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Team Selection

Tuggeranong Vikings Amateur Basketball Club (Vikings) looks to provide a transparent and fair process for both the selection of teams and subsequent management of player rosters through the seasons. This document outlines our approach to achieving this.

Selection Committees

The following table outlines the desired selection committees.

Teams	Selection Committee	Advisors
U12-U16 JPL teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boys/Girls Coordinator• Team Coach (Upcoming)• Different age group JPL Coach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team Coach (Previous season next lower JPL Grade)• Age Group previous season D1 Coach• President or Vice President
U19 JPL teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boys/Girls Coordinator• Team Coach (Upcoming)• Different age group JPL Coach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team Coach (U16JPL previous season)• Independent Advisor• Senior Coordinator• President or Vice President
Junior Boys Teams Div 1-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boys Coordinator• Asst Boys Coordinator• Minimum 1 coach from the relevant age group (either JPL or Div coach)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Age Group Coaches• President or Vice President
Junior Girls Teams Div 1-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Girls Coordinator• Asst Girls Coordinator• Minimum 1 coach from the relevant age group (either JPL or Div coach)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Age Group Coaches• President or Vice President
Senior Premier Men's Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team Coach• Senior Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boys Coordinator• Highest U19 Boys Team Coach• President or Vice President



Teams	Selection Committee	Advisors
Senior Premier Women's Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Coach/es • Senior Coordinator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls Coordinator • Highest U19 Girls Team Coach • President or Vice President
Senior Adult Teams (Male/Female)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Coach/es • Senior Coordinator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys or Girls Coordinator • Highest U19 Team Coach • President or Vice President

Where consensus cannot be reached by the selection committee for junior teams, the President/Vice President will become the tie breaking vote. Where consensus cannot be reached for Premier League teams, the relevant team coach will have the tie breaking vote.

Team Composition

Vikings seek to ensure that team composition supports both performance in the upcoming season and development for the subsequent years. The following is our model for team composition for respective grades. This represents a model and Co-ordinators retain the ability to alter this for team or player requirements.

Train On players will typically be lower age players preparing for the subsequent year.

Team Type	Optimal number of players	Max Players	Typical Lower/Upper Age composition	Train Ons	Comment
U10-U19 Div 1-6	9	9	N/A	Nil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graded by capability not age • May take additional players as train only at coaches discretion.
U12-U14 JPL	8	9	5-6 upper + 2-3 lower	4-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally a higher number of Train On opportunities offered to prepare athletes for subsequent year
U16 JPL	9	10	5-7 upper + 2-4 lower	4	



U19 JPL	9	10	N/A	4	• Age profile is important but not critical at this age group.
Mens/Womens Premier League	9	10	N/A	No Limit	
Mens/Womens Senior	8	10	N/A	N/A	

Note: Team max player numbers are inclusive of Development and Higher Age Players.

Trials and Grading Sessions

Vikings teams are primarily chosen based on selection trials or grading sessions. For clarity, trials are where a group of players are competing for a limited number of positions (typically junior or senior premier league teams) as opposed to gradings which are conducted for already registered players being grouped into appropriate teams.

Prior season Coaches are asked to complete a spreadsheet player assessment prior to Trials and Gradings. The selection committee may also take previous experience with players into account when making selection decisions.

Timing of Trials and Grading Sessions

Vikings are supportive of Basketball ACT's current approach to minimise movement of players between summer and winter competitions.

To support this, Vikings run trials prior to the summer season with the intent on having minimal movement between teams over the 12 month period.

However, where there is a need, Vikings may run a closed trial process between summer and winter seasons to ensure the best outcomes for athletes and the club. This is more likely in the lower age groups where development can be rapid.



Trials and Grading Approach

The following table provides an overview of our selection trials and grading approach.

Teams	Approach	Comment
U10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under 10's will be graded at their first training session of the new season
U12 – U19 Div 1-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted after JPL Summer Open Trials completed• JPL Players not required to attend unless requested by Co-ordinator• Gender/Age Group closed gradings for Vikings registered players• No mass regrading between Summer and Winter seasons. Coordinators will adjust based on player performance and winter season registrations.
JPL Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open Trials prior to Summer Open Season• Closed trials for Winter JPL Season
Senior Premier Men's and Women's Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open trials covering both grades.• Minimum of two sessions

For players on a waiting list to join a team, a single grading session may be conducted prior to the summer and winter seasons.

Communication of Trials or Grading Sessions

Gradings session information is typically communicated directly from the club registrar to the registered group of players and players who had registered in the previous season but are not currently registered.

Open Trials are communicated through flyers at the stadium, from the registrar to players who have registered interest, via Vikings Social Media and via word of mouth from Vikings Players.



Recognition of Vikings Experience

Vikings seeks to recognise previous experience with the club when conducting Trials and Gradings.

JPL Trials are conducted to select the best team possible. However, where there is a similar assessment between two players, previous experience with Vikings will be considered.

Priority of registration at the beginning of each season is given in the following order:

1. existing players,
2. existing players siblings,
3. previous Vikings players, then
4. newly registering players

Player Attributes

Player attributes that Coaches look for at trials and grading include:

- Age and previous experience
- Basketball skills
- Decision making ability
- Suitability to likely played positions
- Athleticism
- Development potential
- Work Ethic: Makes effort during games and at training— e.g. works hard both offensive and defensive end of the court
- Coachability: a good listener and learner; do they follow instructions;
- Attitude: is the player a team player; do they have a positive attitude towards team mates; does the player bring a positive and focused attitude to training.

Trial and Grading Outcome Announcements

Teams will be announced as soon as possible following completion of the Trials/Grading activities.

U10 – U19 Div1-6 Grading players (including siblings):

- Players (registered only) will be notified by the club registrar when the Selection Committee have finalised players placement into teams.



JPL Trials:

- Successful players will be notified by email by the club registrar. Vikings registered players will pay a supplemental JPL fee, players from outside of the club will be provided with a JPL registration link.
- Unsuccessful Vikings players will be notified by email by the club registrar and will be advised they will need to attend Grading sessions for the new season.
- Unsuccessful players may request feedback from the Junior Boys/Girls Coordinator via the registrar.

Premier League Men's and Women's:

- Successful and unsuccessful players will be notified by the coach or coordinator.
- Unsuccessful players may request feedback from the Coach or Coordinator.
- Players will be required to pay team fees prior to playing for the Club.

Waiting List Grading players (new):

- Players will be notified by the club registrar after Grading of Vikings registered players into teams, requesting immediate registration with the club for placement into a team where there are spots available.
- Unsuccessful players will be notified by email by the club registrar, to be advised they will be placed on a Waiting List, in anticipation of a cancelled registration.

Players who are unhappy with their final selection may access a refund as per the club policy on the website.

Where the selection committee believes that there is not enough players to field a competitive team the club may choose not to place a team into the competition in that grade. In this instance, players will be notified as needed and, where possible, alternate options for the player will be suggested.



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In Season Player Management

Higher Age, Development and Train On Players

Vikings has a separate policy on Higher Age, Development and Train On players available from our website.

Fill In Players

Where coaches require a fill in player Vikings takes the approach that these opportunities should be used to develop the next generation of players. Fill in players should be managed in accordance with BACT by-laws but, as a general rule, Vikings will look to fill from below:

- For Juniors the fill in player should come from the next team down or from a lower age group.
- For Senior Premiers Competition the skillset of the available players will be a driving factor, however the aspirational pathway remains U19 to Prem 2 to Prem 1.