



EBEES TEAM SELECTION POLICY

Club Philosophy

At Ebees, we believe that basketball is a sport available equally to boys and girls and we strive for a club culture that enables kids to have fun while supporting players at all levels to be the best they can be. We provide opportunity for kids to engage in physical activity, develop friendships, build their skills and most importantly enjoy their sport. To ensure this happens the committee has prepared and adopted the following policies.

Purpose

This document is an outline of the Club's approach to team selection for the information of our players and their families. Our aim at Ebees is to ensure players enjoy basketball and reach their full potential. We achieve this by selecting teams that take into account both individual skill levels and friendship groups.

Process

During each season, coaches may be requested to make an assessment of the ability, development and attitude of each player within their team. This information is passed to the Girls and Boys Coordinators for reference when next season's teams are being selected.

Prior to the commencement of each new season, the club will advertise for children to register to play. Players will be required to register online before the registration closing date. We are required to have a deadline as MEBA have a closing date to register teams for each summer and winter seasons.

The club will use its best endeavours to place all players registering on or before registration closing date. If this is not possible, the Registrar will inform the prospective player and refund, in full, any fees paid in advance.

Registrations received after the registration closing date shall be considered as late registrations. These registrations will only be accepted a place is available. Following registration closing date, the Registrar will enter all registered players into the Club's database and produce a list of players, sorted by age, and provide this to the Girls and Boys Coordinators.

The Girls and Boys Coordinators for each age group will review the lists and place players into teams. They may, at

their discretion, ask other coaches for their input into the team selections.

In general, the aim is to select teams of either 7 or 8 players. This gives the accepted balance between having enough players to cover injuries/absences while not unduly compromising court time with too many players. Teams of 9 or more players will be considered in Age Groups where there are 20 or less players registered or with the consent of the team's coach in other cases. Teams in older age groups will tend to have more players per team due to increasing "absenteeism" at this level.

Once teams are selected, the Girls and Boys Coordinator will appoint a coach to each team and inform the coach of the playing list. The coach may request changes to the team and the Girls and Boys Coordinator may make such changes at their discretion.

Criteria

Teams are selected with a balance of the following criteria. The emphasis may change over age groups.

At Under 8 and Under 9 level, more emphasis is placed on friendship groups in order to build a love of the game while basic skill development takes place. For this reason, attempts will be made to keep these teams together from season to season until players begin to make the transition to Under 11 at which time teams will begin to integrate.

Skill Level

Players should be placed in a team that will play in a grade appropriate for their current skill level and continued development.

Note, however, that the club does not control the grading of the team. The club proposes a grade for each team entered but the ultimate decision is made by the MEBA & GEBC Grading Secretary.

Friendship Groups

Players should be placed in teams that contain at least one of their friendship group. Friendship groups should be documented on the online registration form at the time of lodgement.

Team Balance

The composition of each team should also consider an appropriate balance of speed, height, etc. to ensure teams have all round competitiveness where possible.

Special Requests

Players may make special requests regarding team selection on the Registration Form. The Girls and Boys Coordinators will attempt to meet such requests wherever reasonably possible within the spirit of the criteria above.

Not Selection Criteria

Representative Teams

Participation in VJBL or other higher level competitions is not in itself a criteria for team selection. However, these players will tend to play in higher grades based on improved skill level. Membership of other teams is also found to be a key driver in friendship groups.

Prior Seasons

Teams for each season will stand alone based on players registering for that season. They are not connected to team selection for the previous season. Players choosing not to play in one season should not be disadvantaged for future seasons and are subject to the same selection criteria.

Playing Outside Normal Age Group

Players may request to play in an age group outside the normal criteria (eg: play Under 16 when still eligible for Under 14). This can be either as their primary team or as a second team.

Requests will only be granted if:

- The Girls and Boys Group Coordinators agree the player is capable of playing at that level;
- The coach of the team in which they would be placed accepts the request; and
- Placement in that team does not create an imbalance in reaching the required number of players per team in both age groups.

Queries

All questions related to team selection should be initially directed to the relevant Girls and Boys Group Coordinators. If the response from the Girls and Boys Group Coordinators is unsatisfactory, the Committee will review the situation upon request

Authorisation

This policy was officially approved by the Committee on 11 July 2016. Amended to incorporate NB new age groups March 2025.

