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Div 1 Teams

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DIVISION 1 TEAMS – PLACEMENT OF AGED AND UNDER-AGE PLAYERS

Introduction: This policy has been established by the Palmerston Power Basketball Club (PPBC) to foster optimal player development within their respective age groups while ensuring fairness and opportunities for all players. PPBC is committed to nurturing the skills and abilities of its athletes while maintaining a level playing field within each age category.

Objective: The primary objective of this policy is to provide clear guidelines for the placement of players in Division 1 teams, with a specific focus on aged and under-age players. The intent is to prioritise the development of players within their age-appropriate divisions while ensuring opportunities for growth.

Policy Details:

1. **Division 1 Selection:** When selecting players for Division 1 teams, PPBC will consider both aged and under-age players with the requisite skills and abilities. Division 1 teams typically comprise players in a specific age group.
2. **Priority for Aged Players:** In situations where an aged player (i.e., a player within the designated age group) competes for a spot with an under-age player (i.e., a player younger than the designated age group) and both are deemed to have the necessary skills and abilities for Division 1, preference will be given to the aged player. The aim is to ensure that players within their age group have the opportunity to develop their skills and abilities among their peers.
3. **Equitable Opportunities:** It is important to note that prioritising aged players over under-age players in Division 1 team selection do not disadvantage younger players. These under-age players will still have opportunities to participate in Division 1 when they reach the appropriate age group. PPBC encourages under-age players to train with older age groups and fill in for those teams as needed.
4. **Development-Oriented Approach:** PPBC is committed to the holistic development of all players. The policy aims to provide a nurturing environment where players can thrive within their age group while recognising that individual growth may vary.

Conclusion: The Palmerston Power Basketball Club remains dedicated to fostering the growth of its players and the integrity of the sport. This updated policy seeks to strike a balance between the development of aged and under-age players, ensuring that all athletes receive equitable opportunities to excel within their respective age groups. This policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure it continues to align with the club's values and objectives.