



Redbacks Parent Handbook

2023 Winter Season

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Season Schedule - Winter 2023

- Games draw
 - 3 grading games + 14 championship games + 2-week finals
- Finals
 - Semi-final – 1 v 4, 2 v 3
 - Grand Final – Winner of each Semi-final

Redbacks History

- Team number growth
 - 2013 – 1xU12, 1xU14
 - 2022 Winter – 36 teams
 - 2023 Winter – 39 teams
- Past season champions
 - 2013 – U12 div2
 - 2016 – U17 div3 undefeated, U13 div2 undefeated; U11 div2
 - 2017 – U15 div1
 - 2018 – U11 div1, U15 div4
 - 2019 – U15 div4
 - 2020 – U11 div3, U13 div3, U17 div1, U17 div2
 - 2021 Winter – U13 div3, U19 div2, U19 div1 undefeated
 - 2021-22 Summer – U13 div1, U17 div3, U19 div2
 - 2022 Winter – U13 div2, U17 div3 undefeated, U19 div3
 - 2022-23 Summer – U13 div1, U17 Onyx div3, U19 div1 undefeated

Club Philosophy

- *Fun* – Playing basketball should be fun. The enjoyment of playing basketball is in knowing the individuals and team have done their very best.
- *Teamwork* – Winning should provide a focus for the team as a whole. The goal should be to win as a team and have fun in the process.
- *Effort* – Acknowledge the players' effort not just the result. Success should not be measured in terms of wins and losses but in the amount of effort put in.
- *Challenge* – Establish high but realistic expectations. Encourage players to do their best.
- *Competition* – There's no substitute for actual game experience and every member of the team has a right to gain that experience. Regardless of ability, every member of the team deserves to be supported and to be given playing time equity.

Measures of Success

- Did the players have fun?
- Did the players enjoy their season?
- Did the players' skills improve over the course of the season?
- Did the team's performance improve over the course of the season?
- Was there a culture of teamwork and sportsmanship on the team?

Redbacks Standards

Court time

- Playing time for players will be based on each boy's commitment to practice, intensity, attitude and skills.
- Each player is to receive fair court time over the course of the season.
 - That doesn't mean that each player has to receive equal game time each week.
 - Balance court time over the game to suit the game.
- All players must be given the opportunity to develop while on the court.
- This is club basketball, not representative basketball.

Team rules

- Establish a 'Team First' attitude.
 - Celebrate teammates' success, individual success will follow.
 - No put-downs, contribute to a supportive environment.

Player court conduct

- Show good sportsmanship and positive team behaviour – on court and on the bench.
 - Participate with the spirit of the game and importance of fair play.
 - Develop players respect for opponents, officials and opposing coaches.
- Player actions are monitored at all times by coaches and administration and if out of line they will be addressed.
- Swearing, inappropriate gestures will NOT be allowed anytime. If a player gets a technical foul due to their inappropriate behavior or language during a game, they will be benched straight away!
- No player is allowed to argue, make any obscene gestures over a referee's call or any other game situation or they will be benched straight away!
 - Remember the referees are children as well.
- Players involved with this kind of behavior are to be addressed and given options to correct.
- Redbacks philosophy is that players must behave in a manner of good sportsmanship at all times.

Game Day Routine

- All boys must wear plain black shorts (no pockets for safety reasons, no large logos).
- All players will be provided with a club singlet for games. These singlets remain the property of Chermside Redbacks.
- Personalised singlets are made available for purchase at advertised times during each season.
- The team listed first on the draw is the 'home team', and is to sit on the left-hand side of the scoretable. If playing against another team with similar uniform colour, they will have to change singlet colour. The team listed second on the draw is to sit on the right-hand side of the scoretable.
- All parents are expected to take turns on the score bench at games.
- The Coach and Team Manager are the only personnel permitted to sit on the team bench – parents must not sit on the team bench.
- If an issue arises, the Coach or Team Manager can seek the court or referee supervisor during a game to assist.

