

Greenhills Basketball Club

Team Selection Policy

Purpose

This policy will outline:

- The process and procedures, that will be followed by the respective coordinators for assigning players to teams in all age group competitions with Greenhills Basketball Club in the Diamond Valley Basketball Association (DVBA).

Policy Statement

1. Values

Greenhills Basketball Club is committed to:

- Ensuring that the team selection process is explained in clear and transparent terms to parents/guardians of existing and prospective players;
- Ensuring equal opportunity for all players;
- Promoting participation and enjoyment of team sports;
- Developing each player's game and team skill by placing them in the team/grade appropriate to their skill level.

2. Scope

This policy applies to the committee and membership of Greenhills Basketball Club.

3. Rationale

Greenhills Basketball Club understands that children play basketball for a number of reasons. Some are motivated by the social aspect of team sport while others are also very focused on improvement of their skills to be as competitive as possible. Our aim is to ensure that as many children as possible have the opportunity to play basketball.

Players are formally graded to ensure that they are in teams with similar ability players to foster the optional basketball experience for all.

Greenhills Basketball Club has approximately 300 players register each season. A number of factors affect team selection and our coordinators do their utmost to consider the many variable that create teams that are the most evenly matched and competitive as possible.

The club asks that all members remain mindful of the fact that Greenhills Basketball Club is governed and managed by a committee of volunteers who give up their time to ensure that teams are selected, coaches are recruited and players are on court every season.

4. Definitions

The terms defined in this section relate to this policy.

Age limits: between U8 and U21 for competitions will be specified by the DVBA ahead of each season.

Greenhills Basketball Club minimum age requirement: to play in the U8 competition with Greenhills, players must be attending school when the season commences.

The criteria for eligibility within each age group are:

Autumn Season (Terms 1 & 2) – A player must be under the age stated in the relative age group by the 30 June of the year of the completion. For example if a player's turns 10 on the 1st of June, they can't play U10 and must play U12.

Spring Season (Terms 3 & 4) – A player must be under the age stated in the relative age group by the 31 December of the year of the competition.

Coordinator: member/s of the Greenhills Basketball Club Committee who manage team selection and all related matters each season.

Diamond Valley Basketball Association Junior Domestic By-Laws: Association and Game Day: The Rules and Regulations, Playing Conditions, General Information and Fee Schedule of the DVBA. The By-Laws by which all of the junior domestic basketball clubs that make up the DVBA are governed.

Player Eligibility: See Section 1.7 of the DVBA By-Laws: Game Day

Player Transfer: is the process of requesting or approving transfers of current or previously registered players between clubs in the DVBA.

Playing Up: refers to a player playing in a higher age group than that which is determined by their date of birth.

Registration: is the process of enrolling and paying the registration fees, electronically, for a child to become a player with Greenhills Basketball Club for any given season. The electronic registration process is managed by PlayHQ.

Restricted Player: See the DVBA Junior Domestic By-Laws: Association, Section 1.4 Player Classification.

Seasons: As determined by the DVBA

Autumn Season: February to June; Spring Season: July to December.

PlayHQ: is the online platform used by basketball clubs in the DVBA to register and managed players and teams. PlayHQ registration platform is used by members to enter player details and make payment each season.

5. Sources and Related Policies

Sources

- DVBA – Junior Domestic By-Laws including Game Day and Association
[DVBA-NJBL-By-Laws-Game-Day-Final.pdf \(dvbasketball.com.au\)](#)
[DVBA-NJBL-By-Laws-Association-Final.pdf \(dvbasketball.com.au\)](#)

Related policies

- Coaching Policy (under reviewed)
- Registration Policy (under reviewed)

6. Procedures

The Greenhills Basketball Club Committee is responsible for:

- Ensuring that updates related to the registration process are advised to members prior to and during the registration process;
- Ensuring that families are made aware that players who have not registered and paid registration fees will not be placed into teams for the upcoming season unless prior arrangements have been made with the executive;
- Ensuring that the coordinators place all registered players into teams ahead of each season and advise families of their child/ren's teams by the specified team announcement date.

