

Objectives

The aim of the Wangaratta basketball Inc Junior Domestic program is to provide a competitive, enjoyable and fair competition for all players of all skill levels. We endeavour to field teams of even skill level to maximise player development and enjoyment.

Section 1: Roles & Responsibilities

1A Junior Domestic Competition Co-ordinator (JDCC)

The Junior Domestic Competition Co-ordinator is appointed by the Board of Wangaratta Basketball Inc, **and is responsible for the organisation of Age-group co-ordinators and the formation of teams, and will oversee the competition on behalf of the WBI Board.**

The JDCC will:

- a. Govern the Junior Boys and Girls competitions in consultation with the appointed age-group co-ordinators, JDC committee and WBI Board.
- b. Ensure WBI By-Laws are adhered to in the process of pooling
- c. Report directly to the WBI Board by providing monthly written reports and attend Board meetings when requested.
- d. Co-ordinate JDC committee meetings as required, and liase directly with Age-group co-ordinators
- e. Along with Age-group co-ordinators, liase with coach co-ordinators to ensure training schedules are implemented.
- f. Liase with JDC admin team (including registrar, uniform co-ordinators) and courtmasters.
- g. Manage communications, and liase with WBI secretary, WBI website and social media adminisrators.
- h. The JDCC is required to have a current Police Check & Working with Children Check.

1B Age-group co-ordinators

The Junior Domestic age-group co-ordinators are appointed by the WBI Board. The appointments are for a 12 month period, and will be advertised in October of each year.

The Age-group co-ordinators report directly to the Junior Domestic Competition Co-ordinator. One or two people may assume the role for each age-group.

The team of age-group co-ordinators, along with the JDCC form the JDC committee.

The age-group co-ordinator and the Age-group coach co-ordinator positions can be assumed by the same person.

Age-group Co-ordinators must have a current Working with Children Check

The Junior Domestic age-group co-ordinators will:

- a. **Be responsible for the allocation of players to teams**, adhering to the objectives of the competition and the associated pooling guidelines and WBI by-laws.
- b. Liase with the JDCC, WBI Board and other Age-group co-ordinators to maintain cohesion and consistency.

- c. Work independently and without bias to create a competition that meets the overall objectives.
- d. Appoint an age-group coach co-ordinator and oversee training arrangements.
- e. In conjunction with the age-group coach co-ordinator, recruit and appoint coaches to teams.
- f. Liase with coaches, players and parents.
- g. Attend all pooling (committee) meetings and other associated meetings as required.
- h. Liase with the registrar, uniform team, courtmasters and other personnel.
- i. Report directly to the JDCC and JDC committee and undertake instructions.
- j. Report any problems/concerns directly to the JDCC.
- k. Ensure coaches abide by Coaches Code of Conduct.

1C Age-group Coach Co-ordinators

One of the coaches in each age-group will be appointed as the Age-group Coach Co-ordinator. The Coach co-ordinator will be appointed by the Age-group co-ordinators in consultation with the JDCC.

The appointments are for the duration of the season.

The age-group co-ordinator and the Age-group coach co-ordinator positions can be assumed by the same person.

Age-group coach co-ordinators must have a current Working with Children Check

The Age-group Coach co-ordinator will

- a. Assist the age-group co-ordinator to allocate players to teams
- b. In conjunction with the age-group co-ordinator, **recruit and appoint coaches to teams**
- c. **Co-ordinate the training sessions**, ensuring that all sessions are adequately supervised and that all player needs are met. This may include the development of a coaches roster for training.
- d. Attend Junior Domestic competition meetings as required.
- e. Liase with Wangaratta Basketball Inc Head Coach and encourage team coaches to attend coaching development opportunities.
- f. Liase with the WBI Secretary/allocated Board member to ensure all coaches present their Working With Children Check

1D Team Coaches

Team coaches will be appointed by the Age-group co-ordinators in consultation with the JDCC.

The appointments are for the duration of the season.

All coaches must provide full contact details to the Junior Domestic Coach Co-ordinator

Team coaches are required to have a current Working With Children Check

Team coaches will

- a. Abide by Coaches Code of Conduct
- b. **Agree to support and enact the overall objectives of the Junior Domestic competition.**
- c. Develop all players in the team to the best of their ability through fair and positive instruction
- d. Commit to **coaching at each game** (or provide a suitable replacement).
- e. Commit to attending **and assisting at training sessions** (or provide a suitable replacement)

- f. Attend Junior Domestic competition meetings as required.
- g. Undertake advice and liase with Age group Head Coach, Age group co-ordinator and JDCC.

