

## North West Newsletter 4th December 2009

### Welcome Back

It has been a while since our last newsletter and quite a few things have happened in that time frame. The Spring Phase has been completed although it only really consisted of a couple of weeks it was still beneficial to those associations that participated. The Grading Phase one is nearly complete with the last round this week and the remaining crossover round on the 11th of December. Fixtures for the cross-over games should be ready on the 8th (Tuesday) late afternoon. The Fixtures for the second Phase of Grading will be done leading up to Christmas and will be issued prior to the Christmas break. The second Phase of Grading commences 29th January 2010. If there are any associations that have late entry teams they must be in with the Administrator no later than Monday of next week. We have quite a number of late entries and they will all be given a game to participate in on the 11th December. Good luck in the coming weeks

### New Website

The old North West Website has been replaced by a new Regional Website this has only been in operation for a couple of weeks and is very similar to the VJBL Website. All the same information is now available on both Websites eg: Clearances, Venue Plans, Grading Maps and Scoresheets etc. plus all the information previously available on the former North West Website. Sportingpulse has directed all traffic from the old North West Website to the new Regional Website.

The website is [www.vjbl.com.au/index.php?id=113](http://www.vjbl.com.au/index.php?id=113)

### Changes in Office and Hours

The Administrator will be working a couple of days a week out of Basketball Victoria's Offices in at MSAC and the other days the Regional Office in Keilor

Monday-MSAC (9:30am - 4:30pm)

Tuesday-Keilor (9:00am - 4:00pm)

Wednesday-Keilor (9:00am - 4:00pm)

Thursday-MSAC (9:30am - 4:30pm)

Friday-Keilor (9:00am - 4:00pm)

Saturday-Keilor (only once season commences till noon)

The Administrator will be available by phone on 9336 7788 at all times during business hours even if in at Basketball Victoria's Offices (After hrs 0413 182 744) email: [nweq@bigpond.com](mailto:nweq@bigpond.com)

[Basketball Victoria Ph No. 9927 6666](tel:99276666) This may change in March 2010



### Broadmeadows Two New Courts

Broadmeadows Stadium Manager Terri Sutton, Peter Jackson from the Broadmeadows Association with Wayne Bird CEO of Basketball Victoria at the opening of the two new courts at the Broadmeadows Basketball Stadium.

See story on page 3

### REGIONAL CHALLENGE

With the success of the Regional Challenge held in July 2009 it has been decided that it will become an annual event between the two Regional Competitions. It is an invitational event where teams are invited from each Region in all age groups to represent their Region in a one off game against the opposing Region. With the Region with the most wins in the Challenge games earning the David Hickman Shield. It is hoped to run the Challenge on either the 2nd or 9th of July 2010

### ASSOCIATION VISITS

The Regional Administrator will be spending time visiting associations to assist them in Regional competition matters. These visits are to be in all areas of regional basketball including some new associations in the outer metropolitan Melbourne. The aim is to assist associations considering entry into Regional Competitions or helping existing associations develop more teams at the representative level.

### HEAT POLICY Amendments

All Stadiums must be fitted with a thermometer. On hot days, court temperature must be taken hourly whilst the stadium is in use and must be recorded in a permanent record kept at the stadium. If the stadium is in sections, the temperature must be taken in each section.

When the court temperature reaches 30 degrees Celsius competition organisers must consider implementing and where the court temperature reaches 35 degrees Celsius, must implement the following timing rules:

If a game is played in halves, the game time must be reduced by 2 minutes per half with 2 team timeouts per half. The clock must stop for each timeout and the referee must call an additional timeout close to the half way mark in each half. Each team must call a timeout before the compulsory timeout. In the event the coaches do not call a timeout as required, the referees will intervene and call a timeout and attribute them to the respective teams.

If a game is played in quarters, the referees must call an additional compulsory timeout in each quarter if no timeout has been called by half way through the quarter.

The clock must stop for every whistle in the last minute of the first half and the last 3 minutes of the second half (this may be modified for local conditions in domestic basketball).

When the court temperature reaches 40 degrees Celsius games must be abandoned. Subject to any rule or ruling by a competition organizer.

If a game is abandoned before it commences or before or at half time it is counted as a draw

If a game is abandoned after half time, the game score stands as a final result.

