

Dubbo Basketball Association

Junior Referee Guidelines and Development Plan

Just a few things I want put in place as of **Friday 30th May**. I have been lucky enough to be provided with great ideas and feedback to help build a strong Dubbo Basketball Referees Community and I think with these points we can. Some of these points you may already be aware of but it sure won't hurt to have a refresher.

We need senior referees officiating on **all games**. We need people who are going to call fouls on-court to ensure the safety of each player. Juniors and learners can run along with a senior referee and can be encouraged to call fouls but the first priority is to REFEREE the basketball game.

Here is a list of all senior referees. Names in red are the only ones who can provide coaching.

Senior referees
J Morrow
B Castlehouse
C Williams
R Hunt
K May
A Manorathan
A Tratt
E Exner
T Monk
N Conte

In terms of referee coaching we will be now running with the direction that the learner referee will have the **same referee coach for every game**. *So Ben it will be a great idea if you keep a track record of this.* Obviously there are going to be certain circumstances where it just can't happen (we need to try really hard to avoid this) but we need to make sure that we are only communicating with one junior/learner per referee coach so that no confusion and contradiction is made.

Here is a table that you need to go off. Any changes to this table needs to be confirmed with me first.

Junior / Learner	Referee Coach
L Humphries	B Castlehouse
C Etccl	B Castlehouse
P Smith	C Williams
J Hakstegg	J Morrow
O Walker	R Hunt
J Billiards	C Williams
I Felton	K May
E Exner	C Williams
A Manorathan	R Hunt
A Tratt	J Morrow
N Tratt	K May
T Monk	J Morrow

The minimum age to be a learner referee is **12** unless approved by me.

Developing junior referees is a crucial part of Dubbo Basketball because without this there would be no representative teams and potentially no junior/senior competitions. So when coaching please be aware that information should be passed through in small amounts, simply and smart.

EXAMPLE: Michael Simpson is a first time referee. Each quarter, Michael is to be given one area to focus on whether it be fouls, travels etc. Any negative comments should be translated into positive reinforcement such as; “Michael that time you called a foul you forgot to put your hand up with your fist clenched” should be changed to “Michael great call, well done, just remember the hand signal”.

Junior/learner referees should always be shown the correct procedure in signaling fouls/violations. They must be instructed and reminded each and every time to ensure that it is done correctly and for them to get into the right habit.

****Each time the whistle is blown – The referee on-court must signal stoppage of play {hand in the air}, infraction {travel signal} and then direction of play {pointing}*****

It is very basic communication I know but we need to encourage and promote the youth and interests in our referees to make sure they **learn, have fun and STAY!**

Procedure in referee grading is to be followed by the attached file: Basketball NSW **Youth Grading System**. I am in communication with BNSW about the official Youth 2 Written Exam so at the moment there is no exam to go off. We can use older versions of the exam to assess them but it is not up to date. It is a great tool to work off!

Learner officials will be now put on a **4 week trial**. In those 4 weeks they need to be able to use basic signals, keep up with the play and call enough fouls and violations to manage the game. At the end of the 4 weeks **I will be assessing them** and if the learner referee cannot do this then we need to question our methods of teaching and/or re-evaluate the selection and criteria of learner referees.

If they are not going to improve let's not waste time, let's find people who will referee and call a game (as harsh as that is but its reality).

As of the next competition all learner, junior and senior referees must be in uniform. If you are not in the correct uniform you will receive a penalty of half your pay removed. Correct uniform is; shorts/pants (reasonable colour) and a referee shirt. Tights/skins are to be covered by shorts or long pants. If you are not on the draw to referee and you are filling in you will be an exception. If you have not been given a green learner's referee shirt you will also be an exception.

Please be advised that we are all learners, this is all constructive to build a stronger development program for Dubbo Basketball.

Regards,

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