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To: North West and North Members
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Subject: NW and North Junior Competition Structure for 2020

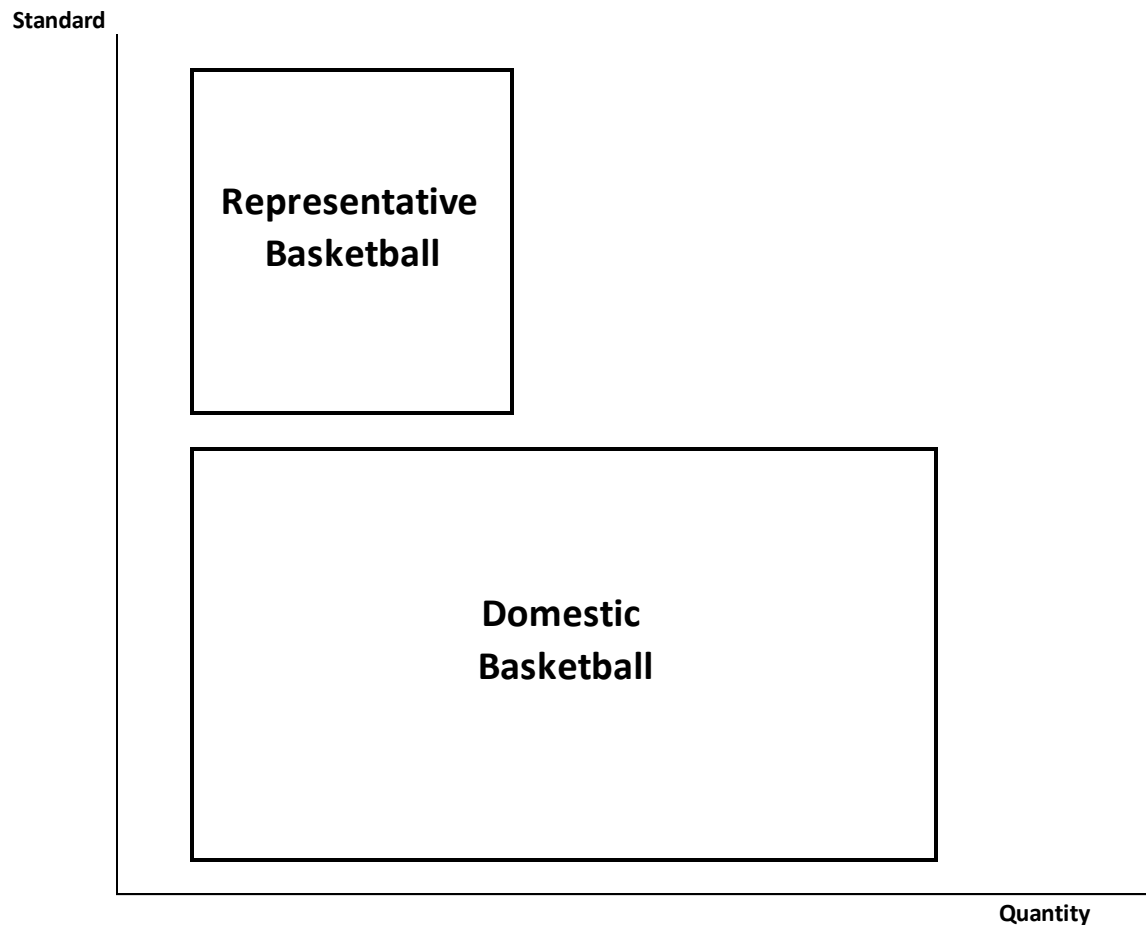
Basketball Tasmania has been working closely with the North West Basketball Associations and the Launceston Basketball Association to ensure we continue to improve basketball in the Northern half of the state.

Everyone has recognized that the current structure had some major issues and everyone is committed to developing further with a structure that will propel the sport into the future.

The introduction of the Launceston teams into the representative competition represents an exciting opportunity for the sport in the northern half of the state:

1. The Launceston teams will enhance the depth of the competition and allow for Division 1 and Division 2 competitions in most grades (providing overall better competition).
2. Allows us to introduce representative competition for our Northern members for the first time which will further strengthen the sport.

Australian Basketball Model



Domestic Basketball Notes:

We judge the 'participation' rates of the sport through the Domestic Basketball being played.

Needs to capture the 'learn to play' individual and ensure they feel comfortable in the sport.

