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2021 JUNIOR CLUB COMPETITION STRUCTURE



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OVERVIEW

Newcastle Basketball will continue to operate a four-club winter junior basketball competition from 2021 and beyond. The changes will aim to improve critical governance and provide a uniform approach to the sport for all junior participants.

Key Objectives

- Increase participation rates in junior basketball in Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Port Stephens.
- Reduce junior basketball fees in line with predicted growth, including removal of the Basketball NSW annual registration fee within three years.
- To provide a more fluid registration and participation experience to compete with main-stream junior sporting competitions within Newcastle
- Increase the longevity of all clubs, their culture and assist volunteers with their valuable contributions to Newcastle Basketball.
- Improved governance across all aspects of the business.

Preliminary costings indicate Newcastle Basketball will be able to provide the 2021 Winter Club Competition Playing fees at a cost of approximately \$250 per player. It is our aim to get this figure closer to \$200 per player.

IMPACT ON CLUBS

The impact on the members and clubs for 2021 and beyond resides with all clubs individually. Newcastle Basketball will be running a four-club competition regardless of the clubs opting in or out. Clubs who opt in will continue to be supported by Newcastle Basketball, as they continue to develop their club identity and culture. Clubs who elect not to proceed will be replaced by new clubs who will be geographically zoned to an area.

From 2021, Clubs will be asked to provide three delegates to work with the Junior Basketball Manager on behalf of their committee. The three representatives can be assisted by as many volunteers as the club/delegates require.

The three delegates will assist the Junior Basketball Manager with the following:

- **Merchandise & Uniforms**
Responsible for liaising with the Junior Basketball Manager about uniform designs and merchandise options. They will assist Newcastle Staff with the distribution and allocation of all merchandise and uniforms.
- **Coaching & Player Allocations**
Responsible for assisting the Junior Basketball Manager to source coaches for the season. Also, to assist with trials and player to team allocations. This role will also be supported by other Newcastle staff members for trials and player allocations.
- **Club Culture, Presentation & Gifts**
Responsible for assisting the Junior Basketball Manager with continuing the development of each individual clubs' culture and delivery of the club presentation day.

All other roles will be completed by the Junior Basketball Manager whilst liaising with the specific delegates.

EQUIPMENT

Each club will be provided with adequate training equipment which may include;

- Basketballs
- Cones
- First Aid Kit
- Warm Up/Training equipment
- Coach/Manager Handbook

PRESENTATION DAY + GIFTS

All perpetual awards or trophies can continue based on each club's continued participation in the competition.

PRESENTATION DAY

Each club would be allocated a 3-hour block at the stadium

9am-12pm Sat, 3pm-6pm Sat

9am-12pm Sun, 3pm-6pm Sun

Newcastle Basketball to provide attractions & food

Clubs to decorate

GIFTS

Gifts will be changed yearly based on the culture of each club. Gifts could consist of the following:

Players – T-shirt, drink bottle, back-pack, singlet, towel or similar

Coaches – white board, polo-shirt, drink bottle, back-pack or similar.

Financial Assistance Levy

Sundry items can only be accessed on application by individual players or clubs. Players will be able to fill in a form and apply for financial assistance. Newcastle Junior Basketball Manager, Newcastle General Manager, Newcastle Board and club representative to assess applications validity.

Moving forward the association will look to setup an independent foundation to support players and families with financial hardship.

TEAM NOMINATION & GAME FEES

The budgeted revenue from team nominations and game fees is based on 2019 figures and will be reduced accordingly provided participation rates continue to increase.

TEAM STAFF

In line with an increased governance model Newcastle Basketball will be asking all team staff to complete a more comprehensive child safe training before taking the court.

Team Staff will be required to complete the following:

- Newcastle Basketball Child Safe Workshop
- Working with Children Check
- Police Check – if using a PCYC facility
- Play by the Rules – Child Safe Training

Newcastle Basketball will also be upskilling all domestic coaches through the 2021 season to a minimum club-coach accreditation.

TRAINING

Training is largely dependent on court availability at Newcastle Basketball Stadium, Macquarie College, Hunter Sports High School, Lake Macquarie PCYC, Cooks Hill YMCA and other high school venues.

Newcastle Basketball will liaise with each club's coaching coordinator to personalise training on a club-by-club basis and the fee for one session per week will be absorbed in the individual fee.

UNIFORM & MERCHANDISE

Uniform and Merchandise will be significantly affected by the choices of clubs moving forward.

Uniforms:

Singlet Design to rotate every three years

2021:

Pricing dependent on the use of existing club singlets by Newcastle Basketball.

2022 and Beyond:

1x sublimated reversible singlet for every player – Association owned & returned at the end of the season

Price dependent on order size and supplier
Association to go to Tender for uniform supplier

Shorts will also be designed on a three-year rotation and to be paid for in addition to the individual fee.

Merchandise:

All outstanding 2020 stock can be accounted for by clubs in whatever capacity they want. Clubs can choose to sell remaining merchandise or give merchandise away.

2021:

Dependent on club uniform allocations

2022 and Beyond:

Merchandise would be the same design for all clubs (individual club colours) and could include t-shirts, back-packs, hoodies, jackets, socks, caps or similar.

Merchandise orders would be collected twice a year in a 2-week window via an online store.

- 1x Prior to season commencing
- 1x Mid Season

WHAT NEXT?

Clubs need to provide Newcastle Basketball in writing notification of their decision to continue in 2021 and beyond no later than 30th September 2020.

Newcastle Basketball will presume any club that fails to notify the association by the 30th of September is not continuing its participation in the Winter Junior Club Competition for 2021 and beyond.

Please ensure when notifying the association each club completes the following:

- The email includes all current committee members of your club.
- The email clearly outlines the following:
 - Continued participation in the Winter Club Competition
 - Newcastle can continue to operate the clubs using their existing name and colours
 - Decision on existing merchandise
 - Decision on existing uniforms

Please send any replies to elyse@newcastlebasketball.com.au