

North West Newsletter 5th February 2010

Welcome Back Again

It has been 2 months since our last newsletter and quite a few things have happened in that time frame. Grading Phase one has been completed and teams have dropped back into the Regional Grading. Grading Phase two is one round old and going by the results it looks as though it is going to be another very even season. Teams from the metro pools will start to fall back to the Regionals after round 3 and crossover games commence 19th February.

A few reminders:

1. Scoresheets must be signed by all participating players (on back of sheet alongside printed name) to qualify for crossovers.
2. Name of Coach must be on scoresheet.
3. There are no points penalty for incorrect uniform, but serious departures from uniform may disqualify a player from taking the court.
4. Be aware of the Climate Policy of BV throughout the hotter months.
5. Scoresheets will now all go to the one simple address in at MSAC:

VJBL
Box 3 Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre
Aughtie Drive
Albert Park 3206

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The old North West Website has been replaced by a new Regional Website this has only been in operation for a couple of weeks and is very similar to the VJBL Website.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

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

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)

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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

NORTH WEST OFFICE DETAILS

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Friday 9am till 4pm Keilor

Saturday 9am till 12pm (Results Only) Keilor

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SATURDAY 13TH FEB 2010 - 1:00 PM

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