



Team Selection Information for Parents and Players

The Chargers Basketball Club aims to create teams where all players feel valued and can embrace and participate in the game of basketball. We hope that basketball is fun and enjoyable and that our teams are competitive.

We acknowledge that every player may want something different from playing basketball – from developing towards their maximum ability, being part of a team environment, building resilience or an opportunity to keep fit and social.

How do team selections happen?

- At the start of each season, Age Group Coordinators (AGCs) review player registrations, which vary due to departures, age group changes, and new sign-ups.
- Skill sessions are held to assess players and guide team formation.
 - AGCs consider individual skill levels, feedback from previous/current coaches, friendship requests, and ensure compliance with McKinnon Basketball Association rules regarding the creation of balanced teams and representative player points.
- AGCs draft the initial teams and meet with the Head Age Group Coordinator and a Committee member to finalise team placements and ensure fairness and consistency across the club.

What does the Club have to consider when making teams?

- All teams, where possible, need to have 8 (eight) players.
 - This allows us to make a team available to as many players as possible without turning people away.
 - Ensures that each team covers the MBA Team Fee and training court fees that are captured through the Chargers' Registration Fees.
 - Larger teams are not encouraged as this affects player court time and coach rotations.
- Players are in the correct age group
- Teams have players that are playing at similar levels and skills
- If players request to be placed with their friends, we'll do our best to accommodate this, provided it doesn't conflict with the rules outlined above
- The Chargers Committee manages the final team formations

What if I wanted to make a team with my child's friends?

There are a number of factors to think about if you would like your child to play with their friends.

- Teams need to have 8 (eight) players, a team manager, and a coach
- Teams are not allowed to approach players from other clubs to join the team (MBA by-law (8.9)).
- Players may already be in a Chargers team and moving teams may leave the other team without enough players, requiring the whole age group to be re-organised
- Creating new teams based on friendship groups can, at times, leave players feeling rejected and excluded. Any new teams need to be inclusive of all players that are placed in a team. The Chargers will not approve teams that are exclusive only.

To contact our AGCs with any team queries please email registrations@carnegiebasketballclub.com.au.

Please keep in mind that our Club is entirely run by volunteers, including our dedicated Age Group Coordinators. Without their time and effort, your child wouldn't have the opportunity to play. We kindly ask that you show appreciation and respect for our volunteers - and help instil that same attitude in your children.