### INTERVENUE PASSES & VENUE CHARGES

Spectators should not be issued with such passes until they leave the venue.

Venue charges do vary from venue to venue. We must recognise some associations are charged huge rentals and need to cover costs. All venues deserve your honesty as they have significant running costs and venue managers have many calls on finance in these days of concern and safety, avoidance of discrimination, reporting responsibilities etc.

However if a particular venue seems to have charges significantly higher than others, you are welcome to complain through your association to the Competition Administrator.

Please do not abuse the doorkeeper who does not set the charges.

**Note: All players must pay at the venue at which they will be playing.**

CHANGES FOR THE 2010 SEASON effective immediately and are summaries are as follows:

**Competition Structure – Victorian Championship League (U12, U14 & U16)**

20 teams will grade into the Victorian Championship League (VC) teams will be split into two separate conferences (Ashe and Watson) as per the grading map. At the completion of Round #9 the top five placed teams from both conferences will be placed into one pool (Championship) with the bottom five teams from each conference will be placed into another pool (VC Reserve.)

Each team will carry over their win/loss record but not their percentage.

Teams will play the final nine rounds within their pool (Championship and Championship Reserve) and the top eight teams from each pool will compete in a separate top 8 finals series.

**2. Competition Structure – Under 12 VJL1 and VJL2** The structure of the U12VJL1 and VJL2 grades will be as follows:

20 teams (21-40) will grade into VJL1 and the following 20 teams (41-60) will grade into VJL2. Teams in both grades will be split into two geographically located pools of ten teams who will play an 18 round season, playing each team in their pool twice.

Each pool will play a top five finals series.

Neutral games may be scheduled at the administrator's discretion.

**3. Rule Change – Under 20 Competition (all grades)** 24 second shot clock will be introduced to all Under 20 Games (equipment pending) for the 2010 season, commencing on 29th January

**Broadmeadows Score Two New Courts**

After 11 months of construction work, the revamped stadium features four courts in total – in addition to three courts directly next door.

The \$4 million extension to the Broadmeadows Leisure Centre will help meet the huge demand for basketball facilities in Hume.

More than 7000 people a week play, train or watch basketball at the centre.

Hume Broncos players tested out the new courts during tryouts and they give them the thumbs up!

Mayor Jack Ogilvie said the upgrade would be a huge contribution to Hume's active community. "With the community growing, it is great to see that our recreational spaces are growing with them," he said.

Broadmeadows Basketball Association President Glen Milner, who has been involved in the association since its inception in 1978 said decades of lobbying for more courts had finally paid off.

The works included 66 car parking spaces underneath the centre and environmentally sustainable design elements such as the harvesting of roof water for toilet flushing.

The courts are fully operational so next time you are at Broadmeadows for a game make sure you check the new facilities out.

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Friday 9am till 4pm Keilor

Saturday 9am till 12pm (Results Only) Keilor



Don't **forget** the Eltham Tournament in 2010

Enquiries - Phone 9439 5686 or [ewbc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ewbc@bigpond.net.au)  
[www.elthamwildcats.org.au](http://www.elthamwildcats.org.au) [www.dandenongbasketball.org](http://www.dandenongbasketball.org)

Will be held on the evening of the Thursday 21st January (Optional) - Friday 22nd January (Evening) Saturday 23rd January- Sunday 24th January.

To be played at the Eltham Basketball Centre and Dandenong Basketball Centre and other First Class Venues.

Entries close 10th December and can entry forms can be found on the [tournament website](#).

### Leader Newsgroups

The Leader Group is still displaying all NWC results in their local newspapers in the Northern and Western suburbs. There has been local stories on players and a whole page spread on the development of the North West as well. Any interesting stories of players, teams, Association functions, camps, employment opportunities etc. that you would like published can be submitted to the North West Office and they will be passed onto the Leader for publication in their weekly local papers.

### PROBLEMS ON FRIDAY NIGHT

If there are traveling problems on the night, please contact the venue and the Eastern Office on (Leah on 9439-5686) to keep us informed. Most venues are prepared to be flexible in genuine cases of accidents and/or road blockages. For any other emergencies call the VJBL after hours number 0430541847

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