Needs to provide basketball at all levels.

Winning is not important in Domestic Basketball - Participation and Enjoyment are the main factors.

Played throughout the weeknights - filling stadiums on every night possible.

Should be played 12 months per year (less holiday breaks).

Representative Basketball Notes:

This area is the one for the individuals or families that want this next level of basketball competition.

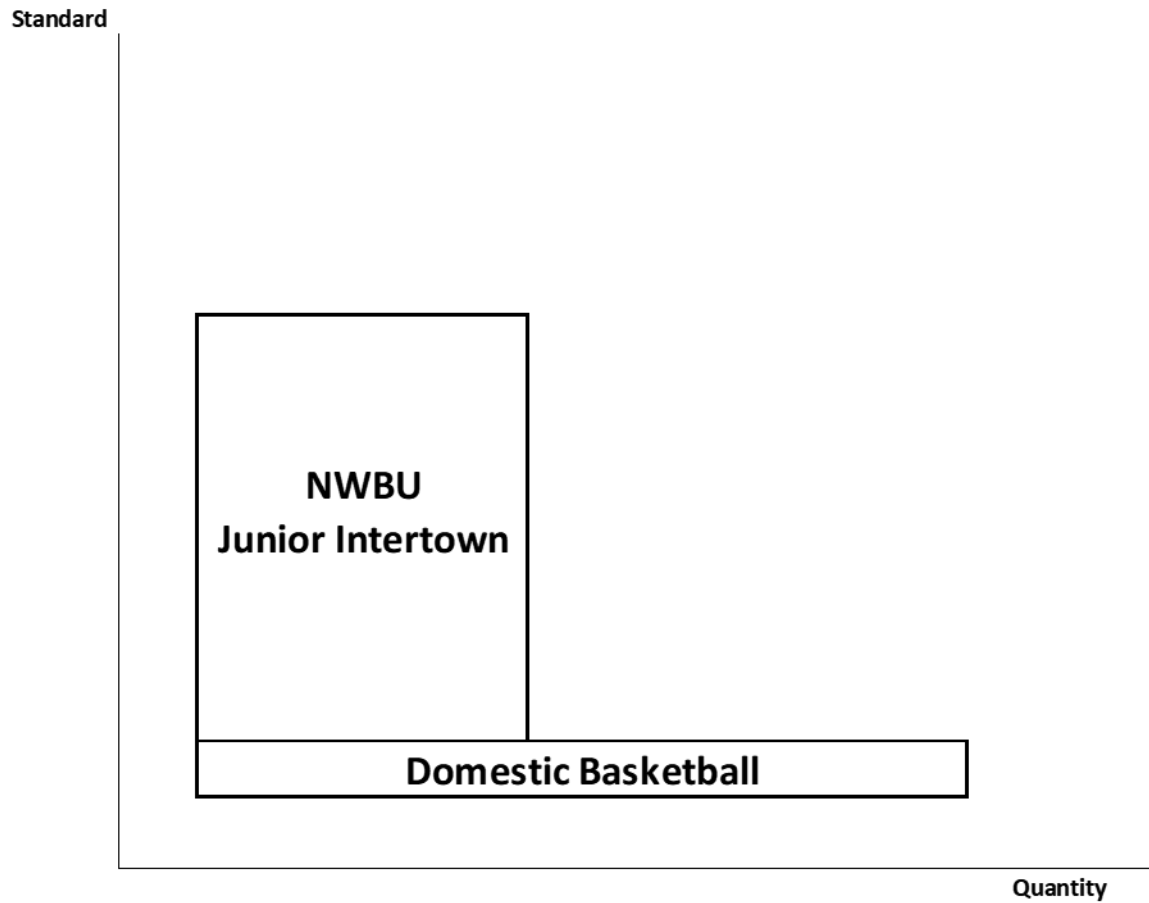
Players and teams can strive to win and be their best.

We are not concerned how large or small this segment of the sport is.

There needs to be pathways and development occur in this area.

Played through weekends across the country - with added prestige and competition focus.

North West Tasmania



North West Tasmania Issues:

Very small Domestic Basketball focus - lack of players filtering into the sport.

