



RESTRICTED PLAYER POLICY FOR PLAYERS IN THE LAKESIDE JUNIOR BASKETBALL COMPETITION - 2024

The Restricted player committee have conducted a review of the restricted player policy introduced in Semester 2 2014 and has taken into account feedback from teams and parents to determine the direction that this policy will take in 2021.

There are a number of reasons for the implementation of this policy in our junior competitions:

- To strengthen the competition by spreading restricted players across multiple teams making a more balanced competition
- Provide all players with a more competitive competition to allow them to grow through playing closely contested games
- Creating opportunities for new players to develop their skills by playing alongside more experienced players
- Provide an opportunity for restricted players to develop their leadership skills

In keeping with the above intention the Lakeside Restricted Player Rule is:

- All teams are limited to 3 restricted players. Teams have the option of applying for an exemption to register a 4th restricted player at the discretion of the restricted player committee.
- This exemption will be based on the ability of the combined group of WABL players within the team. It is likely that a player playing up from a younger age group or a WABL player who receives limited court time would be granted exemptions by the restricted player committee.

Please note the following players will not be considered restricted players:

- Development Players
- Under 12 Division 2 or lower WABL Players
- Under 14 Division 3 or lower WABL Players
- Under 16 Division 3 or lower WABL Players
- Under 18 Division 3 or lower WABL Players

Definition of a restricted player

Semester 1 Season

Any player registered in the previous year's WABL season (with exception of those noted above) will be considered a restricted player for the Semester 1 season.

Please note, if a player has not played in the previous WABL season but tries out and is successful in making the current WABL season they are exempt from the restrictions for Semester 1 season only.

Any current player in a state or national teams.

Semester 2 Season

Any player who is playing in the current WABL season (with exception of those noted above) will be considered a restricted player.

Any current player in a state or national teams.

Exemptions

All applications for exemption must be submitted to the Restricted Player Committee in writing, prior to the registration of the 4th restricted player. Every exemption request is only valid for that season and will need to be re-sumitted before the next season.

All teams need to correctly list their WABL players in the WABL section of the player information. Players are registered to an Australia Wide database and will show if they are a registered WABL players and for what club and season they last played, however we ask that everyone does the right thing and registers their players correctly.

If a team is found to breach the restricted player policy in a game, it will be a recorded as a forfeit.

More information

If you have any questions about this policy, please contact programs@lakeside.asn.au

