



Diamond Creek Basketball Club (DCBC) utilises Age Group Coordinators (Coordinators) to organise the selection and ongoing management of teams each season. Coordinators can, with the approval of the DCBC Committee, enlist the help of Convenors to assist with this process.

This policy is designed to provide guidance on how teams are selected each season. Team selections are not indefinite selections. They are a placement for a single season only.

It's important to understand that we encourage players changing teams from season to season. Change enables players to broaden their knowledge by hearing different voices and expands their social groups. In addition, the nature of age group cut off dates means that teams will change naturally across seasons.

## Guiding Principles

To deliver an enjoyable and rewarding experience to our members and provide an environment and opportunities that helps them progress their basketball should they want to.

## Selection Committee

Selections for each season are overseen by a committee comprising of all Age Group Coordinators and their corresponding Convenors. All selections are finalised by the Selection Committee and submitted to the DCBC Committee.

## Selection Inputs

Each season coordinators conduct selections based on the combination of a number of inputs. These include, but are not limited to, and in no particular order:

- **Coach Feedback**

Coaches submit a report each season which covers each player's abilities, development, attitude, behaviour, training & game day attendance.

- **Coordinator Observations**

Coordinators will observe teams at training and games across the season and make independent opinion on players.

- **Past History (where applicable)**

Coordinators will take into consideration a player's age group, grade played in previous seasons as well as player and parent behaviour and attitude.

- **Player Assessment Sessions (where applicable)**

Coordinators and age group coaches may, *where possible*, review the progress of players against their age group peers in Player Assessment sessions.

- **Team Balance**

To ensure that all players get enjoyment out of their season, it's important that teams have a balance of skill, speed & height.

- **Friends Requests**

Requests for a single pair of friends to be kept together are accommodated, *where possible*, and where the skill difference between players won't cause issues for other team members. This may mean that the stronger player must play down a team.



## Additional Factors

In addition to the Selection Inputs, the following is also taken into consideration when selecting teams:

- One-sided requests will not be considered.
- Requests across different age groups will only be considered where no other player will be disadvantaged.
- The club always looks to ensure that the top 2 teams in each age group are selected to be as competitive as possible.
- Friendship teams will only be considered in U16 age groups and above, at the sole discretion of the Selections Committee and in conjunction with this policy in total.