



Collingwood Basketball Association

Representative Program

Tournaments Policy

Rationale

The aim of this policy is to set out the principles upon which Collingwood Basketball Association supports involvement in tournaments throughout the year. It applies specifically to teams in the Representative Program although it also is applicable for domestic teams if they are of an appropriate standard and wish to enter a tournament.

Guidance

Why the club supports participation in tournaments

Although winning a tournament final is exciting, it is not the primary aim of our tournament participation. We participate in tournaments to:

- Improve team dynamics;
- Allow coaches to put in to place new moves and try players in different positions, forward to guard etc.
- Help players that need more court time than they receive in the normal Friday night competition;
- Socialise and spend time together to bond the team; and
- Have fun.

Priority of various tournaments

There are many tournaments listed on the Victorian Basketball Association website.

All Collingwood players in representative basketball are expected to participate in tournaments.

Except in the case of a long term family commitment, all Representative team players are expected to be available for the Eltham tournament, usually held in January during the last weekend prior to school returning. It is also expected that

Representative teams will be involved in at least one other tournament throughout the year.

The tournaments supported/played by Collingwood Basketball club in the past include:

- Eltham Tournament – late January;
- Norwood, SA – Easter;
- Ballarat – Queen’s Birthday weekend;
- Nunawading – Queen’s Birthday weekend;
- Melbourne Tigers – July School Holidays

Teams are encouraged to make plans early and to carry out ongoing communication so families are fully aware of expectations and arrangements.

Making arrangements

Collingwood teams wishing to play in any tournaments (other than the mandatory Eltham tournament in January) are expected to:

- advise the tournaments manager of their intention to enter, and of final arrangements if practicable (not necessarily detailed);
- arrange for the registration/entry fee for the tournament to be paid through the club rather than through an individual (although the actual fee amount needs to be generated by the team itself);
- ensure that all members of the team are given the opportunity to attend;
- ensure that those players unable to attend for financial, illness or genuine family reasons remain fully included in the team prior to and following the tournament;
- advise the tournaments manager after the tournament of the team/s results and any highlights/lowlights of team participation in the tournament;
- ensure that entry of a team into a tournament does not significantly impact upon the ability of that team or other teams (eg domestic teams) to participate in their normal fixtured competition (note that the tournaments mentioned above are conducted on dates when normal domestic and representative competition is not fixtured).
- Except in circumstances determined by the Committee of Management or its representative in the case of a special requirement, all accommodation shall be booked by individual families and in the name of those families.

- A team representative may arrange group accommodation for the teams attending an away tournament but it is recommended that bookings be in individual family names. Information can be obtained from previous tournament organisers on travel and accommodation. Contact the club for this information.
- The Club does not accept any liability for cancellations or damage at any place of accommodation. Such liability shall be entirely the responsibility of those who made the booking.

Support (administrative & financial) that may be considered

Except in special circumstances indicated below, all tournaments shall be on a user pay basis. Requests for special circumstance consideration can be made to the tournaments manager.

An amount for accommodation or travel costs may be made available to coaches, upon appropriate submission. This request should be made in writing to the Collingwood Basketball Association.

Considerations for coaches/managers/players/parents whilst away representing the club on tournaments

- **Team**

Basketball is a team game. We encourage the players to socialise and bond together. Tournaments, especially those away from home, provide an opportunity for team bonding for children, parents and coaches.

Parents and Carers are responsible for maintaining supervision of conduct during tournaments.

- **Player**

That they will play to the best of their ability no matter what the score. Listen and respect their coach, other players (both their team and the opposition), referees, and parents.

Basketball is a tough game with quite a lot of legitimate physical contact and eager team spirit is encouraged. However all actions when representing Collingwood All Stars must be within the bounds of sportsmanship.

If staying at a hotel/accommodation (away from home) it is expected that you treat the property of the accommodation with respect.

- **Parents**

Encourage and support your child to participate at these tournaments Parents too, are part of the team. It is expected that the parents will willingly help with transporting the children to the venues, help with the scoring at the games and use the same 'code of conduct' as expected during the normal season.

If you are not attending a tournament (away from Melbourne) yourself, your child must be left under the care of another responsible adult who will be responsible for your child's actions and behaviour during the period they are at the tournament. It should be advised to both your team manager and the tournament organiser, who is responsible for your child, if you are not attending a tournament away from Melbourne.

- **Coach**

That they will give fair and reasonable court time for all players travelling to tournaments (not necessarily equal court time). This will however, depend on fouls, injuries, attitude and behaviour of the player during the tournament and at each game. Coaches expect players to support each other, to be friendly and to understand that everyone has strengths and weaknesses.

If a team at a tournament uses 'fill-in' or 'guest' players in order to make up sufficient numbers, it is expected that those players be given sufficient court time to make their attendance worthwhile and enjoyable, but not to be given additional court time in preference over regular members of the team (refer to 'Why the club supports participation in Tournaments' at the start of this document).

During non-game times, the coach is expected to continue to show a good example to the players in his/her own team as well as with all other players.

Dispute resolution during tournaments

- Your coach or team manager should be your first point of contact for any dispute that arises, especially if the issue needs to be dealt with at the tournament. The onsite tournament organiser could also be consulted.
- Issues, such as court time, individual player development etc, should be discussed with the Coach at a mutually convenient time (not immediately after a game) but as soon as possible at the tournament.

Behaviour and supervision

- As not all parents attend tournaments (especially those away from Melbourne/home), some players are left under the care of another adult. It is expected that this adult will ensure the proper behaviour of all players under their care whether it be their own child or one under their care.
- When in shared or group accommodation it is often tempting for parents and carers to relax or socialise while assuming that others might be supervising their own or other children. Please understand that the club expects and requires that those parents remain responsible for that supervision at all times, and to ensure that adequate supervision and guidance is being provided.
- If the behaviour of a player is deemed to be inappropriate and warnings have already been given, then it could be necessary that arrangements are made for the player to be returned home by the parent or adult in charge of that player.