Team Selections

Trial process

- All players whose registration is accepted before the registration deadline will be placed into a team.
- Players who miss the deadline or who don't attend the trials cannot be assured of a place in a team.
- Spectators are not allowed into the venue during the trials. Only prospective coaches, assistant coaches and club committee members will be allowed to enter.
- Players are to try their hardest throughout the trials so they are placed in a team that is the right level for them.
- The coaching team assesses players' skill levels. Players are placed into teams based on their performance at trials.
- Players who do not attend trials or register after the trials, will be placed in a low division and only moved following coach assessment and only if a place is available in a higher division team.
- Please don't ask for players to be moved after the first trial.
- Occasionally we will need to move players during the grading process. The aim is for players to have a positive experience of basketball.
- All players going through the trials and grading process must commit to playing for the full season. Otherwise, teams will be short on numbers, players will need to be moved, and teams may need to be split up.
- Players must play in their correct age group. (This a Wizards requirement.)

Friend requests

- We make all efforts to place players in teams based on their skill and ability.
- This helps ensure that players have a great basketball experience during the season.
- We know that some players may want to play with their friends.
- During the trials, boys will be placed in teams of different playing abilities.
- We can't guarantee that friends will be placed together but we will consider requests only where players are the same playing ability.
- Any request needs to be made prior to the first trial.

Volunteers

- All club committee members are volunteers.
- Club committee members have full time jobs and may not be able to respond immediately to emails.
- All team coaches and team managers are volunteers.

Team coaches

- Coaches are usually parents or relatives of players in each team. Elder brothers of players are also welcome - it is a great way for young people to develop leadership and teaching skills.

- We aim to have an assistant coach who can act as a backup if the coach can't make it to training or to a game.
- All prospective coaches will be asked to attend both trials to help with team selection.
- Anyone willing to be a coach or assistant coach please contact the Coach Coordinator.
- Coaches are provided coaching resources. Northside Wizards has also developed coaching resources. There are also coaching courses presented through Northside Wizards.

Team managers

- Managers are usually a parent of one of the players in the team.
- The main roles of the team manager are to deal with team communications, singlet management and score bench roster management.

Training Sessions

Training attendance

- To promote the value of teamwork all players are required to be at training.
- Excused absence:
 - Sometimes it is hard to make training around family and school functions.
 - Wizards' position is that rep training always takes precedence over club.
- Unexcused absence (no communication):
 - If players miss a practice and it is not excused, they may start them on the bench for the next game.
 - Continued absences need to be addressed – this may be a parent meeting to discuss the circumstances.
- For training sessions players should wear their own reversible singlet or bring a light and dark singlet. Club playing singlets are not to be worn to training.

Training slots

- 1 hour training slots are all that Wizards allocate to all club teams.
- Training sessions are likely to be on a Monday or Wednesday or Thursday.
- The earliest timeslots are given to the youngest teams (U11).
- Training times are only released once we have formed teams and allocated coaches. Our main priority when scheduling training is coach availability followed by venue allocations.
- Each team is normally allocated a half court to train.
- Venues are available on public holidays – Anzac Day, Labour Day, Ekka, etc. (Please check coach availability beforehand).
- Venues are not available during school holidays.
- Where venue availability is limited, 3 teams per training slot may have to train as a squad.

Parent Conduct

- Parents are to act in a respectable manner. Parents who verbally attack players, coaches or opponents will be referred to the Club Manager for prompt action.
- During the game, Redbacks promote communication between the coach and players, not parents and players.
- Under no circumstances are parents to enter the playing area during a game.

- No parent is to argue, make any obscene gestures over a referee's call or any game situation.
- At absolutely no point is a parent to make physical contact with an official.
- If parents have any concerns, please direct them to the committee members:
 - Club Manager – redbacksmanager@northsidewizards.net.au
 - Club Registrar – redbacksregistrar@northsidewizards.net.au
 - Coach Coordinator – redbackscorch@northsidewizards.net.au

- All parents are to abide by the ***Basketball Queensland Parents Code of Behaviour:***
 - Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
 - Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
 - Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
 - Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
 - Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
 - Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skillful plays by all participants.
 - Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
 - Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
 - Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
 - Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
 - Refrain from engaging in negative or destructive discussion or postings on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, administrators or other basketball participants, that may be viewed as abusive, harassing or offensive in nature

Remember, It's Only A Game

(Children's sport!)

