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## 2. Purpose

The purpose of these Membership Rules are to:

- 2.1. Ensure an inclusive sporting environment for players of all ages and skill levels.
- 2.2. Provide a safe and respectful environment for our members, and all involved in the Dingoes.
- 2.3. Support the club's values of "Courtesy, Fairness, Growth, Teamwork, and Excellence".

## 3. Definitions

For the purpose of these Rules the following definitions apply:

- 3.1. The Club – Eynesbury Dingoes Basketball Club Inc.
- 3.2. Committee – Those elected through the Club AGM to manage and run the Club.
- 3.3. Member - A player, the parent/s or legal guardian/s of a player, any team official (coach or team manager) who is not otherwise a parent, an elected member or A Life Member.

*A member by this definition is not necessarily a member under the Constitution of the Eynesbury Dingoes Basketball Club Inc.*

## 4. Who these rules apply to

- 4.1. These rules apply to all members of the Club, as defined in Rule 2 above.
- 4.2. These rules also apply to spectators of games, and others present at club training and club events and functions.

## 5. Registration and Fees

- 5.1. All players are required to complete the Club's registration process prior to the commencement of each season.
- 5.2. All players are required to pay the prescribed Membership Fees, as per the Dingoes Fee Schedule, each season, by the due date.
- 5.3. Membership Fees are due prior to the commencement of the new season, or as notified by the Club.
- 5.4. A player who fails to pay the required Membership Fees by the due date will be suspended from participating with a team (including training) until such payment is made.
- 5.5. A player who has outstanding Membership Fees will not be granted a clearance to another club until outstanding debt is cleared.

## 6. No Pay No Play

- 6.1. A member who has not met the financial obligations of either lump sum up front payment or payment plans will be prevented from further participation in both games or training.

## 7. Discounts

- 7.1. The club may from time to time offer discounts for various reasons. These could include:
  - a. Family member discounts
  - b. Coaches discounts
- 7.2. Discounts and eligibility will be publicised in the Dingoes Schedule of fees.

## 8. Payment Plan

- 8.1. Where a lump sum payment is proving difficult, arrangements can be made with the Treasurer to enter into a payment plan.
- 8.2. The plan must have the fees paid by the start of finals of the current playing season.
- 8.3. There will be no carry over of unpaid fees to the next season.
- 8.4. Provision of a payment plan is at the sole discretion of the Treasurer after consideration of past compliance with these rules.
- 8.5. A family denied a payment plan may request a review of the decision by the full Committee

## 9. Refunds

- 9.1. Once you accept an offer to play for the club by registering with Dingoes, then

full fees will be charged, even if you later decide not to play.

9.2. Refunds will be prorated amounts based on games played and will only be given under exceptional circumstances for example:

- Medical – Medical reasons for the refund must be made via email to the Treasurer and will need to be substantiated by a Doctor's Certificate.
- Relocation – May be applicable for families relocating to a residence outside of a 30 km zone from Eynesbury Township. The refund application must be made via email to the Treasurer.

9.3. Refunds will not be provided on uniform or merchandise purchases due to change of mind.

#### **10. Debt Collection**

10.1. Any outstanding fees that cannot be recovered will be given to the club debt collectors.

#### **11. Team Formation**

11.1. Teams are formed at the sole discretion of the appointed Recruitment Coordinator, with the approval of the Committee.

11.2. Teams are formed to provide the best outcome consistent with the values and purpose of the Club.

11.3. While consideration is given to requests from Parents, Coaches and others in formation of teams, final decisions are made by the Committee, and may not meet parent or player requests.

11.4. To best meet the needs of the purpose of the Club, teams are generally limited to 8 players per team to maximise court time and opportunity for player development.

11.5. Teams may have more than 8 players under the following conditions:

- During aging up of players, in order to prevent turning away of existing members where number of players and available teams do not allow maximum of 8 players.
- After consultation with all parents or guardians of players within the team.
- Other reasons as deemed appropriate by the Committee and in line with the purpose and values of the Club.

#### **12. Recruitment Wait List**

- The Club will maintain a wait list for each age group when number of interested players exceed available places.
- Priority of wait list will be by date player added to the waitlist (first in)
- Siblings of existing players will have priority over existing wait list entries, with
- Wait list position numbers will not be made known to those on the list, or their parents/guardians.

#### **13. Abandonment of Team Position**

- A player/member may be deemed to have abandoned their position within a team, and the club if any of the following have occurred:
  - The player has not attended 5 consecutive training sessions and games, is up to date with all financial commitments and has not communicated with the Team Manager or Committee to notify of absence.
  - The player has not attended 3 consecutive training sessions and games, is NOT up to date with all financial commitments and has not communicated with the Team Manager or Committee to notify of absence.
  - At the conclusion of season, when requested to notify of intent to return, no response is received prior to the completion of that season (ie Grand Final is played).
- The Committee, at its sole discretion, may decide to not declare a player as abandoned their position after consideration of circumstances in any particular case.

#### **14. Communication**

- From time to time the Club will communicate with members via email and other electronic means. Members must provide the Club with a valid email address for communication and notify any change of email address within 7 days.
- All communication between the Club and its members, between team representatives and members, and member-to- member, in whatever form, must be Club-related, appropriate and not offend, intimidate, humiliate or bully another person, or bring the Club into disrepute.