1E Team managers

Team managers will be appointed by the Team coach in consultation with age-group co-ordinators.

Team managers will

- a. Provide support to the Team Coach as appropriate
- b. **Oversee scoring duties** by creating a scoring roster for all parents
- c. Liase with uniform team and assist with the issue and collection of uniforms

Section 2: General Rules of the WBI Junior Competition

**Refer to WBI By Laws Part 1 for rules to apply to both the senior and junior competition including insurance, registration, uniform, Sin Bin, Heat Policy and timing rules.*

- 1) All decisions and actions are to reflect the objectives of the WBI Junior competition.
- 2) Player numbers in each team and number of teams in the competition will be determined by the number of registrations and court/fixture space available
- 3) Age-groups are 10 and under, 12 and under, 14 and under and 16 and under etc as at 31 December of the current year.
- 4) Players must play their age-group
- 5) Two divisions may be offered within an age-group and players allocated accordingly, at the discretion of the JDCC/WBI Board
- 6) In addition to their age-group, players may nominate to play in age group above their original age-group. Permission will be granted at the discretion of the JDCC/WBI Board.
- 7) A representative team may nominate to play in an age-group above. The JDCC/WBI Board will consider this request with careful reference to the competition objectives. Representative teams will be allocated a WBI uniform for this purpose. Representative teams will still be considered eligible for finals.
- 8) At the discretion of the JDCC, players may fill in for another team within or above their age-group in order to avoid a forfeit. These games do not count as eligibility for finals. "Permission to Play" can be granted by the JDCC or Age-Group co-ordinator.

Section 3: Allocation of Players to Teams

- 1) Players are to be divided into even teams according to numbers, skill level and experience.
- 2) Allocation of players to teams is the responsibility of the Age-Group Co-ordinator in consultation with the JDCC and Age-group coach co-ordinator.
- 3) All decisions and discussions must be objective, confidential and reflective of the objectives of the junior competition.
- 4) A grading period may be put in place, during which players may be reallocated
- 5) The JDCC has the discretion to move players around teams after the grading phase is completed, in order to satisfy the objectives of the competition. Satisfactory notice of reallocation must be provided to the player and parents.
- 6) Considerations for placing players are an even spread of skill level, experience, and height.

Section 4: Eligibility and Finals

- 1) Players must play in a minimum of three matches to be eligible for finals. Players must have taken the court to be considered as having played.
- 2) If playing in two age-groups, players are eligible to play in each age-group finals as long as the three-game minimum has been fulfilled in each team.

Section 5: Uniform

- 1) All players are to wear plain black shorts (or black shorts with the WBI logo), with no pockets.
 - 2) As a condition of registration, players are to comply with the uniform issue regulations including the payment of fees and agreement to return the uniform at the allocated time.
 - 3) It is the responsibility of the player to maintain the condition of the uniform. Damage of lost uniforms will incur a nominal replacement fee.
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Section 6: Special Rules in the Junior Competition

- 1) Ball Size
The ball size for each competition/age-group will be in alignment with BVC guidelines.
- 2) The 3 point line
The 3 point line will not be recognised in the 10 and under competition and the 12 and under competition.
- 3) Zone defence
Zone defence will not be played in any junior age-groups.
The penalty for using a zone defence is:
 - a) Warning of the infringement when recognised by the referee at first instance, followed by:
 - b) A Bench Technical Foul for the second and any subsequent infringements.
- 4) Man to Man Defence restrictions
Half Court Man to Man defence is compulsory for the first half of all 12 and Under and 14 and Under matches, and for both halves of all 10 and under matches.
 - a) Man to man defence is defined as each defensive player must guard a player of the opposing team.
 - b) The defending players must commence defence no further than the 3 point line, before advancing to meet their player (players should be encouraged to not line up at the half court line, to enable the opposing team to get the ball into their offensive half)
- 5) Mercy Rule
 - a) During the course of any junior game, if a team leads by 20 points or more they must move their man to man dense back to the defensive 3 point line. This rule will be enforced by the referee and team coach.
 - b) Once the 20 point margin is reached, scorebench officials must notify referees that the Mercy Rule is to be implemented
 - c) While the Mercy Rule is in place scores are not to be added to the scoreboard, but continue to be added on the sheet.
 - d) If the margin returns to less than 20 points, the Mercy Rule is ceased and scoreboard adjusted accordingly.