



Derinya 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 and provided we have either a minimum of THREE teams on board, or the expressed consent of ALL players/families involved in TWO teams.

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.

It is also important to note the DBC reserves the right to fill teams of less than 9 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. Please see our Player Inclusion Policy for more details.

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 both physical and emotional 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 for all team members, enhancing player enjoyment and growth.
- **Friendship and Social Factors:** We acknowledge the importance of friendships and social connections, which will be considered where possible 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.

