



JUNIOR TEAM SELECTION POLICY

Our Commitment

We believe that junior domestic sport should be safe, enjoyable, inclusive and maximise individual participation. Our club acknowledges that positive experiences in junior competition will contribute to children developing a lifelong love of sport.

Team Selection Process

- Prior to the start of each summer season a "grading session" is held where the players participate in a training session along with selectors and current coaches to undertake a number of drills that will display their **skill, basketball IQ and coachability**.
- Selected teams generally remain unchanged for the 12 month period, through Summer and the following Winter season, however this depends on player registration numbers and cannot be guaranteed.
- We aim to select teams across as many divisions as possible within each age level (from Division 1 – 4).
- Players will be selected for teams based on a combination of their skill and size to make a well-rounded team. Teams require a balance of guards, forwards and centres.
- Player growth and progress from the previous season will be considered as some children develop faster than others.
- Selecting teams is a very lengthy process and one that takes our volunteers countless hours. Selectors have vast basketball experience and knowledge of the competition. Individual PlayHQ results will not determine team placement.
- Any request to change teams must be approved by the age level coaching group and club Registrar.

What we will do

- Communicate dates of grading sessions to all junior members, providing as much notice as possible.
- Try to place players in teams with others of their own ability.
- Provide players with a range of experiences and opportunities.
- Emphasise to coaches and parents that junior sports is about participation, not competition.
- Encourage equal playing time for all players, regardless of their ability.
- Ensure all team members play in finals if qualified.

What we ask you to do

Coaches

- Focus on promoting participation, not winning and losing.
- Ensure all team members have the chance to play, rotate positions and receive equal playing time.
- Be fair and treat all team members the same.

Parents

- Focus on your child's effort and performance, not the score.
- Encourage your child and all team members.
- Respect the selection decisions of the coach.