

## **Junior Basketball Club Team Formation Policy**

At the Derinya Basketball Club, our foremost priority is the happiness, well-being, development and longevity of our junior players. To foster a positive and nurturing environment, we have established the following team formation policy.

The Derinya Basketball Club will facilitate Team Formation when teams transition from top age under 8's to bottom age under 10's. This happens at the conclusion of the Summer season. For all other age groups, the DBC will facilitate team formation upon expression of interest via feedback survey.

### **Player Placement:**

We strive to assign players to teams that align with their age and skill levels. This approach ensures balanced competition and facilitates effective skill development. Player placement is based on a combination of factors, including skill assessments, past performance, coach feedback, and, where applicable, DBC team formation sessions. Our goal is to provide an environment where each player can develop their skills at an appropriate pace while contributing to the success of their team. We also consider positional needs to create well-rounded teams that encourage teamwork and growth.

DBC reserves the right to fill teams of less than 8 players with an unallocated player of a similar skill set. This is to ensure as many players who want to play are a part of a team.

**Team Formation Considerations:** In forming teams, we evaluate several factors:

- **Safety:** Ensuring that all players compete in an environment appropriate to their physical and skill levels to minimise injury risks.
- **Skill Development:** Balancing teams so that all members have equitable opportunities for ball handling and participation, limiting dominance by a few players.
- **Instructional Balance:** Forming teams where players' skill levels are comparable, allowing coaches to run training that address the team's collective needs without disproportionate focus on basic skills for some players.
- **Team Dynamics:** Considering previous playing history, attitude, commitment, and teamwork to foster a positive playing environment where players can thrive both individually and collectively.
- **Coach Assessments:** Seeking input from coaches who have observed players in previous seasons to make informed decisions about their placement.
- **Competition Level:** Ensuring teams are placed in appropriate divisions to provide a challenging yet achievable level of competition, enhancing player enjoyment and growth.
- **Friendship and Social Factors:** We acknowledge the importance of friendships and social connections, which will be considered during team formation.

By adhering to this policy, we aim to create a fair, safe, and enjoyable basketball experience for all our junior players. The policy will act as a guide for the DBC and we reserve the right to retract, amend or implement the policy as required.

## Frequently Asked Questions - Team Formation Policy

### ***Q: What is the main priority when forming junior teams?***

A: The happiness, well-being, and development of junior players is our primary focus when forming teams.

### ***Q: How are players assigned to teams?***

A: Players are assigned based on multiple factors including:

- Age and skill level assessments
- Past performance
- Coach feedback
- DBC team formation sessions (where applicable)
- Positional requirements
- Social connections

### ***Q: What safety measures are considered?***

A: We ensure players compete in environments appropriate to their physical and skill levels to minimise injury risks.

### ***Q: How do you manage skill development within teams?***

A: Teams are balanced to provide:

- Equal opportunities for ball handling and participation
- Prevention of player dominance
- Comparable skill levels among teammates
- Appropriate practice sessions that benefit the whole team

### ***Q: Are friendship groups considered in team formation?***

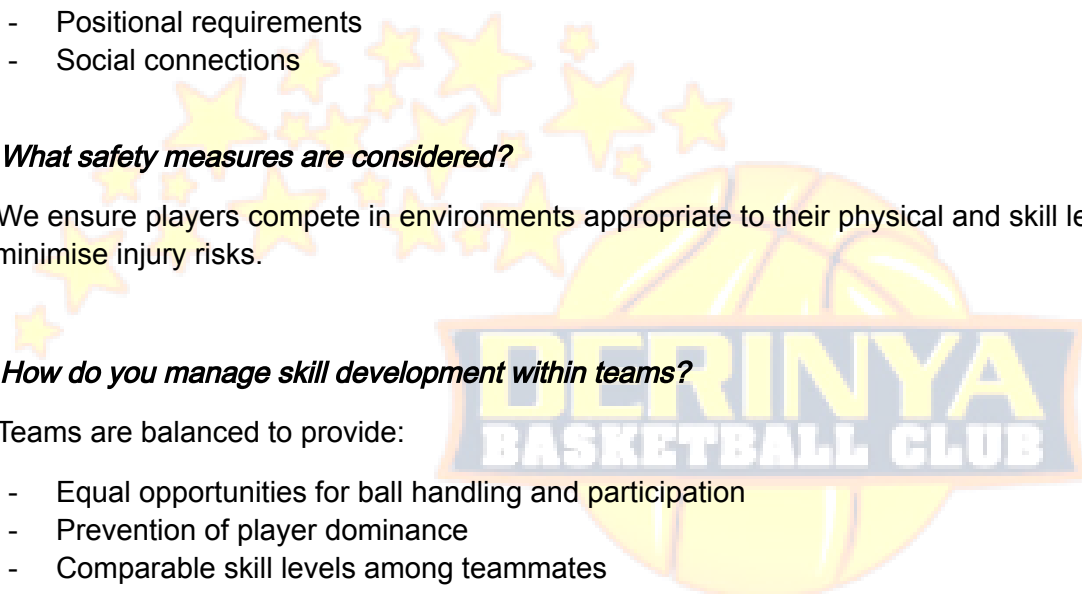
A: We acknowledge the importance of friendships and social connections and these will be considered where possible in forming teams.

### ***Q: What role do coaches play in team formation?***

A: Coaches provide valuable input based on their observations of players from previous seasons to help inform placement decisions.

### ***Q: How do you determine the appropriate competition level?***

A: Teams are placed in FDBA divisions that provide:



- A challenging yet achievable level of competition
- Opportunities for player enjoyment
- Room for skill growth and development
- FDBA will grade teams over the first four rounds of every season
  - o please refer to the FDBA domestic competition grading policy

***Q: What factors are considered for team dynamics?***

A: We evaluate:

- Previous playing history
- Player attitude
- Commitment levels
- Teamwork capabilities
- Social interactions

***Q: Which teams will undergo team formation?***

A: Top age Under 8's moving into bottom age Under 10's. This happens at the Summer to Winter crossover, typically in the March of each year for that cohort.

All other teams will be invited via a surveyed expression of interest which will guide the committee to address that cohort.