**15. Complaints**

- 15.1. Concerns or complaints regarding team or player issues should, if possible, first be addressed to the team manager.
- 15.2. If the matter cannot be resolved within the team or you do not feel comfortable raising the matter with a team representative, refer the matter to the Coach Coordinator, Team Manager Coordinator or other Committee Member who will act in accordance with our Complaints Management Process

**16. Training**

- 16.1. Respect our training venues and equipment. Willful damage will result in disciplinary action.
- 16.2. Attend all training sessions. If you are unable to attend training give your coach and/or team manager, the courtesy of letting them know.
- 16.3. Children in U12 and below must attend training sessions in the presence of a parent or guardian at all times, even during training. The Club is not able to provide adequate supervision for these younger children if at the venue without a nominated adult.
- 16.4. Lone children in U14 to U19 teams must arrive no earlier than 30 minutes, and stay no later than 30 minutes, unless waiting for a siblings training session.
- 16.5. No person attending the training venue should interfere with a training session currently underway.
- 16.6. Failure to abide by these training venue rules may result in being asked to leave the venue, or a banning from attending training.

**17. Coach and Team Manager Rules**

- 17.1. As a team official of a Dingoes Basketball Club team you are a representative of the Club and must act in accordance with our rules and our values.
- 17.2. The acceptance of a volunteer to a role of coach or team manager is always at the discretion of the Club.
- 17.3. In addition to the Membership Rules above, it is expected that you will:
- 17.4. Uphold the Club's values of Courtesy, Fairness, Growth, Teamwork, and Excellence at all times.
- 17.5. Act with integrity and do not behave in any way that will bring the Club or your own reputation into disrepute.
- 17.6. Respond promptly to enquiries or requests made by the coach

- Coordinator or other Committee Members.
- 17.7. Enforce the Club's fee payment policy and do not allow any player to participate with the team where you have been notified of their noncurrent financial status.
- 17.8. Have a valid Working with Children card.
- 17.9. Accept new members placed in your team.
- 17.10. Keep in mind that your first priority is for your players to have fun.
- 17.11. Instill the values of team-work and good sportsmanship in your players.
- 17.12. Have your teams work to their best results and not throw games for a better result in a lower graded competition.
- 17.13. Not yell at your players or belittle them in any way. Remember they are children learning to play. Use positive reinforcement instead.
- 17.14. Remember that basketball is a team sport. Give all players a fair and reasonable amount of court time, encourage players to share the ball and play as a team.
- 17.15. Value each player equally. Domestic basketball is about participation and each team member has something to contribute.
- 17.16. Respect the referees. Abuse of referees sets a bad example for our children and may result in a report and Tribunal hearing.
- 17.17. Respect the opposition players and coaches.
- 17.18. Not attempt to "stack" your team with representative-level players to create a "Super team".
- 17.19. Not "poach" players from other clubs or from other Dingoes teams.
- 17.20. Not attempt to introduce new members to your team without first consulting the Recruitment Coordinator.
- 17.21. Keep in mind the age and stage of the children you are coaching and adapt your communication and coaching style accordingly.
- 17.22. Vacate the training court promptly at the end of your session as other teams and organisations also use the courts. Do not over-stay your allotted time.
- 17.23. Observe the Club's Charter for Coaches on Player Development.

**18. Member Conduct**

- 18.1. All members must uphold the Club's values of Courtesy, Fairness, Growth, Teamwork, and Excellence.
- 18.2. Do not abuse players, coaches, referees or other parents from the sidelines.
- 18.3. Give positive support and encouragement.
- 18.4. Do not abuse or criticise children during or after a game.
- 18.5. Under no circumstances should adult members approach any child in a threatening or aggressive manner regardless of any perceived offence committed by the child during the game.
- 18.6. All members and their guests are subject to the conditions of the Basketball Victoria Codes of Conduct for Players, Coaches, Parents & Spectators and the Member Rules By-Laws of the Mw
- 18.7. Breaches of the Code of Conduct or the Club's Rules by any player, coach or parent/spectator may result in a report and Tribunal hearing, and/or disciplinary action taken by the Club in accordance with the Club's Constitution.
- 18.8. All members are responsible for ensuring the behaviour and conduct of their guests does not breach the Club's rules or the Codes of Conduct. Failure to do so may result in the member facing disciplinary procedures in accordance with the Club's Constitution.
- 18.9. Respect our volunteer coaches:
- 18.10. DO NOT coach children from the sidelines.
- 18.11. Attend all training sessions
- 18.12. Advise the coach if unable to attend.
- 18.13. Do not sit on the players' bench or otherwise interfere with the progress of the game.
- 18.14. Respect the referees. Abuse of referees sets a bad example for our children and may result in a report and Tribunal hearing.
- 18.15. Respect your teammates.
- 18.16. Respect the opposition players and parents. Do not engage in any altercation with any member of the opposition. Call for assistance from the Stadium Supervisor if there is any dispute.
- 18.17. Play by the rules.
- 18.18. All members will act with integrity and will not behave in any way that will bring the club into disrepute.