

Perry Lakes Basketball Association

Basketball Clubs

About the Perry Lakes Hawks Basketball Association (PLHBA)

The Perry Lakes Hawks Basketball Association is dedicated to the promotion of basketball to people of all ages.

Involvement at all levels of basketball is the essential ethos of our club. We are involved in State Basketball League (SBL), West Australian Basketball League (WABL), Friday/Saturday Domestic Junior Competition, School Competitions, Holiday Camps and Junior Development.

These events are attended by a very wide and diverse section of the community. The coordination of the above competitions is considerable and we are privileged that volunteers donate much of their personal time and energy into the promotion, organisation and fundraising required for our club to operate.

State Basketball League (SBL)

SBL teams travel widely throughout the metropolitan area including Willetton, Cockburn, Warwick, Joondalup, Belmont, Rockingham and Morley. Their fixtures also extend to the country areas including Kalgoorlie, Eaton, Geraldton and Mandurah.

Our SBL women's and men's teams have been very successful at the highest level of state basketball over a number of years.

Our Men's coach up until 2008, the late John Gardiner, coached over 400 games with the Perry Lakes Hawks. John was an NBL and Olympic player and has for many years dedicated his time to developing our juniors through their pathways.

PLHBA have had many players go on to achieve higher levels of basketball. CJ Bruton has played for NBL clubs and the Boomers, Matt Burston – a previous vice captain of Wildcats and Australian Squad member, Ben Purser and Ben Dixon – have both been development players with the Perth Wildcats Melissa Sinfield and Kim Malajczuk who played for Perth Lynx. Natalie Burton also played for the WNBL West Coast Waves (now Perth Lynx) and represented the Opals in National events.

Western Australian Basketball League (WABL)

Our WABL competition extends from May through to September. Teams travel extensively throughout the metropolitan areas – Willetton, Cockburn, Warwick, Joondalup, Belmont, Midland and Morley. They also play at country venues including Bunbury and Mandurah.

We field teams from 12 years to U20 players, including Division 1 open teams.

Our commitment is to develop junior players and give them a pathway to play basketball at the highest possible level. Feeder clubs to the Perry Lakes Hawks include Tuart Hill, Claremont/Cottesloe, Subiaco, City Beach, Scarborough, Raiders and Warriors.

Junior Competitions

Junior competitions are held on Friday evening & Saturdays beginning in March and extending until September. Each Friday/Saturday over 280 teams compete between 4pm and 9pm (Fri) and Saturday between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. All eight courts are used at each timeslot. Teams stem from Subiaco, Scarborough, City Beach, Claremont/Cottesloe, Warriors and Raiders.

The Bendat Basketball Centre is also a training venue for many of these clubs. Training occurs daily from 3.30 p.m. to 6.15pm each afternoon.

Programs throughout the Year

Holiday camps: We run camps for junior basketball players from mini-ball through to 11 year olds. These camps are conducted by our senior HAWKS players (SBL and WABL) These programs occur at the end of Terms 1, 2 and 3.

Clinics: We also offer specialised clinics for older domestic players and WABL players throughout the year.

Primary and High School Competitions: this competition is open to local schools. It is held over a 6 week period from October to December on Thursday, Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. Approximately 150 primary teams and 60 high school teams are involved in the competition.

Zero Tolerance Policy

All participants in Perry Lakes Hawks WABL competition must accept responsibility for their behaviour.

Perry Lakes Hawks reserves the right to ask any coach, manager, player, parent or spectator to immediately leave the venue should they;

- Wilfully question or challenge the rulings of the referees
- Berate or abuse referees
- Berate or abuse players
- Berate or abuse other parents or spectators
- Display conduct which is inappropriate in a sporting environment

No warnings will be given in the event of the above action becoming necessary.

Any such ejection, or failure to leave the venue, will be referred to Hawks Board which may result in further formal actions being put in place.

If you require, or would like to offer feedback or request a clarification on this issue please speak with the Games Controller at an appropriate time or contact the Perry Lakes Hawks office on the next business day.

The adoption of this Zero Tolerance policy has become necessary due to the reported instances of inappropriate and abusive behaviour at competitions conducted by Perry Lakes Hawks Basketball Association.

Our desire is to nurture a safe competitive environment for all participants. We ask any person that feels they cannot refrain from the above unacceptable behaviour to not attend.

Coaching

In order for the Perry Lakes Hawks to run its domestic and WABL competitions we rely on coaches.

Coaching a team is one of the most demanding and rewarding jobs you will ever attempt and is a real opportunity to make a difference in someones life.

Coaches are not only called upon to improve their athlete's performance but to also encourage positive thinking, teamwork, resilience, a good work ethic, and respect and love for the game. As such, sports coaches play an integral part in human development, and the influence a good coach can have on their athlete's life can go way beyond the sporting field.

The PLHBA fully supports all it's coaches from beginners to SBL level and aims to provide assistance, resources and training as required.

Officials

In basketball, an **official** is a person who has the responsibility to enforce the rules and maintain the order of the game. The title of official applies to the referees, scorers and timekeepers, as well as other personnel that have an active task in maintaining the game. Without Officials our competition would not take place. In order to run a successful basketball game we need referees, timers, shot-clock operators and in the case of SBL games we also have statisticians working on our bench.

The PLHBA has a very good program for referees from beginners right through to SBL referees.

All our parents are expected to assist with score table duty for all domestic and WABL games and we are always looking for scorebench operators and statisticians for our SBL games and shot clock operators for some of our WABL and Division 1 games.

Please check under the relevant tabs for more details.