



***Junior Team selection and
Registration
Policy & Process #1***

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Definitions

Term	Description
Club	"Frogs" Basketball Club.
Vision	An aspirational description of what the Club would like to achieve or accomplish in the mid-term or long term future.
Policy	A set of principles, rules, and guidelines used by the Club to support achieving the Vision and used to test development and adherence to the Processes used in the Club.
Process	Steps used to achieve an outcome, used in conjunction with the agreed Policies.
WBA	Waverley Basketball Association.
U	Under.
Junior	Refers to U8 to U18 boys, girls or mixed.
Registration	Completion of the registration form and payment, received by the Club.
Club Selection Committee	A subset of the Club Committee, consisting of 3 representatives, who are responsible for team selections (email address).
MEBA	Nunawading Basketball Association domestic competition

Policy #1: Team Selection

Where the Club plays

- The Club organises teams to play in competitive basketball games against other clubs, primarily with the Waverley Basketball Association (WBA).
- The WBA competition is arranged around age groups (U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18). Each age group can have a number of grades (Section 01, 02, 03, etc.), with '01' being the highest standard.
- Grading is used so that teams can play against other teams of a similar standard.
- Due to the issues accommodating teams at the WBA, the club will investigate other associations as appropriate e.g. MEBA (mebainc.net).

Club teams

Where players are available, the Club will put teams into the following WBA fixtures:

- Saturday Juniors (boys and mixed boys/girls) - U8 to U14
- Sunday Juniors (boys and mixed boys/girls) – U16 & U18
- Saturday Girls - U8 to U12
- Tuesday Girls - U14 to U18

Where the club plays with other associations, teams of similar age groups will be formed.

Team types

The Club supports two types of teams:

- **Training:** Fully integrated into the Club, the Club supports finding a coach and training facilities. The Club has control over selection.
- **Non training:** Not integrated into the Club; uses the Club as a mast head for entry into the WBA. 'Non training' teams are not subject to the Team Selection policies / processes. 'Non training' teams do not participate in the Club presentation day / awards and the Club does not provide assistance with team managers, court hire, coach and team manager gifts etc.
Note: Non training teams should be used where you want to form your own team of friends, for example.

Creating teams

- The optimal number of players per team is seven or eight players in most circumstances.

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- All efforts will be made to ensure there are no less than six and no more than ten players per team.
- When there are 10 or more players in an age group, the Club will attempt to create an additional team.
- Where multiple teams exist in an age group, they are annotated with WHITE, GREEN, RED or BLACK etc.
- Team composition may change from season to season based on team balance, coach availability and player skill and experience. The Club will endeavour that every player will play with at least one player from their previous season's team.

Under age players

- Children normally play in a team in the age group for which they qualify. Under exceptional circumstances a player may be permitted by the Club Selection Committee to play in a team in the next higher age group.
- Requests for players to play in a higher age group must be made in writing at the time of Player Registration and must state the basis for the request.
- Parents should understand that their child may be playing against children who are older and more physically and emotionally developed so formal acceptance of this risk is required.
- Past acceptance into a higher age group is no guarantee of future eligibility to play up an age group.
- Players requesting to play up an age group with a friend(s) who also wants to play with them but is not of the same skill as the older player, may result in both players being selected in lower graded Club teams.

Team selection - criteria

Key criteria:

- Player ability – general skill level, attitude and motivation;
- Team balance – having a good mix of tall players, skilful ball handlers, goal shooters and defensively skilled players;
- Friendship;
- Parent coaches;
- Player Registrations received by the due date.

Once a team is formed: Grading

- At the beginning of each season, teams play a number of grading games (usually six). The results from grading games are used by the WBA (or other associations) to ensure teams are in the most appropriate grade for their skill level. Grading games will also be used by the coaches to make further assessments of each child's abilities, attitude and motivation.
- During this time, requests may be made to move children to other teams or to move teams to other grades. These requests must go to the Club Selection Committee, who are responsible for making the final assessment of each request and notifying the relevant coaches, team managers and parents when a move is to be made. Requests to move a grade are made to the WBA (or other association) by the Club Secretary.
- Ideally, notification of any changes must be done at least a week before a child actually moves to another team to allow for at least one training session with the new team before the next game. Training time conflicts must be considered, as well as any potential uniform number clashes.
- At the end of the grading games, a team may be moved to another grade. If this happens there may be further adjustments to teams in that age group to help team balance.

Once a team is formed: During the season

- Ongoing assessments are made during each season and on rare occasions there may be a need to move a player between teams. This can be due to player injuries or a family leaving or arriving at the club mid-season. These requests must go to the Club Selection Committee for assessment and notification.
- Parents are encouraged at any time to discuss any issues or concerns with their Coach or Team Manager who will escalate to the Club Selection Committee if appropriate.

Once a team is formed: Appeals

- Coaches, Team Managers, Players or Parents may appeal a team selection decision. Appeals should be submitted to the Club Selection Committee, stating the reason and potential resolution (if available), in writing. Send emails to: info@basketball.com.au
- The Club Selection Committee has the authority to adjudicate on team selection decisions that cannot be satisfactorily resolved in accordance with this document.

Policy Exceptions

- U8 - Friendship is the main criteria for selecting all U8 teams, with team balance assessed at the earliest opportunity.

- U12's and older are selected depending on the number of Club teams in the age group. Where there are two teams, one team may be strictly selected to help the development of players with the highest ability. In those teams, children are primarily selected based on player ability and team balance.
- Where there are three teams, two teams may be strictly selected (based on ability and team balance) and so on.
- For the remaining team(s), selection is based on team balance and friendship.

Policy conclusion

- Players are selected into teams based on the aforementioned policies and factors such as age group and total number of teams.
- Situations that would result in a departure from the agreed policies, such as requests for a group of players from the same school to be selected as a team, and other special requests not covered by the policy, must be approved by the Club Selection Committee.

Process: Team Selection

- The Club Selection Committee will oversee team selection.
- The Club Selection Committee will work with all of the age group coaches per age group.
- Parents may also provide a request for team preference when submitting their Player Registration form, which is considered during team selection.
- Towards the end of each season, coaches conduct an assessment of the players within their team. This information is used to help select teams for the following season.
- Teams are selected based on players who have officially registered by the due date. Late registration will be considered on a case by case basis and may not necessarily result in the player being selected in a team, nor special requests being catered for.
- New players, where possible, will be sent to a current coach from their age group to be evaluated on their skills over a series of drills for approximately 5 minutes. The coach will then provide an email report to the selection committee on their findings and recommendation of division etc.
- The Club Selection Committee has primary responsibility for team selection within each age group. They have the final say on the initial composition of teams and for any subsequent player

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movements during and after the grading game period. Team selections remain confidential until approved by the Club Selection Committee and formally released to members.

- When the final teams and training times are published, Team Managers must ensure that any feedback from parents regarding training time conflicts are quickly passed to the Club Selection Committee for resolution. This may result in minor adjustments to the published teams.

Team Selection Process: Note

- Team selection is a difficult process as the skill levels of the players needs to be assessed seasonally and teams must also be selected with the correct balance of Centres, Forwards and Guards.
- Basketball is an unusual sport in that it does require a certain "mix" of players for a team to operate successfully and be competitive.
- It is not unusual that players may move from team to team to achieve the correct team balance.