the rulings of the referees
    b. Display conduct which is inappropriate in a junior sporting environment
    c. Berate or abuse game officials i.e., referees and score-table personnel
    d. Berate or abuse team officials
    e. Berate or abuse players
    f. Berate or abuse other parents or spectators
    g. Berate or abuse any game day official such as a Court Supervisor, referee Supervisor or Association representative, will be asked to leave the venue immediately by the referee supervisor or venue supervisor.

    Failure to leave when requested will result in a Tournament Representative taking appropriate action to safeguard the safety of players, spectators, and officials. No warnings need to be given in the event of the above action becoming necessary.

PROTESTS:

All inquiries are to be directed to the Tournament Committee at the Morwell Tournament office, located at the Morwell stadium adjacent to Court one (1).

Protests in writing must be lodged at the tournament office within one hour of the completion of the game and must be accompanied by a $100 bond, which may not be refunded.

REPORTS:

Any persons reported will be referred to the Basketball Victoria Tribunal to be addressed after the event. The Tournament Director reserves the right to suspend or remove any person who has been reported from the event until a suitable tribunal can be held.
Any report lodged during the tournament will not be dealt with during the tournament. The report will be referred to Basketball Victoria after the event.

FIRST AID:

First Aiders will be provided at the venues (including ice packs and band aids). All teams are expected to have their own basic first aid kits and attend to basic injuries themselves. Blood buckets for cleaning blood spills will be available at each score bench throughout the weekend.

AMBULANCE	**CALL 000**		
HOSPITAL	Latrobe Regional Hospital	Princes Highway, Traralgon West, Vic 3844	Ph: 03 51 73800

APPENDICES:

Codes of Conduct

Basketball is intended to be a recreational activity for the enjoyment of the players, coaches, managers, referees, parents, and spectators. Basketball Victoria have developed Codes of conduct for players, coaches, parents, and spectators to give everyone some guidance to the expectations they have on those participating in BV Affiliated tournaments and events. The Codes of conduct are there to assist everyone in obtaining the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in basketball.

Thus, the quality of participation will be improved so people are more likely to start and continue their involvement in basketball. The Morwell Association adopt and abide by Basketball Victoria's code of conduct for players, parents, coaches, and spectators. The full version of these codes is located on the Basketball Victoria website.

Player Code of Conduct

- Understand and play by the rules.
- Respect referees and other officials.
- Control your temper.
- Work equally hard for yourself and for your team.
- Be a good sport.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated.
- Play for the enjoyment of the game and not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
- Be prepared to lose sometimes.
- Listen to advice of your coach and try to apply it at practice and in games.
- Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

Parent Code of Conduct

- Encourage your children to participate for their own interest and enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to always play by the rules.
- Teach children that an honest effort is always as important as a victory.
- Focus on developing skills and playing the game. Reduce the emphasis on winning.
- A child learns best by example, applaud good play by all teams.
- Do not criticize your or other's children in front of others.
- Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
- Set a good example by your own conduct, behaviour, and appearance.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.

- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials, and administrators.
- Always keep children in your care under control.
- Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

Spectator Code of Conduct

- Remember that most people play sport for enjoyment.
- Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
- Always be positive in your support for players.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form.
- Respect your team's opponents, officials, and spectators.
- Encourage players to obey the rules and to accept decisions of officials.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language or harassing players, coaches, or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
- Always keep children in your care under control.
- Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

Social Media Code of Conduct

Social media can be fun, helpful and dangerous.
Comments, notes and photos posted on social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter and on-line forums are usually constructive and positive. But negative comments and images, bullying, criticism and sexist remarks can be dangerous and harmful to people's wellbeing and reputation and the image of the sport.

Do not use social media to be critical of teammates, coaches, officials, Administrators, volunteers or spectators.

Any comment you make on social media sites has the potential to be seen by millions of people. That is great if comments are positive. But it can be extremely negative and harmful if critical of people. Before you post a comment on social media ask yourself this: Would I want millions of people to read something negative about me?

Always assume the person you are talking/writing about will see what has been said/written.

Just because an online chat is between two people does not mean it remains private and nobody else can see it. Social media is accessible to everyone. Even if the person you are discussing does not see it, somebody else may. The result is **you** rather than the person you are ridiculing will be seen in a negative light.

Use social media as a positive outlet to promote players, teammates, teams, clubs and others involved in basketball.

Posting results and acknowledging individual and team performances on social media makes many people aware of team and individual achievements. That can have a positive effect for many people and should be used, encouraged and embraced wherever and whenever possible.

Remember to show respect.

When using social media, show the same respect and regard for people that you would show and are expected to show when playing, officiating or attending a basketball game.

If you are unsure if what you are posting on social media is appropriate, then it is best not to post it. **When in doubt leave it out.**

Do not tolerate or condone poor social media behaviour or actions.

If you are aware of or observe poor social media behaviour or actions, do not accept it. There is no place for it in basketball and it will not be condoned. You should remind people of their responsibilities when using social media and warn that action can be taken against them. In the instance of minors breaching the code of conduct, alert their parents to the situation. If you believe the breach is serious, report it to team, club, or association officials.

Be aware that your actions on social media may have serious consequences.

Negative comments and images, bullying, criticism and sexist remarks do not only impact negatively on the people they are about. If you are found to have acted improperly on social media regarding a basketball related matter, you are liable to disciplinary proceedings and may be required to face a tribunal hearing to explain your actions. A suspension from basketball could be imposed.

Consider social media to be your personal brand.

Your Internet presence fuels any perception of your personal brand – whether you like it or not. Does your social media identity match your real identity? Be mindful of the content of photos, status updates, Tweets. Are they truly reflective of who you are and how you want people to see you?

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