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JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – Question / Answer Sheet 1 Dated: 9/7/15

Q1	I have heard of the association having a junior development program. What is it?
	A1: A development program is being established for the associations' under 8 and under 10 age children.
Q2	When will the junior development program start?
	A2: October, term 4.
Q3	What is the cost?
	A3: At this stage the cost is to be determined. We anticipate the cost will be communicated in the next 4 to 6 week period.
Q4	Will the current under 8 & under 10 competition continue?
	A4. No, the under 8 & under 10 competition will cease to operate.
Q5	My child wants to play games. Will this continue?
	A5: Yes, the junior development program will also involve competitive games at different levels. As your children develops their skills, the increase in competitive game court time will occur.
Q6	Does the junior development program have a name?
	A6: No, a new name will be communicated in the next 4 weeks.
Q7	How does the Junior Development Program work?
	A7: All participants will be evaluated and placed into groups matching their current skill & capability level. Each level then will be designated a coach and assistants to develop in areas the group requires to allow each child to advance to the next skill group.
Q8	Who will make the decision what group my child is in?
	A8. The allocated coaches and co-ordinator will run a review session to determine where each child begins.
Q9	What happens if i do not agree with the assessment on my child?
	A9. You can discuss your concern with the session administrator who will refer your concern to the Junior Development Officer.
Q10	Who is the Junior Development Officer?
	A10. The Junior Development Officer is a newly appointed position in the association who is the responsible person for the junior development program. More information on the individual appointed will be provided shortly.
Q11	How long does the junior development program go for?
	Q11: The program will run for a season (6 month period in school terms).

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Q1	When can my child go to under 12s?
	A1: Your child can move into the under12 competitive competition when they have graduated the junior development program.
Q2	Who makes the decision my child is ready to move into under12s?
	A2: The coaches will make an assessment to determine your child is ready to play under 12 games.
Q3	If my child plays for an u8 or u10 team now, can they still play for the same club?
	A3: Yes, if your child currently plays under 8 or under 10 they will be allocated to the same club.
Q4	If my child does not play currently under 8 or under 10, how will my child be placed in under 12s?
	A4: The Junior Domestic competition is managed by a panel consisting of a member from each club. This committee will determine how to allocate new players into the under 12 competition.
Q5	Will my child be with their current team?
	A5: Your child will be grouped with all the children in the program and play games on the team with different players.
Q6	Will i have a say where my child plays in under 12?
	A6: Yes, your request will be taken into consideration. If you have a current child playing in a club or a past connection this will be considered. However, we can-not guarantee you will get your request.
Q7	What happens if i do not agree with where my child is allocated?
	A7: You can make a request in writing to the Junior Delegates Committee chair who will discuss with all clubs for consideration.
Q8	Where will the junior development program be held?
	A8: Boardman stadium will be used at this stage. However, we are still considering if other sites should be used and still determining the number of courts to be used.
Q9	Can my child play up in under 12s and also the junior development program?
	A9: If a child is currently playing up in under 12s, they can also do the junior development program.
Q10	What do i do if a club approaches me for my child to play under 12s?
	A10: This is outside the guidelines all clubs should be working by and should be reported to the association.

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Q1	What makes the Junior Development Program better than the under 8 & under10 current competition.
	A1: The Junior Development Program will be delivered by coaches trained at the level recommended by Basketball Victoria, running a program written by a professional basketball development officer and administered by the association. All children will be provided the same consistent coaching, at a consistent standard and delivered in the same method to all. Your child will be provided the highest level coaching all year round, provided a structured environment which will provide your child access to a stepped learning development program delivering more competitive games at a greater skill level than is currently delivered in the current under 8 & 10 games played.
Q2	Who selects the coach & how do i know they are better qualified than my club coach today?
	A2: All coaches will be selected by the association employed professional basketball qualified staff [Junior Development Officer and Operations Manager]. Each coach must be at the stipulated coaching level and must demonstrate the values and behaviours expected of coaches at this level.
Q3	Can club coaches or interested parents get involved in coaching?
	A3: Yes, we encourage interested parents to be involved where they can in their child's basketball. For those interested to get involved in coaching, the association welcomes this by encouraging you to apply to be a club on court coach assistant or apply to be an on court coach session lead.
Q4	How can i become a club coach assistant in this program?
	A4: Expression of interest will be raised with the clubs to provide those interested to be involved as assistant coaches.
Q5	What training will be provided?
	A5: We do plan to provide the basic level 0 coaching training to all club coaches assisting in this program so they have the basic level of understanding. The on court lead will direct the session with the club coaches assisting.
Q6	Is club coaches assisting a paid position?
	A6: No, club coaches assisting are voluntary positions.
Q7	How many sessions a week will my child be provided for the cost?
	A7: This is still to be determined. We are still to determine court availability, coach availability and club coach assistance at this time. We anticipate this will be resolved in 4 to 6 weeks.
Q8	My child is a referee and is involved as a referee in the current under 8 & 10 competition. How will this help young referees to improve on the court without starting in this competition?
	A8: We want new and learning referees also to get a chance to learn. The Junior Development Program will also be used as the pathway for new referees to learn on the court [no different than today] for all games played in any session.
Q9	Will lower rings be used?
	A9: Lower rings will be used for age groups or skill level not ready for full rings. We would anticipate that as your child increases skill level and capability use of the full rings will not be an issue, irrespective of their age.
Q10	When will more information be available?
	A10: In 4 to 6 weeks more information will be communicated to all clubs, on notice boards, on SBA web site and in local media outlets.

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