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# **WARRIORS**

## **BASKETBALL CLUB**

### **TJBL TEAM GUIDELINES FOR COACHES & PARENTS - SEASON 2022**

As the 2022 season is almost upon us, the club would like to outline some thoughts and expectations for the upcoming competition.

In 2022 we have 16 teams representing the club across the Championship and Shield divisions. This is up from 12 teams we had for these divisions in 2020 and 2021.

Our board of management recognizes this as a great achievement and we are excited to see our teams compete in the upcoming TJBL season.

Across the TJBL competition there are varied thoughts from clubs on how our representative teams should be structured. Should there be a focus on winning, court time, development? Does one have a priority over another? And, does this change from a Championship team to a Shield team?

With this in mind we request that the following guidelines be embraced by our coaches, players and parents.

- Our Championship and Shield team lists will be treated with the same respect. Both teams should have an emphasis on developing players skillset and playing competitive winning basketball.
- Our club will always have a strong focus on developing players, and developing players with good competition is our primary focus - across both our Championship and Shield divisions. There is very likely the scenario that we will have many players play in both divisions across the course of the season, and this should not be taken negatively by parents. Our teams must be selected to be as competitive as possible to enhance our players' development.
- We want to reward players that have excelled and deserve the opportunity to be tested at a higher level (ie Shield players playing at Championship level). Vica versa, players that might be lacking in confidence or need to work at a specific part of their skillset, would benefit from dropping back at times to work on that development (Championship players playing at Shield level). This can be performance based on playing or training as set out by our coaches. Playing is so different to training so coaches need to have an open mind in assessing this. The only players that cannot be moved are the nominated 5 'core' players in our Championship team that were advised to Basketball Tasmania in the leadup to the initial grading tournament.
- Coaches must be clear and concise with managers for any weekly team changes up, and or, down, from Championship and Shield teams. Players will need to register correctly for the team, or teams, that they will be playing for on that specific weekend. Please endeavor to allow ample time for Jan in the office to make sure that registrations are correct, once approved by the DBC Inc. Board Of Management.

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- Coaches should attempt to give all players playing time, but not even playing time. Players have been selected in their respective teams because they are seen as being capable of playing minutes. If this were not the case then a player should not have been selected. One suggestion is to use the second and third quarter to have everyone hit the court, then come the last quarter and the game is there to win, then do so. This should apply for both Championship and Shield teams.
- Parents must accept that there is no guarantee on a set level of playing time for their child. There are many factors that a coach must take into consideration when coaching a game, and this can vary greatly from week to week.
- The cancellation of the pre-season grading tournament has made any preliminary changes to teams difficult to assess. Because of this the club acknowledges that it could take some time to potentially get the team mix right.
- Our club head coach, Tony Webb, is available to consult on any final lineups for teams before the start of the TJBL season, and for discussion of any proposed changes throughout the course of the season. Any changes to team lineups would still need to be ratified by the DBC Inc. Board Of Management.
- Parents should not be approaching coaches directly after the game. If there are any concerns to be discussed with the coach then they should take place at least 24 hours after the game.
- If after speaking to the coach, a suitable resolution has not been made, any further conversations on the matter must go through our club liaison officers, Jo Wing - Vice President, and Simon Sturzaker - Independent.
- Championship coach to provide input across both Championship and Shield teams to help with a clear message for the full age group, assisting in a smooth transition for player movement between Championship and Shield levels.
- Shield team players identified as 'train on' players for Championship training must make themselves available for the team they have been selected in first. Ideally training cross over times are encouraged to be booked, where practical, so these players can get the opportunity to participate at both Championship and Shield practices.
- Players wishing to train, or in turn play, up an age group for a greater level of competition will be encouraged. Any reasoning to do so must be presented on a case by case basis to the DBC Inc. Board Of Management. Those requests will be heard by the DBC Inc. Board Of Management, and the decision of the board will be final.
- Managers are encouraged to generate a parent roster to assist in team and club duties such as canteen and game scoring. This structure should be set up to be fair on parents across the course of the season. The club greatly appreciates the help that our parents can give and every little bit is a huge help on game day.

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- Uniforms are the responsibility of each individual player for the course of the TJBL season. Uniforms are to be returned in the same level of condition as they were first taken. Any uniforms returned in an unacceptable state will incur a fee of \$30.00
- Parents must sign this club guideline document, as acceptance of reading, before the third game of the season.

We wish all of our representative teams the very best for the upcoming season.  
Play hard, play smart, play together and most importantly have fun.

Devonport Basketball Council Inc, Board Of Management.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_