

REPRESENTATIVE GUIDE FOR TEAM MANAGERS

Introduction

Thank you for volunteering to be Team Manager for a Junior Representative (VJBL) team. Your role is extremely important in keeping our coaches, parents and players informed of what is happening throughout the season. Our association relies on volunteers such as you, as it minimizes our overhead costs which in turn help us keep player fees affordable.

Team Manager Responsibilities – Start of Season

The responsibilities of a team manager at the start of the season include the following activities:

- **Create and Distribute Contact List** - Make a list of all players, parents and contact details (address, phone number, email) and distribute to all parents so they can contact each other if needed (e.g. for lifts, to re arrange scoring rosters etc.)
- **Training Communication** – Advise the parents of the day, time and location for the weekly training sessions (both Sunday and mid-week) for the team.
- **Create and Distribute Scoring Roster** – Create and send a scoring roster. All parents are expected to participate in scoring throughout the year. It is recommended that you create scoring pairs so there are 2 people on the bench each week (one to do scoresheet or clock, one to assist). You should also consider putting an experienced scorer with a beginner.
- **Distribute Scoring Video** – Send this link to all your parents and ask them to watch it prior to the first game so they can become comfortable with how to score.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gshpK-JL0bE>

Team Manager Responsibilities – During Season

The responsibilities of a team manager during the season include the following activities:

- **Coach & Parent Communications** – Provide general support to the coaches and keep them up to date with what is happening in the team, e.g. Advise coaches of absences from games or training. Also, pass on messages from the committee, head coaches and/or team coaches to all the parents in the team. For example, tournament information, upcoming events, changes in training day/time/location, reminders about fee payment, etc.
- **Check for Color Clash** – Check the team colors for the team you are playing each week, and if there will be a color clash and your team is the first team on the fixture (i.e. home team), then advise your players to wear the royal blue reversible singlet instead of gold playing singlet. Note: It is advisable to ask all players to take both tops to every game, just in case.
- **Send Weekly Game Reminder** - On a weekly basis (Tuesday or Wednesday is recommended), send a text message to advise your parents of the game time, venue location, opposition team and who is scoring. The scoring rules are that the first named team on the fixture is on the clock, and the second named team is on the sheet. Remind your players to be there 30 minutes before the start of the game and to allow plenty of travel time in case of traffic.
- **Game Day Tasks** – At the game on Friday night, complete the following:
 - Pay for the score sheet at the door or office of the venue. Record the amount paid on a Team Kitty Balance Sheet.
 - Complete the player names, numbers and coaches names on the scoresheet (front and back). If you are the second team to pay for the score sheet, then you can take

the score sheet with you to the court.

- Ask each player to sign their name in full (not just initials) on the back of the scoresheet. This is mandatory for finals qualification.
Note: Teams who incorrectly complete their scoresheets (e.g. missing coaches name) receive a fine from the VJBL. These fines are required to be paid from the team kitty as they are not covered by the association.
 - Collect the weekly payment (no more than \$10) for each player and mark on the Team Kitty Balance Sheet who has paid.
Note: If there are players who are not playing due to injury or absence, it is suggested that \$5 (instead of the usual \$10) is collected from players to ensure there are enough funds in the kitty to cover costs, with the exception of long term injuries of 6 weeks or more where it is not recommended to collect any money.
 - Ensure your scorers are at the bench and ready to go at least 10 minutes prior to the game start time.
 - Sit nearby the players bench to assist coach or players if needed, for example to get first aid help for injuries or for refilling of water bottles.
- **Update and Share the Team Kitty Balance** – Every week, check that the actual balance of the team kitty matches the balance in the Team Kitty Balance Sheet. On a periodic basis (e.g. end of term), distribute the Team Kitty Balance Sheet to show all payments in and out, and the current balance of the team kitty. Please note that parents and/or committee can request to see the Team Kitty Balance Sheet at any time.
Note: Once there is a balance of a few hundred dollars in the kitty, the team manager may choose at their discretion to reduce the weekly payment to \$5 per player per week in order to prevent carrying too much excess money at any one time.
 - **Fundraising Activities** – When requested, coordinate the team contribution to fundraising efforts, for example, organizing attendance at Big V games, or distributing and collecting fundraising chocolate forms and money
 - **Dealing with Complaints** – Throughout the year, there may be player or parent complaints that require escalation. These complaints should be directed first to the Team Manager and/or Coach. The TM should organize a meeting at a suitable time (e.g. after training - not before or after game or before training). If the matter cannot be resolved at the TM/Coach level, matters should be referred to the WBA via a submission in writing to info@werribeebasketball.com and it will be referred to the appropriate group.

Team Manager Responsibilities – End of Season

The responsibilities of a team manager at the end of the season include the following activities, with all payments ideally to be made from the team kitty:

- **A gift for the coach** – Suggested amount is \$10-\$20 per player, however alternative amounts can be allocated with the agreement of all parents.
- **A gift for the assistant coach** – Suggested amount is \$50 total, however alternative amounts can be allocated with the agreement of all parents.
- **Break-up party** – Organise a break-up party for a date, time and location that suits the majority of families. Note: If doing an organised activity, do not use team kitty funds to pay for siblings, only the players.
- **Redistribute any team kitty money** – Hand back any remaining team kitty money to the parents.

First time team managers sometimes find the role to be a challenging one. It is recommended that all new team managers find someone in their team who has been a team manager before, to help them get up to speed with the role. For further information about being a team manager, please speak with a championship committee member or send an email to juniorchampionship@werribeebasketball.com