

# REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM 2020-2021 SEASON INFORMATION GUIDELINES

## **INTRODUCTION**

The following information is provided to assist athletes and parents with their questions regarding the Wangaratta Warriors Representative Program for the 2020/21 Season. Representative Basketball is a higher level of basketball than what is on offer at a domestic level. While it is a huge commitment by families, players, coaches and team managers it is also very rewarding and can be a pathway to other State and representative basketball opportunities.

All prospective players and their parents/guardians are required to:

- Watch the Wangaratta Warriors 2020/21 Season Information Video:
- <a href="https://youtu.be/25QtuEcpu4E">https://youtu.be/25QtuEcpu4E</a>
- Read the Tryout Information Guidelines (this document)
- Read and agree to Wangaratta Basketball Incorporation (WBI) Code of Conduct https://websites.sportstg.com/assoc\_page.cgi?c=1-4754-0-0-0&sID=407546

Due to Covid19 there are unlikely to be any tournaments during the 2020 calendar year however there will be other competition and skills development opportunities. WBI have been working closely with Basketball Victoria and other basketball associations located in North East Victoria to look at a number of different scenarios and opportunities to provide athletes this season. Our aim this season is to get athletes back on the court training and playing basketball.

All basketball activities must adhere to the Governments covid19 restrictions and guidelines. WBI will continue to work closely with Basketball Victoria to provide detailed information, resources and support during this unprecedented time. All Teams will require 1 x Coach, 1 x Team Manager and 1 x Covid Safety Officer (at a minimum) to manage the increased health and safety measures and return to sport requirements. If we do not have enough volunteers to undertake these roles we will not be able to support a team/s in this age group.

2020/21 Age Groups:

Age Group	Birth Year
U12	2010, 2011 & 2012
U14	2008 & 2009
U16	2006 & 2007
U18	2004 & 2005

All questions regarding tryouts and the program are to be directed to Junior Representative Coordinator Tanya Camplin via email: warriors@wbi.org.au



#### TRYOUT INFORMATION

Athletes must register their interest via the online portal by 5pm Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The link has been emailed to all current WBI registered players and is available on the WBI website www.wbi.org.au and Facebook Page @WangarattaBasketballInc

When: Tryout dates and times for each age group to be confirmed following the lifting of Stage 3

covid restrictions

**Location:** To be confirmed

**Wear:** Comfortable shorts & top – no representative basketball attire is permitted

**Bring:** Your own basketball and drink bottle

**Eligibility:** Athletes will need to attend at least two tryout sessions

WBI must to be your registered basketball association

Athletes must be playing domestic basketball in Wangaratta as per BVC guidelines

All outstanding WBI and Warriors fees must be paid in full or an approved payment plan in

place

Athletes and their families must agree to abide by WBI Codes of Conduct

**Team Announcements:** Following the tryout process the WBI Coaching Selection Panel will announce team lists on <a href="www.wbi.org.au">www.wbi.org.au</a> Athletes will need to accept their position on the team by completing their sporting pulse online registration and making full fee payment or establishing a payment plan. Training will commence - to be confirmed. WBI domestic season will commence - to be confirmed.

## COMMITMENT TO WARRIORS PROGRAM

#### **PLAYERS:**

- Players must make a full commitment to playing in the WBI Junior Domestic Competition as per BVC eligibility guidelines.
- Players must commit to being available to play at Junior CBL and all tournaments throughout the season (September – April) up to and including State Country Championships at the end of the season.
- Players will be required to attend two training sessions each week one during the week and one weekend.
- Players must also be available for at least 80% of training sessions. Some concessions may be
  made for academic or work related commitments. However, involvement in other sports will not
  be a satisfactory reason for failing to train or play. In the event that a player is unable to attend
  training, he/she must notify his/her Coach or Team Manager prior to the session commencing.
- Players are required to abide by the Players Code of Conduct, Social Media Policy and other policies available on the WBI website <a href="https://www.wbi.org.au">www.wbi.org.au</a>

#### **PARENTS:**

- Parents must be committed to ensuring that their child is available for training sessions, Junior CBL competition and tournaments.
- Parents are required to score on a roster system, determined by the Team Manager. Assistance/training will be given to parents who are unsure how to score.

