



Woodend Hawks Basketball Club

Guidelines for Team Selections

The Woodend Hawks Basketball Club (WHBC) Committee will establish a Team Selection Committee annually who are responsible for selecting and allocating teams each season. The Selection Committee will be appointed by the WHBC Committee, with a minimum of 4 members and a chairperson with the aim of having representatives with specific knowledge of each of the age groups and gender.

All prior season coaches will be invited to provide feedback and input into player capabilities and team selection; however, the Selection Committee has the ultimate responsibility to decide on team allocation and recommend the final teams to the WHBC Committee for endorsement. The Selection Committee will keep a record of key decisions in case of future disputes. Any disputes will be managed via escalation to the WHBC Committee.

New players will be given the opportunity to attend a grading session with a member of the Selection Committee as part of the selection process. The Selection Committee is responsible for selecting teams based on the following guidelines:

1. Players will be allocated based on skill and numbers
2. Existing Woodend players have priority when deciding against a similar skilled new player
3. Players committed to playing representative basketball will be prioritized into higher divisions, with additional preference given to the level of representation (e.g. VJBL 1 prioritised higher than VJBL 2)
4. Coaches' children will be given priority into higher divisions when considering two similar skilled players where the parent is the coach of the higher division team
5. Generally, we aim for 7 or 8 player teams. Up to 10 players is considered more for the older age groups (U18-U21) where players often have other commitments and is otherwise considered on a case-by-case basis. Factors such as the ability of players to commit to the whole season will be taken into consideration (e.g. players going on long term family holidays or with regular clashes with other sports)
6. Generally, we try and keep top and bottom age players together
7. Other considerations (not guaranteed) are players that depend on others to get to games/training, friendships and other special requests from parents
8. Priority will be given to new spots on teams for siblings of existing players and waitlisted new players (in order of time spent on waitlist)
9. Players will be selected to play in teams, according to their age group, unless extenuating circumstances apply. Normally players will be expected to double register across age groups if they wish to play in a higher age group.
10. Requests for player registrations, received after the closing date, may be considered if there is space for additional players in teams. Where this is not the case, these players will be added to the waitlist for next season
11. When creating two Division 1 teams, we will aim for two equal teams. In other divisions, grading is expected to manage team balance.
12. Teams will not be entered without a Coach or a Team Manager (although the same person can fill both roles)