## **FRANCHISE PROSPECTUS**

# VBL2

## **MODIFICATIONS FROM THE FIRST YEAR**

## **Quick Glance:**

- Increased Franchises from 8 to 16 (includes a qualifier team)
- Increased prize pool now \$80,000+ (previously \$42,000)
- Increased duration played across 4 weekends during July-September 2023
- Multiple host clubs across Victoria
- Reduction on fly-in players 1 marquee player per franchise
- Tiebreak change to penalty shootout style

## **Competition, Format + Schedule**

#### 16 Franchises consisting of:

- 8 original franchises (Vic Storm, Warrnambool, Yarraville, Deer Park, Traralgon, Brighton, Moama and Dandenong) all back in for VBL2.
- 7 new franchises decided by expression of interest, with the aim of having a spread of franchises to give all parts of Victoria a 'local' team.
- 1 'Qualifier' franchise, (branding TBC), featuring the logo of the club/sponsor determined from the winner of a VBL Qualifying Event.

SCHEDULE – now includes a qualifier, sectional & finals.

#### **Qualifying Weekend**

#### 29th and 30th July, 2023:

- Hosted at various venues across the state to limit travel and extend reach.
- \$500 entry fee per team, which includes lunch on days of play.
- Straight Knockout format.
- Winners of venue then play off at a central venue to determine the outright winner.
- Winner entered into the VBL2 Sectional play, with the chance to play off for the \$80,000+ prize pool.
- Winner also receives branding on pre-determined VBL Qualifier shirt, rink-side signage, social media and website posts/articles.
- Teams entering the Qualifying Event follow the same conditions as franchises, and must only include 1 marquee player (a player whose primary registered club is from outside Victoria). Players can form a composite side from any affiliated BV affiliated club.





#### Sectional Weekends

#### Weekend 1 – 25th and 26th August, 2023:

- 8 franchises split into 2 x sections of 4
- 1 game Friday evening, 6:00pm to 10:20pm
- 2 games Saturday, 9:00am to 12:00pm and 2:00pm to 6:20pm
- 2 highest sides per section qualify for finals weekend
- Location TBC

#### Weekend 2 – 1st and 2nd September, 2023:

- Remaining 8 franchises split into 2 x sections of 4
- 1 game Friday evening, 6:00pm to 10:20pm
- 2 games Saturday, 9:00am to 12:00pm and 2:00pm to 6:20pm
- 2 highest sides per section qualify for finals weekend
- Location TBC

#### **Finals Weekend**

#### 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2023:

- 8 franchises from the top 2 spots from all sections
- 2 x sections of 4
- 1 game Friday evening, 6:00pm to 10:20pm
- 2 games Saturday, 9:00am to 1:00pm and 2:00pm to 6:20pm
- 2 Finals Sunday, 9:00am to 1:00pm and 2:00pm to 6:20pm
- 2 highest sides per section qualify for VBL2 finals
- 1st place section 1 to play 2nd place section 2, 1st place section 2 to play 2nd place section 1
- Winners of above play in Grand Final
- Prize money awarded to all franchises who make finals weekend
- Location TBC

#### Format (For all play across all weekends):

- 5-a-side, with rotating formats, Pairs and Triples, then Singles and Fours.
- Scoring in games will be: 3 points for winning the rink and 1 for the draw (singles, pairs, triples and fours) with an overall 10 points for the match win (the greatest number of games) and 5 for a draw, zero for a loss.
  5 bonus points for a sweep of all rinks within a game.
- No draws, meaning if 2 sides are locked on points from the 4 rinks within a game, goes to shots up. If equal, goes to a VBL Penalty Shootout.

#### VBL Penalty Shootout:

- Team Managers toss to determine who goes first in the first 'penalty'.
- Teams must submit to Event Manager the order of the 5 players in the penalty shootout.
- 1st listed players to play off in an end of 1 bowl singles, with the side winning the toss determine who play first.
- Winner of the end scores 1 point for their team.
- The second leg (penalty) of the tiebreaker is between the 2 players listed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the order submitted to the Event Manager. The winning team from the previous end representative plays first bowl.
- Follow this sequence through the player list until a side reaches 3 points, they are then declared the winner of the game.



## **Franchise Fees**

#### Franchise/Entry Fee

\$5,400 (ex GST) Franchise Fee for all teams competing (except the Qualifier team). This includes 6 uniforms (2 x Shirts and 1 x Hoodie per player) per franchise.

#### License Fee

\$1,818 (ex GST) License Fee for all teams joining the competition (that were not present in VBL1).

#### **Uniform Re-design Fee**

\$1,000 fee for any franchise from VBL1 wishing to make significant changes to the design, name, or colour of their existing uniform.

#### **Uniform Merchandise**

Any club from VBL1 ordering more uniforms, or any new franchise ordering over the 6 uniforms provided in the franchise fee, can be ordered via BV at cost price. Orders must be submitted as early as possible to ensure arrival for the event

#### **Hosting Fees**

Franchises wishing to host matches at their venue will be offered the chance to secure these rights at an additional cost of \$2,500 (ex GST) per day. They must also provide lunch to all players when 2 rounds or more are scheduled in a day's play. For finals weekend, \$4,000 (ex GST) as 3 days of play and increased attendance.

## **Franchise Offering**

A number of key benefits are provided with the granting of franchise rights for teams entering the new VBL2 competition. Specifically, teams have the opportunity to:

- Compete and win a share of \$80,000+ guaranteed prize pool
  - \$30,000 for 1st
  - \$15,000 for 2nd
  - \$7,500 for equal 3rd
  - \$5,000 for sides making finals weekend but not progressing from sectional (5th to 8th)
  - \$1,000 awarded to Player of the Series
- Secure additional funding through sponsorship of their team (including team uniform)
- Free uniforms, polo shirts and hoodies (teams to provide black shorts/skorts/pants)
- Option to host games (additional cost)
- All 3 x weekends will be live streamed with every team featured
- Opportunity to attract new members via livestreaming advertising (additional cost)

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