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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.

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



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

Where consensus cannot be reached by the selection committee for Junior teams, the President/Vice President will be the tie breaking vote. Where consensus cannot be reached for Senior 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. Selected teams may also include Local Interchange (LI), Higher Age Only (HA Only), Higher Age Development Players (HA Dev), Development (DP) and Train On (TO) players. The definition of these, financial implications and training/playing implications of these types of players are included in a separate document on the Vikings website. 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 (Max)	Comment
U10-U19 Div 2-6	8	9	N/A	Nil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graded by capability not age</li> <li>• TO at coaches discretion.</li> </ul>
U12-U19 Div 1	8	9	N/A	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graded by capability not age</li> <li>• Additional TO (beyond Max) at coaches discretion.</li> </ul>
U12-U14 JPL	8	9	5-6 upper + 2-3 lower	4-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally a higher number of Train On opportunities offered to prepare athletes for subsequent year</li> </ul>
U16 JPL	9	10	5-7 upper	6	



Team Type	Optimal number of players	Max Players	Typical Lower/Upper Age composition	Train Ons (Max)	Comment
			+ 2-4 lower		
<b>U19 JPL</b>	9	10	N/A	4	• Age profile is important but not critical at this age group.
<b>Mens/Womens Premier League</b>	9	10	N/A	No Limit	
<b>Mens/Womens Senior</b>	8	10	N/A	N/A	

**Note:** Team max player numbers are inclusive of Local Interchange, Development and Higher Age (Only) players.

### **Trials and Grading Sessions**

Vikings runs both selection trials (Trials) and grading sessions (Grading). 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 (Summer)**

Vikings primary Trials and Gradings sessions will be run towards the end of Term 3 as players age up into the summer season. The following table outlines our approach to the Summer Season.



**Trials and Grading Approach (Summer)**

The following table outlines our approach to Summer season Trials and Grading.

Teams	Approach	Comment
U10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grading</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under 10's will be graded at their first training session of the new season</li> </ul>
U12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trials and Grading</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Week 1 closed gradings for Vikings registered players</li> <li>Week 2 JPL Open Trials. Select Graded payers requested to attend JPL Trials.</li> <li>Div 1-6 no mass regrading between Summer and Winter seasons. Coordinators will adjust based on player performance and winter season registrations.</li> </ul>
U14 – U19 Div 1-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grading</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted after JPL Summer Open Trials completed</li> <li>Selected JPL Players are not required to attend unless requested by Co-ordinator</li> <li>Gender/Age Group closed gradings for Vikings registered players</li> <li>No mass regrading between Summer and Winter seasons. Coordinators will adjust based on player performance and winter season registrations.</li> </ul>
U14-U19 JPL Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted prior to age group Grading</li> <li>Open Trials prior to Summer Open Season</li> <li>Closed trials for Winter JPL Season</li> </ul>
Senior Premier Men's and Women's Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jan/Feb open trials covering both grades.</li> <li>Minimum of one trial session</li> </ul>



### **Trials and Grading (Winter)**

Vikings are supportive of Basketball ACT's current approach to minimise movement of players between summer and winter competitions. Vikings will not run club wide grading processes between summer and winter competitions.

For JPL, Vikings will run a closed JPL trial process between summer and winter seasons to ensure the best outcomes for athletes and the club. This Winter Trials process will be open to current Summer Open JPL players and Division 1 players. Coordinators have the option to offer individual invitations to players from divisions below Division 1. Players from outside the club may be offered the opportunity to attend trials if approved by BACT. Winter JPL coaches will attend the next lower age group JPL trials to assess players who may be offered a Train On position for Winter in their squad in preparation for the upcoming age up summer season.

For Winter, Div 1-6 team grading and team composition will be determined by the Coordinators based on the Summer season results. The goal remains to have teams of similar skilled players playing a division they will be competitive in. The club will take into account:

- Which players registered for Winter
- How teams performed in the summer competition.
- How individual players performed in the summer competition.

### **Waitlist Player Assessment**

For players on a waiting list to join an age group, a single grading session may be conducted prior to the summer and winter seasons to determine their best fit when internal grading has been completed and team requirements are known.

### **Communication of Trials or Grading Sessions**

Grading 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 for the upcoming season is given in the following order:

1. registered players from the existing season,
2. siblings of registered players,
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 transferring or Local Interchanging to 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 are 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.