Parent/guardians are responsible for:

- Following the electronic registration process as advised;
- Paying registration fees for each season, in full at the time of electronic registration so that their child/ren can be considered during team selection;
- Advise coordinators, in writing via email (info@greenhillsbasketball.com.au), prior to the close of registration, of any significant issue relating to their child, particularly an issue that might impact on team selection;
- Understanding that players who are not registered will not be considered in team selection for the upcoming season;
- Monitoring communications for information from the club and the coordinators, including trial dates, teams announcements and coaches.

7. The Team Selection Process

Team Selection Criteria

1. Coaches Appraisals - Coaches are asked to provide feedback on each of their players towards the end of season. This evaluation includes information about skill level, attitude and commitment.
2. Coordinators viewing of matches and discussions with coaches throughout the season, where possible.
3. Grading sessions / tryouts – may be held towards the end of each season.
4. Age (bottom or top age).
5. Availability of coaches.
6. Overall number of players registered in each age group. Coordinators endeavor to keep team numbers at around 7 or 8 players where possible. This is also dependent on the number of players registered per age group.
7. Player commitment to training and the team
 - It is essential that all players attend their weekly training sessions, run by our volunteer coaches. If parents/guardians believe there will be circumstances that may prevent a player from attending training every week, these must be discussed with the coordinator at the time of registration, Send an email attention to the boy or girl coordinator at info@greenhillsbasketball.com.au
 - Once teams' training days/times have been confirmed, parents/guardians must advise in writing via email, if their child has a clash with another sport or activity. Coordinators will endeavor to assist families to make suitable arrangement in such circumstances.
 - If a player is unavailable to train or play a game, parents/guardians or players MUST advise the coach in a timely manner.
 - It is unacceptable for a child to register as a player and then choose not to attend training.
8. Consideration of Restricted Players (see DVBA Junior Domestic By-Laws: Association Section 1.4)
9. Consideration of any parent/guardian or coach request that may impact on a player/s.
10. Coordinators will do their best to accommodate friendships while also catering to skill level and accounting for a number of other factors outlined above. All requests are required to be in writing to the coordinator via email info@greenhillsbasketball.com.au at the time of registration.
11. **Approval Process for Team Selection**
Once teams are selected by coaches and coordinators, they must be signed off by a member of the executive committee for approval.

Requests

Parents/guardians who wish to make requests regarding their children should do so at the time of registration in writing to the coordinator via email info@greenhillsbasketball.com.au Coordinators will place players into teams based on the selection criteria above. Every effort is made to ensure there is a fair and equitable selection process.

Requests made verbally or after team selection cannot be considered unless under extenuating circumstances.

Playing Out of Age Group Policy

If a player wishes to play out of their designated age group (e.g., move up an age level), the request must be submitted in writing via email to the club. Such requests will be reviewed by the Coordinator and the Executive Committee for approval.

In some cases, a player may be allowed to:

- Play in two age groups; or
- Be granted permission to play above their age group.

Approval for playing out of age group will depend on the following factors:

1. **Player Development:** Consideration of what is in the best interest of the player's development and skills progression.
2. **Team Composition:** Team numbers and the impact on team balance and competitiveness.
3. **Club Needs:** Ensuring decisions align with the best interests and overall requirements of the club.

The club reserves the right to review each application on a case by case basis and make decisions accordingly. This process ensures that both the club's values and the player's growth are prioritised.

Team Selection Disputes

Greenhills Basketball Club acknowledges that despite the best efforts of our coordinators there will be members who will not be satisfied with team selections. If a parent/guardian believes that they have a legitimate team selection dispute, that has not been resolved after discussion with the coordinator, they should submit their concern to the Greenhills Basketball Club in writing via email info@greenhillsbasketball.com.au

Please be aware that our coordinators have the full support of the committee in their very challenging roles. Team selections can be perceived as subjective. Parents/guardians should be mindful of this when raising a dispute.

Team Announcements

Greenhills Basketball Club will announce team lists via email to the families of the players ahead of the new season. They will advise of any details that are confirmed, including the coach and training time/venue. Coaches will then make contact with the families.

8. Team Grades in the DVBA

Ahead of each new season the coordinator nominates a grade to DVBA for each team. The aim is always to ensure the team commences each season in the most appropriate grade.

The DVBA decides a team's final grade for the season once the grading period (usually 5 games) is complete.

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