




HECTORVILLE BASKETBALL CLUB

Player Team Placement Policy

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PLAYER TEAM PLACEMENT POLICY

PURPOSE

The Hectorville Basketball Club (**The Club**) is dedicated to fostering a dynamic and inclusive basketball community. Our mission is to offer a supportive, family-oriented environment where individuals of all ages and skill levels can engage in the sport, develop their abilities and increase their confidence. The Hectorville Basketball Club strives to promote teamwork, sportsmanship, and personal growth, fostering a love for the game that extends beyond the court.

The Club acknowledges that the team selection process can be a source of concern. We are committed to considering several factors as set out below, including players' previous team experiences, friendships, abilities, development opportunities, and the importance of balancing competitive play with enjoyment of the game. Additionally, the Club seeks to form teams that will be competitive in their respective grade levels.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all Members of the Club.

POLICY

The following steps outline how the Club places players in the Adelaide Community Basketball Association (ACBA) Junior Competitions.

DEFINITIONS

Team Placement Sub-Committee: Consists of the Chairperson, Coaches Coordinator, Junior Coordinator, Senior Coordinator, and selected coaches and committee members as voted in by the Hectorville Basketball Club Committee.

Skill-Based Player Session: A skills ability and on-court session for the Team Placement Sub-Committee to observe players who have been nominated to play in the applicable ACBA Junior Competition season.

Player Team Placement: The team in which a player will be a member for the applicable ACBA Junior Competition season.

Members: (i) are 18 years or over of age; (ii) participate in competitions and/or activities organised by the Club (whether as a player, parent or family member of a player, coach, assistant, or any other role or function recognised by the Club); and (iii) have paid all fees due to the Club.

Grievance Policy: The policy that provides for Members to raise grievance, dispute, and complaint concerns. The Grievance Policy is not applicable to the Player Team Placement Policy. Any concerns regarding Player Team Placement are to be managed through Section 2. (g) Concerns and Feedback.

1. PLACEMENT CRITERIA:

The Club is dedicated to fostering a dynamic and inclusive basketball community. Eligibility to play at the Club is open to all individuals who share our passion for basketball. Whether a beginner or experienced, we welcome all players.

Our mission is to provide a friendly, family-oriented atmosphere where players of all ages can develop their skills, build confidence, and enjoy the game.

Player Team Placement is a complex process involving several key factors to ensure a balanced and enjoyable experience for all players. These factors include age, friendships and previous teams, player development, player abilities, team chemistry, availability of coaches, training times, and venues. The Club strives to balance these considerations to make decisions that serve the best interests of the players and the Club as a whole.

The main principles we apply in placing players to teams are outlined below:

1. (a) **Age:** Aligning players by age helps us maintain continuity as they progress through the age groups. The cutoff dates for age groups are 1 May for the upcoming Summer Season and 1 October for the Winter Season. Applications to the ACBA for age exemptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Team Placement Sub-Committee.

1. (b) **Friendships and Previous Teams:** We understand the importance of friendships and past team experiences in a player's enjoyment of the game. For Players up to U12, we prioritise playing with friends. For older age groups, where possible, we will consider requests to keep friends together and maintain continuity from previous teams.

1. (c) **Player Development.** We aim to place players in teams where they will have the best opportunity to develop their skills and gain valuable playing experience.

1. (d) **Player Abilities.** Players thrive when matched with peers of similar abilities, and this alignment becomes increasingly important as they advance to higher age groups. We will use various methods to inform our decisions including gathering feedback on existing players based on their skill level, court performance, and overall game understanding, through training sessions and feedback from coaches. New players to the club, or players who have expressed a desire to move teams based on ability, will be invited to attend Skill-Based Player Sessions arranged by the Coaches Coordinator and evaluated by the Team Placement Sub-Committee.

1. (e) **Fun and Enjoyment.** The primary goal of our Club is to ensure that players have fun and develop a love for the game. Team placement will reflect this by promoting a positive and enjoyable experience for all players.

2. PLACEMENT PROCESS:

2. (a) **Intent to Play.** Players must submit an intent to play form with a \$50 non-refundable deposit (deducted from registration fees) by the specified deadline to be considered for team placement. This form will be distributed to all current and previous season players and collects information about the player's previous teams, friendships, and other considerations. These details help the Team Placement Sub-Committee gauge interest and plan accordingly. While we will do our best to accommodate specific requests, please note that there are no guarantees.

2. (b) **Payment of Registration Fees.** Players must pay the registration fees by the specified deadline. Failure to do so may result in the player being ineligible to play.

2. (c) **Skill-Based Player Session.** Players eligible to play in U12, U14, U16, and U18, may be requested to participate in a skill-based session at a time determined by the Coaches Coordinator. Skill-based sessions for players eligible to play in U8, and U10, will be determined and communicated to players and families if required. The Team Placement Sub-Committee will attend these sessions. Please note that failure to attend the session will affect a player's ability to raise concerns about their team placement.

2. (d) **Player Team Placement.** The Club will communicate team placements as soon as possible, with notifications sent to the nominated email address provided during registration. Teams will consist of no fewer than six (6) and no more than nine (9) players. Team division placement is determined by the ACBA's allocation to the Club. The Team Placement Sub-Committee will strive to nominate one (1) team for each premiership age category in the highest division allocated to the Club. Re-grading is undertaken by the ACBA after the season begins and is beyond the Club's control.

2. (e) **Late Withdrawals.** If a player withdraws from the team after the placement process is complete, the Club should be notified immediately. While efforts will be made to accommodate such changes, late withdrawals may affect team balance and overall planning. Any reimbursement of registration fees will be at the Club's discretion.

2. (f) **Late Registrations.** Players who register after the deadline will be placed on a waiting list. Their inclusion in a team will be subject to availability and the discretion of the Team Placement Sub-Committee. Late registrations may be required to undergo a skill-based evaluation.

2. (g) **Concerns and Feedback.** After the season starts, players seeking to transfer teams should communicate their intentions directly with the age group coordinators or their coach. It is preferred that this communication be in writing via email to hecciesbballcoordinators@gmail.com within one (1) week of team announcements. Each request will be considered individually, with decisions made in the best interests of both the player and the team. Flexibility and understanding are key to ensuring a positive experience for everyone.

Please note that beyond week three (3) of the season, the ACBA does not allow team composition changes; this is beyond the Club's control.

3. COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE:

The club is committed to continually improving the Player Team Placement process. Feedback from players and families is welcome and will be used to refine our approach each season. Please send feedback to hecciesbballcoordinators@gmail.com.au.

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

We acknowledge that no team placement process is perfect and that there will always be some level of concern. Our commitment is to be as fair and transparent as possible while prioritising the development, enjoyment, and well-being of all our players.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this process. Our aim is to create a supportive and positive environment where every player can thrive.