



## Message from the President...

The hardest part of the season is out of the way. Teams have been sorted, fixtures have been drafted and uniforms have been distributed – all ready for a great season of basketball!



Just a few reminders to begin with. Although the teams have been sorted, there is still a chance that players may be shuffled around to ensure all the teams are fair, please make sure kids and parents understand that this is to benefit the association as a whole. Please also make sure the fixtures you have are the same as the finalised fixtures posted on the whiteboard at the Rec Centre and on Facebook, they **HAVE CHANGED** since Grading Night due to additions of new teams and a few minor errors. The last reminder is that uniforms are not to be worn home from the game – to ensure singlets are kept in the best condition possible, please make sure they are returned to the team managers **IMMEDIATELY** after the game has finished.

Bit of exciting news – recently the Junior and Senior committees had a joint meeting about branding the basketball club to give us a name. It's been decided that we will be named the Waroona Redbacks. We are currently working on creating merchandise for the club such as club shirts, socks etc so watch this space!

**FEES:** Please make sure you talk to your team manager about the payment of fees or this season. Committee members are able to help answer some questions, however it's important you discuss them with your TM first – they are the ones who will be responsible for them.

For the most updated information, please see the whiteboard outside the basketball office. It currently has the most current Team Lists, Fixtures and Training Schedule.

## Committee Contacts

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### General Committee:

Nat Birch, Paula Birch, Tamara Buttle, Lee Davis, Tanya Henwood, Sunshine Paewai, Shane Pipe, Naomi Purcell

<b>Registration fee:</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>Shirt hire:</b>	<b>\$5</b>	<b>(one off)</b>
<b>Court hire:</b>	<b>\$5</b>			<b>(per week)</b>

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 open! If you would like to play, or coach a team, please sign up at the Basketball Office.

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



The dates/age groups are as follows:

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

Coaches will be decided after October 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Tryouts will begin after October 30

## Peel Cup

The Mandurah Basketball Association has created a new mini carnival called the Peel Cup to be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of November. This year, the Mandurah, Pinjarra and Waroona junior basketball associations will participate. The aim of this carnival is to allow teams to compete in competitive games prior to the Country Championships, with a trophy up for grabs in each age group! The age groups are as follows: U/12, U/13, U/14 & U/16 boys AND girls.

For more information about the Peel Cup, contact Brad

## U/11 Modified Rules

At our recent committee meeting the following modified rules were agreed upon for the Under 11 competition for the 2013/14 season. We would appreciate if coaches and team managers would do their best to assist the junior committee and our referees in enforcing the modified rules.

Please remember the Under 11 competition is designed to be non-competitive and is for our junior players to learn new skills and develop their game. A high percentage (approximately 70%) of our players in this grade are new to the sport and have never played before. The modified rules are being kept closely in line with what is recommended by Basketball WA.

1. Teams to play a man on man defence within the three point area only. This will be reassessed at the Christmas break.
2. No stealing the ball from players. Intercepts are fine; and
3. Lowered rings.

It would be appreciated that coaches work together where possible in matching up their players for the man on man defence according to skill level and height. We know this might be difficult at times but believe it will benefit the players in the long term.

In addition, please note that the Under 11 competition is a platform for our junior referees to learn. Even though they are accompanied by a senior referee they still need to build their skills and confidence. Training referees within our own club is a great asset for our competition in the future so please be patient with them and treat them with respect.

## 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

