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Local Interchange, Higher Age, Development, Train On Positions Policy

The Tuggeranong Vikings Amateur Basketball Club (Vikings) recognises that there are a range of ways in which players may interact with a team beyond being a selected full-time member of the team. Some of these designations are supported by BACT By-laws, and some are purely Vikings designations.

At Vikings discretion players may be offered positions within a team which have designations including: Local Interchange (LI); Higher Age Only player (HA Only), Higher Age Development Player (HA DEV); Development Player (DP); Train On player (TO), or Train Only (Train Only). The LI, DP and HA player designations require an additional process involving Basketball ACT and are governed by the BACT Junior Bylaws. **HA DEV, DP** and **TO** players are expected to attend 2/3 of club scheduled training sessions for their second team or the coach may approach their Coordinator to have the player removed.

To provide coaches and parents with clarity on these designations, the following approaches apply to these positions within Vikings Basketball Club. Team lists will include these abbreviations to assist coaches in understanding the club policy to be applied. If further clarity is required, please reach out to respective Coordinators.

Local Interchange (LI)

- **Scenario:** This player has a non-Vikings home club which does not have a high enough grade to support their development. The most common scenario is players who are in Division 1 in their home club seeking a Summer Open opportunity at Vikings to allow them to play JPL in Winter. LI players will be loaned to Vikings on a season-by-season basis through the BACT Local Interchange process.
- **Financial:** The LI will pay a full Vikings fee for the Vikings team they are in but will not have to pay the BACT registration fee again.
- **Training and Playing Implications:** This player is a standard member of the team. LI players will count towards the team's composition numbers.

Higher Age Only (HA Only)

- **Scenario:** This player trains and plays exclusively for one team in an age group above their current age. The most common example of this is an advanced U10 player playing in U12 instead of U10's. This designation will usually be decided at a club Grading or Trial. Vikings are required to submit a HA application to BACT.
- **Financial:** The player pays a full club fee for the team they are selected in.
- **Training and Playing Implications:** The coach treats this player as a standard member of the team. HA Only players count towards the team composition numbers.



Higher Age Development Player (HA DEV)

- **Scenario:** This player is selected in a team in their designated age group whilst also having a development position in a second team one age group up from the team the club has selected them within. Usually this will be no more than one grade below the lower age team the Club has selected them within (e.g. U14D2 player playing in U16D3). Vikings are required to submit a HA application to BACT.
- **Financial:** There is no additional fee for HA DEV players.
- **Training and Playing Implications:** HA DEV players are expected to train weekly with both their selected team and the higher team. If there is a clash in games or training, the selected team has priority. There is no expectation that coaches will provide game time through the season for HA DEV. If game time is offered, players should not start (unless necessary due to illness or injury in the team) and should not receive more game time than full fee-paying players in that team. HA DEV players can be in addition to the standard team composition numbers. HA DEV are expected to attend a minimum 2/3 of club scheduled training sessions for their HA DEV nominated team.

Development Player (DP)

- **Scenario :** This player plays within their own age group in a development position within a second (usually next higher) team (for example U16D5 also playing in U16D4). The player will be registered as a Development Player with BACT which will remove the maximum games in a second team limitation within the bylaws.
- **Financial:** There is no additional fee for DP players.
- **Training and Playing Implications:** DP players are expected to train with both their selected team and the higher team each week. If there is a clash in games or training, their selected team has priority. There is no expectation that coaches will provide game time through the season for DP. If game time is offered, players should not start the game or receive more game time than full time team members (unless dictated by injury or illness). DP players will generally be included within the standard team composition numbers. DP are expected to attend a minimum 2/3 of club scheduled training sessions for their DP nominated team.

Train On (TO)

- **Scenario:** These players are selected by the club and added to, generally, JPL and Div 1 squads. The primary purpose of TO is to develop lower age potential players in preparation for Summer Open qualification.
- **Financial:** There is no additional fee for TO players.
- **Training and Playing Implications:** There is no expectation of any game time for TO players. Coaches may play them up to the BACT fill-in player games limit in a season if team illness, regular player availability or injury dictate. TO are in addition to standard team composition numbers. TO are expected to attend a minimum 2/3 of club scheduled training sessions for their TO nominated team.



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Train Only (Train Only)

- **Scenario:** There are rare instances where a player may be selected to only train with a team. These situations usually relate to building confidence in a younger aged player or providing an older aged player an opportunity without exceeding team composition numbers on game day (ie adding a 10th player to a 9-player squad in U16D4 to allow them to try basketball with a friend.)
- **Financial:** The player pays BACT registration for insurance coverage at training. No club fee will be payable.
- **Training and Playing Implications:** The player will train with the team. Should game time become available there is no limit on the games Train Only players can play in the season as they will be registered with the team on PlayHQ. Game time offers are at the coach's discretion.

Overall Note: These approaches are focused on the Junior Competition. Junior players playing in senior's competitions are not considered Higher Age Players for the purposes of this policy. BACT has a separate group of bylaws relating to development opportunities in Senior's competitions.