



Message from the President...

Well we are off to an exciting start! The 2013/14 season of basketball is looking to be a very successful one. It's been a hectic couple of weeks – collecting nominations, sorting teams, chasing up umpires, coaches etc. the list goes on, but I think we have just about got it all sorted.



This season we are fortunate to have a reasonable sized committee, with a lot of new helpful faces jumping on board. Please remember that we are all volunteers and humans – we do make mistakes, but we are all here for the kids and their best interests.

We are currently developing stronger bonds with neighbouring associations such as Pinjarra and Harvey, state associations such as Mandurah Magic, and national associations such as the Perth Wildcats, so we'll keep you posted with any news and events happening around their leagues too.

There will be a referee clinic just before the season starts. I am hopeful that we will have a big turnout of players and parents to learn how, and be willing to umpire. Referees are extremely important to our game, and we don't expect anyone to be a level one referee, just to provide the kids with two referees for each game – its what they deserve. More info can be found later in the newsletter.

Finally I would like to thank all the people who take on roles as volunteers, coaches, team managers, umpires, scorers, committee members and general spectators, and urge everyone to treat these people with respect. It's important that good examples are set, and our basketball environment is an enjoyable one to visit each week.

Here's hoping to a cruisy, enjoyable season basketball. Good luck everyone!

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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)



Uniform

Please ensure you are wearing the correct uniform – team singlet and plain black shorts. Airflow shorts are available at the WDHS Uniform Shop. See Lee for more info ☺





Level 0 Referee Clinic

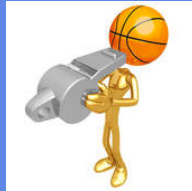
We are in DESPERATE need for referees...especially senior/adult refs. Most of our most experienced referees are now retired or are helping mentor and develop our Junior Umpire Squad and anyone else umpiring to become more experienced and confident.

There will be a Level 0 Ref Clinic, which is the basic level you need to umpire within our Association and at the Country Championships.

Date: Wednesday, 9th October 2013

Time: 5pm

Where: Waroona Recreation & Aquatic Centre



*NECESSARY for any new referees for the 2013/14 season and members of the Junior Umpire Squad

**RECOMMENDED for experienced referees as rules have changed greatly over the years

Please RSVP to Brad to help with catering

SKILLS DRILL

Back to basics...remember practice makes perfect!

Weak hand: Most players can dribble okay with their strong hand, but the great ball handlers can dribble with either hand. Try dribbling using only your weak hand. It won't be easy at first, but keep at it. Your weak hand will become stronger and soon you will be able to use it in a game. You can do this by just dribbling around and only using your weak hand.

Country Championships

Nominations for the 2014 Country Championships (formerly Country Week) are NOW OPEN!!!

If you would like to compete, or coach a team, please sign up at the Basketball Office. More info in the next issue.



BWA Country Cup Tryouts

The 2014 Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup will be held from **Monday 13th – Saturday 18th January 2014** in Albury, NSW.

Basketball WA will be sending a U/14 Boys and U/14 Girls team.

These tours allow coaches and junior athletes to gain experience in high level tournament play preparing them for potential involvement in State Teams in the future. Many local Waroona players have participated in the Country Cup Tournament including Matt Vitale and Danika Pisconeri, to name a few!

TRYOUTS!!!

Who: Boys and girls born in 2001)

When: Saturday, 12th October 2013 from 12pm to 5pm
Sunday 13th October 2013 from 9am to 12.30pm

Where: WA Basketball Centre, Floreat

Cost: \$50/person for training fees

For more info, contact Brad Vitale

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/>

Mandurah Magic: http://www.sportingpulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?assoc=4810&pID=1



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Speed drill: Work on dribbling at full speed. Dribble as fast as you can in one direction. Try to keep your head up and not look at the ball. Use your right hand in one direction and then your left on the way back.