



WESTGATE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

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Affiliated Clubs Policy

Requirements for Affiliated Clubs competing in the Westgate Junior Domestic Competition

Introduction

Westgate Basketball Association's Statement of Purpose is to:

- Represent the interests of basketball and all involved in basketball within the Association, the inner west and associated region and at state and national level.
- Provide individuals with opportunities to maximise their potential by competing in the highest level of basketball possible, given their own ability.
- Promote, develop and encourage participation in the sport of basketball.
- Provide vibrant, enjoyable and well organised basketball.
- Develop and maintain an inclusive, safe and healthy environment for all players, umpires, coaches and supporters to enjoy.
- Provide a competition at our venues which provides players with pathways for progression consistent with their skill level and aspirations, including the development of representative teams.
- Support and develop the contribution of volunteers and encourage a sense of community among all those involved with the Association.
- Grow the Association's connections with the local community for the shared benefit of all Association participants and the wider Inner West Community.
- 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 and support basketball that is fun, safe, fair and inclusive.

Purpose

This document sets out the requirements for those clubs and teams that wish to participate in the basketball competitions organised by the 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 and U14 age groups*

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.

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*

Clubs agree to adhere to the Westgate Basketball Association By-Laws and other relevant policies and procedures and those of Basketball Victoria. This includes proactive support of the Westgate Tribunal and Board in addressing matter under investigation by the Association and being responsible for identifying and providing contact details for coaches, parents and patrons associated with their club who are under investigation.

Clubs 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. including operation of their Westgate membership via approved platforms.

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

Clubs must provide good management of their 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.

Membership

Only teams from affiliated clubs should be entered into Junior Domestic Basketball competition, with exemptions allowed for by a vote of the Domestic Sub-Committee and approved by the Board.

Application to become an affiliated club must be submitted to Westgate using the form provided and 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 Association.

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 Association 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 Association to exempt a club from point 4 cannot be extended beyond the first season of involvement in our domestic competition.



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Affiliated Club Application form

Club Name:

Mailing Address:

Name of Primary Point of Contact:

Email:

Phone:

Website (if applicable):

Club's Incorporation Number:

ABN:

List of all Committee/Board members, including names and titles:

Number of proposed teams by gender and age groups (based Westgate age group structure):
<https://westgatebasketball.com.au/age-eligibility>

Provide a response to six policy areas listed above

1. *Introduce basketball to new players at all skill levels*

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