



WAROONA REDBACKS

JUNIOR COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Waroona Redbacks Junior Basketball Committee held their pre-season and team selection meeting last night.

With the introduction of Aussie Hoops in 2016/17 the committee have been able to make some significant changes to the competition for our younger age groups. In addition, age groups have changed for our boy's competition as a result of nomination numbers.

Age groups will be as follows:

GIRLS			BOYS		
Age Group	Years	Teams	Age Group	Years	Teams
Aussie Hoops	2009 to 2011	N/A	Aussie Hoops	2009 to 2011	N/A
Under 11's	2007 to 2008	4	Under 12's	2006 to 2008	5
Under 14's	2004 to 2006	5	Under 15's	2003 to 2005	6
Under 18's	2000 to 2003	5	Under 18's	2000 to 2002	4

The introduction of Aussie Hoops has allowed us to make some changes to the rules for our youngest age groups. Under 11 girls and Under 12 boys will run under full competition rules with the exception of the lowered rings. The committee will meet at the Christmas break to discuss raising the rings for the second half of the season. Full competition rules mean no modified rules, they will be scoring like other age groups, they will play finals and there will be trophies.

Aussie Hoops – Parents will be contacted separately to this email as they will be required to nominate and pay their fees direct to Aussie Hoops prior to the commencement of the season. Aussie Hoops will be run by Mandurah Magic and will commence on Thursday 20th October 2016 for eight weeks. It is anticipated that the session will run from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Aussie Hoops Coordinators Shanoah Pitter and Rebecca Lorimer along with committee member Stephen Cook have been working with Mandurah Magic's Development Officer to get this program up and running at our club and we are very excited to see the program up and running.

Team Grading Night – Team grading night will be held Wednesday 14th September 2016 at the following time slots.

AGE GROUP (See yr groups above)	TIME SLOTS
Under 11 Girls & Under 12 Boys	5.00pm to 5.30pm
Under 14 Girls & Under 15 Boys	5.30pm to 6.00pm
Under 18 Girls & Under 18 Boys	6.00pm to 6.30pm

Team grading is an information session for players and parents. All players should attend. There will be no scratch matches so players are not required to wear basketball gear. Children will find out what

team they are in and coaches and team managers will either be allocated or requested. Team managers will be given their team manager files and uniforms. Please refrain from bringing balls to the court on team grading night.

Coaches & Team Managers – Many teams do not have coaches or team managers. If your child is playing please consider one of these roles. All coaches must be over the age of 18. Teams will be unable to take to the court without both a coach and a team manager. Please contact Kirsty Ferraro on 0488 331 042 if you are interested in either of these roles.

New Committee Members – We would like to welcome Shanoah Pitter and Rebecca Lorimer to the committee as our Aussie Hoops coordinators and we also like to welcome Jenni Tieleman, Kellie Farmer, Rickardo Jetta and Belinda Curtis who have all joined our general committee. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank two retired committee members Lee Davis and Cassey Ingram who have resigned from the committee due to other commitments.

Season Dates

The season will commence on Wednesday 12th October 2016. Parents are reminded to inform their children that NO privately owned basketballs will be allowed at the courts on game nights. Coaches are allowed to bring a warm up ball which should be put away following the warm up. Unwarranted behaviour will not be tolerated from players, coaches, parents and spectators. Let's make this season our most enjoyable yet.