



Guidelines for Selection of Domestic Teams – Winter 2026

Purpose

At the Collingwood Basketball Association (the Club), we recognise that children join a basketball club for a range of reasons. These can typically be expected to include the development of basketball skills as well as health and fitness, social connections, sense of belonging and active participation in the local community. The Club aims to deliver a domestic program that recognises this range of aspirations.

These guidelines aim to clarify our team selection criteria, whilst acknowledging that player aspirations are varied and can change over time.

When determining domestic team composition, the Club will be guided by:

- Playing ability
- Team balance
- Friend preferences of players communicated to the Club through the completion of the registration form
- Development for future seasons (Domestic & Representative)
- Ability to attend Domestic training
- Accessibility and inclusion needs

For ages U9-U13 team selection will be weighted towards like skills. Players may nominate friends they would like to play with, and we aim for everyone to have at least one friend. This may not always be possible, and we encourage you to talk to your children and young people about this.

For ages U15-U21 we weight teams more towards social requests, especially at lower levels. Players should be at a similar level so everyone gets the most out of the program.

Size of Team

The Club will aim to build teams with 7-8 players, subject to the limitations of registered players in each age group.

Larger teams may be selected to meet specific needs of players.

Playing Out of Age Group

The preferred position of the Club is that players are expected to play in their age group. Occasionally, players or their parents/carers may request that players are included in a team out of their age group.

- A parent must make a written request to the Junior Domestic Manager giving reasons, if they want their child to play in a higher age group. This should occur before the composition meetings take place. When determining a players request to play up, the Club will consider the players ability and maturity to play in a higher aged group and the viability of other teams in the affected age groups.

Implementation

Before the commencement of each season, two Team Composition Sub-Committees will be formed, one for boys and one for girls.

A team composition sub-committee member is not required to be a committee member.

Team composition meetings will be held approximately 2-3 weeks before the full team lists need to be submitted to the EDJBA.

The final team composition is to be determined by the Team Composition sub-committee.

WHAT IF I AM NOT SATISFIED WITH MY TEAM SELECTION?

Care has been put into the selection of teams and many factors are taken in to account to create the best teams possible. If you are not happy with your team selection, we ask that you take time before responding. In most cases, players that are apprehensive about the team are happy once they get to training and join in their team.

Feedback regarding team selection will only be addressed if it is via the club feedback form. No phone calls or emails will be considered.

Changes will not be made to teams until after the first week of training.

Team Selection Committee members will respond to feedback after the first week of training is completed.

We understand that under possible circumstances, your child may need to withdraw from playing basketball here at the All Stars. Please read and become aware of our refund policy which applies to all participants within the All Stars.