

WBA REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM – DOMESTIC POLICY

Our commitment

To strengthen the linkage between domestic and representative basketball under the Werribee Basketball Association (WBA), through providing players participating in the WBA domestic competition with maximum opportunities to represent their local area in the junior representative competition (VJBL). This is achieved through restricting the number of players who are allowed to participate in the representative competition without participating in the WBA domestic competition.

What we will do

The Executive Committee will ensure that;

- It is openly communicated that representative players are expected to play for one of the domestic clubs operating under the WBA.
- There are exemption criteria in place for allowing players to participate in the representative competition without playing for domestic club under the WBA.
- A process is in place, is clearly documented (including exemption criteria) and is made openly available to all interested parties.
- A review sub-committee is in place for reviewing exemptions requests where the exemption reasons fall outside those documented. The sub-committee consists of: Competition & Participation Manager, Domestic Committee Chair and Championship Committee Chair.
- Reporting is in place to ensure that the rules can be monitored and that there is a clear process in place for enforcing the rules when breaches occur.

Procedures

If a player wishes to play representative basketball with the WBA, then it is expected that the player will also participate in the WBA domestic competition. If a player is unable to participate in the WBA domestic competition then the following process must be followed:

1. The player (or, if under 18 years old, their parent/guardian) must submit an exemption request form (WBARR01F), together with their reasons for requiring an exemption, to the Competition & Participation Manager at info@werribeebasketball.com. Valid exemption reasons include:
 - a. Regular (weekly) participation in representative school basketball competition played outside of normal school hours.
 - b. Regular (weekly) participation in basketball Victoria or Basketball Australia elite development programs including NITP (National Intensive Training Program) or NPP (National Performance Program) or State Team.

- c. Residing at an address which is located outside the boundaries of Wyndham City Council. A recent council rates notice must be provided. For more details on the council boundaries, refer to Victorian Electoral Commission website:
<https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/ElectoralBoundaries/LocalCouncilMaps.html>
2. The Competition & Participation Manager will review the request and seek further clarification from the player, if required. If the reasons are within the allowable exemption criteria, the Competition & Participation Manager will reply to the player with an exemption approval, with a copy to the Boys/Girls Coaching Lead as appropriate.
3. If the exemption reasons do not fall within the documented exemption criteria, then this is raised to the review sub-committee for independent consideration and ruling. The Competition & Participation Manager advises the player of the outcome, with a copy to the Boys/Girls Coaching Lead as appropriate. If the exemption is declined, then the player is ineligible to play representative basketball under the WBA.

The process for monitoring and enforcing the rules is as follows:

1. At the completion of representative tryouts, the Boys & Girls Coaching Leads will share their proposed team lists with the Competition & Participation Manager, who will then identify any players who are not currently registered in the WBA domestic competition.
2. Any players not currently registered in the WBA domestic competition will be advised that their placement in the team is conditional on playing in the WBA domestic competition, or they can request an exemption as per the above defined process.
3. Any players not enrolled in the WBA domestic competition and without an approved exemption within 4 weeks after the end of tryouts will be removed from the representative team list.
4. If during the representative season, the Boys or Girls Coaching Lead becomes aware that a player has withdrawn from the domestic competition, this is to be discussed with the player (or, if under 18 years old, their parent/guardian) to ensure either re-enrolment in the WBA domestic competition or an approved exemption.