

WESTGATE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INC. A0057216R

Policy – Requirements for Westgate Affiliated Clubs competing in our Junior Domestic Competition.

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Introduction

Westgate Basketball Association's Statement of Purpose.

- o To provide vibrant, enjoyable and well organised basketball.
- o To develop and maintain an inclusive, safe and healthy environment for all players, umpires, coaches and supporters to enjoy.
- o To develop a competition at VU Community Sports Stadium that provides players with pathways for progression consistent with their skill level and aspirations, including the development of representative teams.
- o To support and develop the contribution of volunteers and encourage a sense of community among all those involved with the Association.
- o To develop the Association's connections with the local community for the shared benefit of all Association participants and the wider Inner West Community.
- o To provide effective, responsible and accountable management of the human and financial resources of the Association.

Westgate Basketball requires our affiliated clubs to act in a way that reflects our statement of purpose. Our clubs must support basketball that is fun, safe, fair and inclusive.

Purpose

This document sets out Westgate Basketball Association's requirements for those clubs and teams that wish to participate in the basketball competitions organised by Westgate Basketball Association.

By setting a clear set of rules and expectations the Association seeks to establish a culture of good and transparent management of clubs covering the junior basketball playing community in the inner west.

All affiliated clubs must comply each season with these requirements for their teams to be accepted into the Westgate Basketball Association Junior Domestic Competition.

Policy

Our affiliated clubs are required to:

1. - Introduce basketball to new players at all skill levels.
A strong competition requires divisions that allow players to compete at their skill level with a reasonable expectation of winning during a season. Competitions that have too much variation between teams are not supportive of long term basketball participation. By introducing basketball to new players, clubs are ensuring that they are relevant to their community and helping to build strong competitions over a variety of skill levels that will provide a better framework for the enjoyment of the game and ongoing participation.
2. - Have teams over a variety of genders and age groups, including at least one team in the U10, U12 or U14 age group.
Clubs must be introducing basketball to new players. Whilst we encourage our clubs to do this in all age groups and genders, the long term strength of the Westgate competition relies on these age groups to be the foundation stone of our clubs.

Basketball is a game for both boys and girls. Our affiliated clubs must have both male and female teams, or at least one mixed team. Mixed teams are accepted in the competition age groups up to and including U12.

3. - Reflect the diversity of our community.

Our clubs should reflect our community, being the schools, cultural and social groups of players. Teams that are a reflection of player's social, cultural and/or friendship groups supports the playing of basketball for fun in a safe, fair and inclusive environment.

4. - Be incorporated associations as described under the Incorporated Associations Reform Act 2012.

Clubs must adhere to and be up to date with their obligations under the Incorporated Associations Reform Act 2012. The lodgement requirements of a Club's annual statement with Consumer Affairs Victoria must be up to date at the time of team registration for each season.

5. - Adhere to all Westgate By-laws, Policies and Procedures, and those of Basketball Victoria, including operation of their Westgate membership through the SportsTG platform.

Clubs agree to adhere to the Westgate Basketball Association By-laws, Policies and Procedures and those of Basketball Victoria. They will actively seek to ensure their players, coaches and spectators contribute to a positive environment, respectful of the Association administrators, and officials (such as Referees), and of the competition as a whole. Clubs will also actively seek to ensure the integrity of their membership data.

6. - Meet all the financial commitments of entering teams in Westgate's competition.

Clubs must provide good management of their club's finances. Clubs must pay any fees or fines in a timely manner. Failure to pay invoices within the required time frames may result in withdrawal of teams and/or exclusion from future seasons.

Only teams from affiliated clubs can be entered into the Westgate Junior Basketball competition.

The Westgate Basketball Association Committee will only consider **written** applications from non-affiliated clubs to become affiliated and enter teams in our competition.

Applications to become an affiliated club must address in full all six of the required criteria. Only requests to be exempt from point 2, or point 4 will be considered by the WBA Committee.

Where a club seeks exemption from point 2 this can only be considered if the club has been operating (as either an incorporated or unincorporated organization) for less than 12 months. An agreement by the WBA Committee to exempt a club from point 2 cannot be extended beyond the second season of involvement in our domestic competition.

Where a club seeks exemption from point 4, this can only be considered if the club has been operating as an unincorporated organization for less than 12 months. An agreement by the WBA Committee to exempt a club from point 4 cannot be extended beyond the first season of involvement in our domestic competition.

Authorisation

(date of approval by the Board – 24 July 2018)

Westgate Basketball Association

Policies can be established or altered only by the Westgate Basketball Association Board. Procedures may be altered by the Policies, Procedures and Communications Subcommittee, or other appointed subcommittee or person where appropriate and so authorized by the Westgate Basketball Association Board.