



Message from the President...

Four games down already – how time flies! I would like to start off by saying how pleased I am with how the season is continuing to run. I strongly believe it is the best season we've had for years in terms of communication, cooperation and organization. The Committee should be proud of the level of hard work and commitment that they have put into ALL aspects of the competition. I have had nothing but positive feedback about how junior basketball is operating this season and everyone involved should be proud. Also a big thankyou to all the players, parents and coaches who were understanding with team changes. At the end of the day we are all just VOLUNTEERS – we haven't had any special training and we all still have our own lives, jobs, families etc. We aim to do what's best for the Association AS A WHOLE, even though sometimes this may not please everyone.



I would like to highlight the players of the Association for their sportsmanship. I recently umpired an U/11 Boys game and was proud of how all the players conducted themselves. The players ensured ALL their team mates had equal turns of bringing up the ball and shooting, and in defense, even stepped out of the way of the newer players to allow them to have a chance of shooting a goal. This display of sportsmanship is seen across all age groups within our Association and is often rare in most other Associations, and we should be proud of it and encouraging more of it.

A reminder that tryouts for Country Championships has begun. If you haven't put your name down to play, please do so immediately as coaches have already been selected tryouts have commenced.

Also please be mindful when paying for games. We only have limited change which is used to pay our umpires, so please refrain from asking us to break a fifty. Sometimes we simply cannot.

The organization and management part of the season comes to an end, we need to focus our attention on maintaining the high standard of competition that we've created, and on developing a more fun professional club.

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Registration fee: \$60 **Shirt hire:** \$5 (one off)
Court hire: \$5 (per week)

All fees are to be paid to your Team Manager. **FEES DUE BY THE THIRD PLAYING DATE!** If fees are not paid, then you will not be able to participate until you pay them.

Do you have a Health Care card or Pension Concession Card? If you do, you are eligible for KidSport funding. (Please ask at the Basketball Office for a KidSport form)



Lump Sum Payment of Fees

Fees are able to be paid as a lump sum for the whole season. Please see your TM for exact payment amount as each age group varies. If you decide to pay a lump sum, please make sure it is done within the **FIRST 3 WEEKS**. Any court fees that have already been paid will be deducted from the lump sum

Country Championships

Nominations for the 2014 BWA Country Championships are now closed!

Coaches have been selected and tryouts have begun. (see the Whiteboard)

If you would like to play, please contact Brad or Daniel.



(You are eligible to participate if you are born between 1997 and 2002)

The dates/age groups have been confirmed as follows:

8th/9th Feb	-	U/16B, U/18G, U/18B
15th/16th Feb	-	U/13G, U/14G, U/15G, U/16G
22nd/23rd Feb	-	U/13B, U/14B, U/15B

*Poor attendance and bad attitudes do impact the decision to select a player for the team

Respect Towards Umpires & Officials

Just a reminder to ALL players, coaches, parents and spectators that we need to show the utmost respect towards umpires and officials. We have a mixture of young, old, beginner and experienced umpires and they all deserve to be treated with equal respect. The Committee has a zero tolerance policy in regards to negative behavior towards umpires – we will not allow abusive language or behavior towards any umpire directly or indirectly. At the end of the day, umpires are people too, and are hard to come by.

They will only be pushed so far before they throw in the towel, and then who step up and grab a whistle?

Peel Cup

Recently we competed in the Peel Cup in Mandurah. We played against Pinjarra and two Mandurah teams in U/12, U/13, U/14 and U/16 age groups for both boys and girls. We played relatively competitively considering all our teams were placed in a division higher due to a mix up of cut off dates. I was very proud of how all our children represented Waroona with not one dummy spit or negative comment about losing a majority of games. The kids got out there and had fun, and showed great sportsmanship. We even had a number of players approached and asked to play for Mandurah Magic. Comparing our Association to others at the Peel Cup really made it clear how fortunate we are to have the volunteers that we do - helping out each week with coaching, umpiring, scoring, and even the organization of games and spectating.

Country Championship Coaches:

U/13G	-	Floss Hull
U/14G	-	Brad Vitale
U/15G	-	to be combined with U/16G
U/16G	-	Ricky Jetta
U/18G	-	Daniel Cools
U/13B	-	Brad Vitale
U/14B	-	Paula Birch
U/15B	-	Ryan Vincent
U/16B	-	Zak Hunter
U/18B	-	Theo Kearing



Scoring Help

Anyone who is interested in learning how to score, or is in need of help scoring, please contact a committee member as soon as possible and we will help. It is important that everyone follows the same standard format of scoring as these are official documents and illegible scoresheets can cause confusion with results

Coaches

Reminder that if you are over the age of 18 and will be coaching a Junior Basketball Team this season, YOU WILL NEED a Working with Children clearance. If you already have one, please provide us with or copy or we can make a copy for you. For more info, see Zak.

Information Links

Basketball WA:

<http://www.basketballwa.asn.au/>

NBA: <http://www.nba.com/>

NBL: <http://www.nbl.com.au/>

Perth Wildcats: <http://www.wildcats.com.au/>



We are working on developing a website for the club, however until then the Waroona Junior Basketball page on FaceBook is a handy source to keep up to date