



# VJBL NATIONAL JUNIOR CLASSIC SELECTION PROCEDURE

The National Junior Classic is the most prestigious junior tournament in Australia and the Victorian Junior Basketball League (VJBL) reserves the right to select the best teams from around Australia and overseas to compete.

## **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

The expressions of interest forms will be placed on the VJBL website by the end of March each year. Expressions of interest are welcome from all associations within Australia and Overseas.

The expressions of interest must be returned by close of business 9am (AEST) on the second Monday in May in that year.

The VJBL Administration will notify the selected teams by the nominated date.

Should a selected team withdraw at the final invitation stage, the deposit will not be refunded, and the next eligible team shall be informed, and acceptance must be within 24 hours.

Should a selected team withdraw between the release of the fixture and the first day of the tournament, the next team shall be informed, and acceptance must be immediate. There will be no refund of the entry fee.

Should a selected team withdraw on any day of the tournament then all matches will be forfeited. A penalty, set by the VJBL Administration shall be imposed and eligibility of the team in the following year will be subject to non-attendance.

## **PLAYER QUALIFICATION**

All teams may nominate up to 12 players, all of whom must be registered directly to the team and participating in the competition, that the team qualified for the National Junior Classic.

Teams may request fill ins to participate in the National Junior Classic, these players must come from the same association. No Association is to add additional players prior to approval from the VJBL.

If you need to confirm a player's eligibility, please email the competition management prior to submitting your final team list.

Final Player Lists must be provided online, two weeks prior to the tournament. The nominated players are those appearing on the Player List. The Player List must include full name and date of birth of each player, and a declaration of eligibility by an association/club official.

If player nominations are not received by the due date a fine as set by the VJBL Administration shall apply.

If a nominated player is injured or becomes otherwise medically unfit prior to the commencement of the first match of the tournament, then the VJBL Administration must approve a replacement player. The notification of withdrawal and replacement must be in writing to the VJBL Administration and be accompanied by a medical certificate.

Should a nominated member withdraw for any other reason than injury or illness, the Classic Sub Committee shall review the situation and make a decision as to whether a replacement should be permitted.

## **NATIONAL JUNIOR CLASSIC – Victorian Championship (VC)**

### **VJBL TEAM SELECTION**

The following criteria will be used to assist in deciding which eight VJBL teams will be selected into the National Junior Classic from those nominated.

- The VJBL teams shall be ranked on their performance in the Victorian Championship (VC) Competition.
- Based on head-to-head, the top four teams in each VC pool will be calculated after round 9. Those teams will be eligible to nominate for participation in the National Junior Classic.

- The Classic Sub Committee will determine a selection point for the VJBL teams if the ladders from Round 9 can't be used.
- If a VJBL selected team consists of players who are also registered with the Country Championship winner, the player must nominate if they will participate with the VJBL team or the Country Championship winning team. This must accompany their expression of interest.
- If the player chooses to represent the Country Championship winner, the Classic Sub Committee will request the VJBL selected team provides correspondence within 14 days of receiving the expression of interest, explaining why they should still be allowed to participate. The Classic Sub Committee will review the explanation and reserves the right to refuse entry based on the fact the team entered is not substantially the same team that participated in the VJBL.
- If additional teams are required outside of the top four from VC, the VJBL Administration reserves the right to choose the team that they believe is most qualified.

#### **NATIONAL JUNIOR CLASSIC – COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION**

The following criteria will be used to assist in deciding which Basketball Victoria Country Championship winners will be selected into the National Junior Classic from those nominated.

Country Championship winner not participating in the VJBL:

- If the Country Championship winner isn't participating in the VJBL, they must provide the
- VJBL Administration with a team list of who will be attending the tournament with their expression of interest.
- If the Country Championship winner consists of any player who is also registered with any VJBL team, the player must nominate if they will participate with the Country Championship winner or the VJBL team. Confirmation of decision must accompany their expression of interest.
- If the player chooses to represent the VJBL team, the VJBL Administration will request the Country Championship winner provides correspondence within 14 days of receiving the expression of interest, explaining why they should still be allowed to participate. The Classic Sub Committee will review the explanation and reserves the right to refuse entry based on the fact the team entered is not substantially the same team that won the Country Championships.

Country Championship winner participating in the VJBL:

- If the Country Championship winner currently plays in the VJBL and failed to qualify for VC they will not be invited to the National Junior Classic.
- If the Country Championship winner currently plays in the VJBL and qualified for VC, but doesn't finish in the top 4 of their pool they may not be invited to the National Junior Classic.
- If the Country Championship winner currently plays in the VJBL and doesn't meet the above criteria, the team may put in an appeal to the Classic Sub Committee for special selection.  
Appeals may include a player who has played in the Country Championship winning team that doesn't participate in the VJBL and changes the dynamics of the team. In this case documentation from Country Championships will be viewed and the Classic Sub Committee will make their final decision.

#### **NATIONAL JUNIOR CLASSIC – INTERSTATE/OVERSEAS SELECTION**

The following criteria will be used to assist in deciding which Interstate teams will be selected into the National Junior Classic.

Interstate Teams

- The VJBL Administration will select a maximum of 8 interstate teams in each age group, male and female to compete in the National Junior Classic.
- Where possible New South Wales teams will be nominated after the halfway point of their current competition. We will only consider teams that are in the top four at that time.
- South Australian team's nominations shall be from the South Australia State Championships– We will only consider teams that are in the top four at that time.
- Teams nominated by other states will be considered.

Overseas Teams

- Should an overseas team(s) express an interest in participating in the tournament,
- VJBL Administration will consider their entry and if accepted, that number will reduce the interstate quota.
- VJBL Administration may restrict the make-up of an overseas team nominating to ensure evenness of competition.