

North West Newsletter 26th March 2010

Season Starts

The Championship Season got off to a great start with plenty of close games and a number of draws which makes the grading all worth while. With only tonight's game before the break teams will be going all out chasing another or their first win. Fixtures up to round five should be released today with the another four rounds issued around the week we come back. We will only release fixtures to round nine, as this is when the Vic Championship sections are divided. It would be useless to issue fixtures for the remaining nine games as there would be too many changes, (New Fixtures need to be done for Vic Championship sections).

New Website

The website has all information required by participants and parents, If you are seeking fixtures and results just put cursor on fixtures and results tab, four options will open up Fixtures & Results, Fixtures in pdf format, Fixture Changes and Results in pdf format, just click on option required. Under the Information tab there are a vast number of topics including Policy's, Clearances, Associations Resources (this includes Venue Plan), Association Notices (may include try-outs, tournaments etc), Competition (Rules and Regulations and other information in regards to the Competitions), Venues (Full listing of all venues hosting games). The Regional News tab has both North and East Newsletters.

The website is www.vjbl.com.au/index.php?id=113 or go to the VJBL website and click on the Regional link.

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 (9:00am 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) or 9927 6628

[email:nweq@bigpond.com](mailto:nweq@bigpond.com) This all may change in March 2010

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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.

BASKETBALLS - NORTH WEST 10th Anniversary Celebrations

We still have some basketballs to issue to the North associations that missed out on their allocation last season. If your association has not received their allocation please contact the Administrator over the coming weeks and we will endeavour to get them out to you association as part of the North West 10th Anniversary year. Email:nweq@bigpond.com or phone 9336 7788.

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.

CAN YOU HELP US WITH A GRADE REVIEW or SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

We would love to hear from Coaches or Organisers prepared to provide grade reviews or special highlights for sections of the North or the East. These would be included in the newsletter published each week for all to see. If you can assist please forward your reviews or highlights to the Administrator by email at nweq@bigpond.com. No later than Thursday of each week.

JTW Business & Sports Consultancy

Specialising in Income tax Returns and Financial Statements for all individuals and Trading Identities. We are pleased to announce the opening of our new premises at 231 Melville Rd. Pascoe Vale South.

Telephone 9078 1156 Fax: 9354 1014

If there are travelling problems on the night, please contact the venue and our office (Leah on 9439-5686) to keep us informed. Most venues are prepared to be flexible in genuine cases of accidents and/or road blockages.

To verify participation in a game players must sign the back of the scoresheet in a consistent manner. Along side this signature their name should be written in block letters.

KEEPING TIME

Timekeepers have a big responsibility. They should be aware when coaches have notified them that they need a time out or a substitution. They should sound the buzzer to make sure referees know of this requirement.

They control the display board for progressive scores and foul count, and these should be **checked regularly** with the scorer to make sure the display board is not misleading participants.

A very high priority is to make sure the clock is stopped on every whistle in the last one minute of the first half and last three of the second half (and all time outs). This should be an **immediate reaction**. The clock should be started again as soon as the ball touches a player in court.

VENUE CHARGES AND INTERVENUE PASSES.

Venue charges vary from venue to venue. The normal door charge is \$2.00, with team fees ("scoresheet charge") varying according to the length of the game and the particular contingencies of various venues.

All venues are required to supply inter-venue passes, so spectators do not have to pay twice at different venues. Intervene passes should not be supplied until the spectators are leaving the venue. They cannot be demanded on entry.

A player who has just played can also obtain a spectator pass for another venue, provided he or she is not going to play again for another age group. **ALL PLAYERS MUST PAY AT THE VENUE AT WHICH THEY PLAY, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED AT ANY OTHER VENUE.**

The problem which arises most often is where a player goes to a game as a spectator before he or she plays at another venue. The player or parent of the player, has to convince the door supervisor that the person is playing at a different venue later. Good luck! It is not a right, but some door supervisors are prepared to be convinced by adequate evidence.

UNIFORM CONTRAST.

Home teams are reminded that they are responsible for changing uniform to provide colour contrast.

Where a game is at a "neutral" venue, the home team is the team named first.

HAVE A COPY OF THE RULES OF OPERATION

It is wise for someone in every team to have a copy of the Rules of Operation with them for reference in case of a dispute. The Rules of Operation are on the VJBL web site. The only distinctive regional playing rule is that games may start with four players.