- Assistance at the Wangaratta Junior Tournament is an expectation of parents (minimum of 2 hours but more is appreciated)
- It is an expectation that parents will support the program, the Coach and Manager in their efforts.
- All fees must be paid in full by the dates advised. Any queries are to be emailed to the Junior Warriors Coordinator warriors@wbi.org.au to be addressed by the Accounts Administrator
- Parents will be asked to support fundraising efforts during the season.
- Parents are required to abide by the Parents Code of Conduct, Social Media Policy and other
  policies available on the WBI website including DHHS and Basketball Victoria covid guidelines and
  restrictions.

#### **TRAINING**

- Athletes must attend a minimum of 80% of training sessions.
- RSVP to training sessions via Team App. If you cannot attend must notify your Team Manager
- Athletes to bring own basketball and drink bottle to every training session and wear reversible warriors training singlet
- Additional training sessions and skills programs will be held throughout the season. Athletes will be encouraged to attend these special events and opportunities
- Due to Covid19 restrictions (number of people, time limits, cleaning between sessions) along
  with changed availability of WISAC and school courts there will need to be flexibility with training
  schedules throughout the season as restrictions change. Athletes will need to agree to the
  training schedule when they accept their position on the team following tryouts.

#### **COURT TIME**

In line with Basketball Victoria guidelines, Wangaratta Warriors supports the allocation of "reasonable court time" to all players. The essential elements with relation to court time are as follows:

- The team is first priority. It is expected that players will take pride in representing Wangaratta basketball and work hard to help their team achieve the best results possible.
- Playing representative basketball is a step up from domestic basketball.
- Court time is not shared equally.
- We believe in providing all players with reasonable court-time according to ability, the needs of the team and the competition.
- Coaches are committed to providing opportunities and developing all players, while serving the needs of the team as a whole. It is a tough job and there will be times where parents may question their decisions. Be assured that our coaches are always doing their best.
- When there is more than one team in an age group there may be times players are moved from the side they are initially selected at the discretion of the Head Coach.
- Please do not approach coaches regarding court-time issues. You can seek to address the issue in the first instance with the Team Manager. If you require the matter to be taken further, please email <a href="mailto:president@wbi.org.au">president@wbi.org.au</a> for the matter to be addressed by the WBI Board.

Please remember that our Coaches, Team Managers, Junior Coordinator and Committee Members are all volunteers who dedicate their time and skills to providing a positive experience for all. We will endeavour to do the best job we can. Please assist us by showing your respectful support and encouraging a positive and co-operative team environment.

# **EXPECTATION OF PARENTS / GUARDIANS**

It is expected that parents will respect the decisions and approaches of the Coach. Parents must refrain from "coaching" their children from the sidelines during matches. All Coaches employ different strategies and may have a team or individual focus that is not obvious to the spectator. For everyone's benefit, but especially the players, it is important that it is the Coach's voice and direction that is observed by the player.

If you would like to discuss any matter with a Coach you must not approach them during a tournament. Please arrange with the Team Manager, to have a meeting with the Coach to discuss matters. Criticism and harassment of referees of any officials will not be tolerated. Breeches may result in parents being disallowed from venues. If you require the matter to be taken further, please contact our Coach Development & Support Officer via <a href="warriors@wbi.org.au">warriors@wbi.org.au</a>. If the matter cannot be resolved it will be addressed by the WBI Board.

# **CODES OF CONDUCT**

It is the responsibility of each player and parent to read and abide by the Player and Parent/Spectator Codes of Conduct as provided on the website <a href="https://www.wbi.org.au">www.wbi.org.au</a>

The Social Media Policy is included in the Codes of Conduct. Please discuss this document with your child/children. Wangaratta Basketball has a Facebook Page which has been a great tool for communication and conversation about all things related to basketball. We are aware of the dangers of misuse. Please discuss the importance of appropriate usage (including personal social media).

## **PHOTOS AND MEDIA**

During the season, photos may be taken of players which are used in newspaper reports, WBI website and social media channels. All players/parents are asked to agree for their photo to be used via the registration link. Images may also be used by Basketball Victoria Country. Any team photos taken through the season at tournaments can be emailed to <a href="mailto:warriors@wbi.org.au">warriors@wbi.org.au</a> so they can be used to report team achievements. Please note that these photos need to be clear and in focus to be eligible for use. Any players or officials using disrespectful gestures will have breached the Code of Conduct.

We all enjoy seeing publicity in the newspapers and other media outlets about our child's team performance at tournaments throughout the season. WBI send regular reports to The Wangaratta Chronicle. The WBI President and Junior Warriors Coordinator are responsible for media liaison for Junior Warriors events and achievements. Should you have any interesting news please forward to warriors@wbi.org.au Do not contact media outlets directly.

All players, coaches and team managers will be required to attend Team Photo Day – date & time TBC

## **MEDICAL INFORMATION**

This year we will again use CareMonkey online to confidentially record athletes emergency and medical information which will only be accessible to the athletes Coach and Team Manger should a situation arise. Parents will be required to complete medical details for their child online via a Care Monkey link. If your child has participated in BVC events previously, you may already have a current Care Monkey account that simply needs updating. This link will be provided at the time of registration and details will be made available to your Team Manager to ensure that they have up to date details should there be any issues during training sessions or tournaments.

#### COSTS

# SCHEDULE A - Warriors Players Div 1 & 2 Players

Payment	\$ <b>A</b> ı	Date Due			
	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Athlete	3 <sup>rd</sup> Athlete +			
Full payment	\$450	\$350	October 2020 - TBC		
(preferred)					
Payment Plan (optional)					
Initial payment	\$250	\$150	October 2020 - TBC		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment	\$50	\$50	November 2020 - TBC		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Payment	\$50	\$50	December 2020 - TBC		
4 <sup>th</sup> Payment	\$50	\$50	January 2021 - TBC		
Final Payment	\$50	\$50	February 2021 - TBC		
TOTAL	\$450	\$350			

## SCHEDULE C – For Development Players not competing in tournaments

Payment	\$ Amount	Date Due
Full payment	\$200	To be paid in full by October 2020 - TBC

Preferred payment method is via direct credit – cash or cheques cannot be accepted for payment of fees. If you have opted for a payment plan, it is advisable to schedule all 5 payments to be paid automatically to avoid missing any. Please retain your statements/receipts until your payments have been confirmed. No refunds will apply for missed tournaments.

In addition to the fees above, all players must have their insurances paid up with BVC in order to play basketball with WBI. There will also be weekly Team Sheet fees payable for Junior CBL matches (usually \$7-\$10 per player per week).

All outstanding WBI and Warriors fees must be paid in full (or an approved payment plan in place) for your athlete/s to be eligible to tryout for the 2020/21 Season.

Families are also responsible for the cost of their accommodation, travel and meals at tournaments. We recommend that you book your accommodation as soon as possible.

#### **UNIFORMS**

All Warriors uniforms items are provided by KonQa. From this 2020-21 season ALL athletes must wear the KonQa playing uniform which includes reversible playing tops.

Female athletes are required to purchase the female cut reversible playing top and shorts and male athletes the unisex playing top and shorts.

The female cut playing top includes wider shoulder straps, higher neckline, tapered side seam and the female cut shorts are 5cm shorter than the unisex ones with a slight curve on side leg seams. WBI domestic uniform playing tops are also transitioning to unisex for male athletes and female cut for female athletes.

Athletes surname and playing number will be incorporated into the uniform design. Athletes may at their own cost have their surname/nickname screen printed onto the back of their Polo T-shirt or Hoodie.

Players who purchased new uniforms from KonQa in 2019/20 will not need to purchase new items this season unless they have been outgrown.

# Compulsory items for all Division 1 & 2 players are:

- Playing Uniform Reversible Top and Shorts
- Reversible Training Singlet (unisex style for all athletes)
- Polo T-shirt (COMPULSORY for all players)
- Black socks (provide own)
- Optional items Hoodies, Backpacks and other items as available on uniform website

# **Compulsory items for all Development athletes are:**

- Reversible Training Singlet (unisex style for all athletes)
- Optional items Hoodies and other items as available on uniform website

Parents, siblings and supporters are encouraged to wear Warriors polo t-shirts and hoodies to games and tournaments. These are the same as the player items.

All uniform items must be ordered and paid for online and will be delivered directly to your home address. WBI no longer carry any uniform stock, all items are to be ordered online.

## **TOURNAMENTS**

Due to Covid19 there are unlikely to be any tournaments during the 2020 calendar year however there will be other competition and skills development opportunities as well as the establishment of a Junior CBL competition played on Friday nights. WBI have been working closely with Basketball Victoria and other basketball associations located in North East Victoria to look at a number of different scenarios and opportunities to provide athletes this season.

Division 1 Teams who qualify will attend Qualifiers (where applicable) and Country State Championships in 2021.

More information will be provided as it becomes available.

# **ENQUIRIES**

Please direct all enquiries to:

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