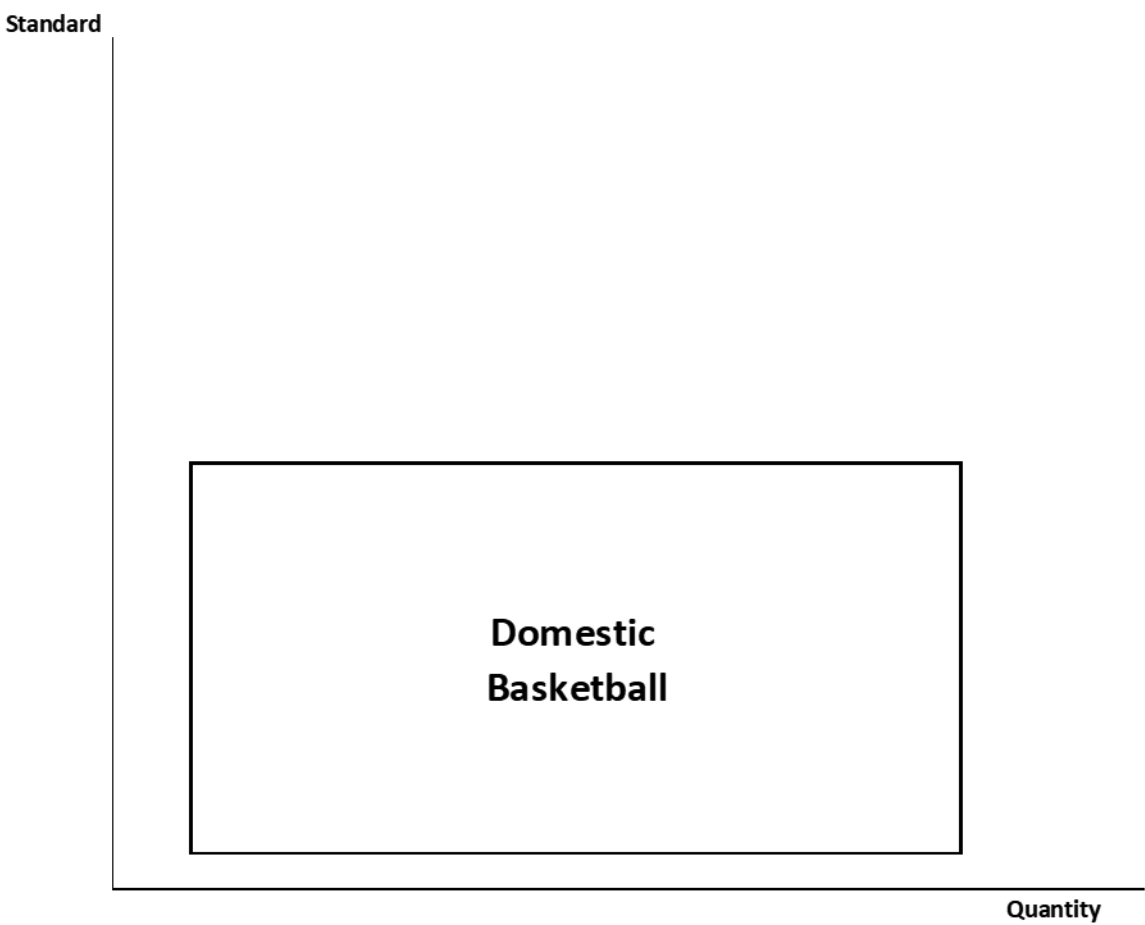
Current structure making it very hard for beginners to join.

Current structure not fulfilling the Representative needs of more advanced players.

Set structure losing players every year that do not return to the sport.

Lopsided results are not providing the best competition experiences.

Northern Tasmania



Northern Tasmania Issues:

There is only Domestic Junior Basketball being offered to families.
Introduction of Representative Basketball will upskill players, referees and coaches.
Players lost to other sports that offer better competition.

Competition Dates:

Pre-Season Grading Dates:

- Sun 22 Mar (U12's & U14's)
- Sun 29 Mar (U16's and U18's)

Regular Season Dates:

- Sun 26 Apr
- Sun 10 May
- Sun 24 May
- Sun 31 May
- Sun 14 June
- Sun 21 June
- Sun 28 June
- Sun 5 July
- Sun 19 July
- Sun 26 July
- Sun 2 Aug
- Sun 9 Aug
- Sun 16 Aug (Semi Finals)
- Sun 23 Aug (Preliminary Finals)
- Sun 30 Aug (Grand Finals)

Further competition notes:

- Competition will be played on Sundays in a home and away format. Teams will play two games when they are playing 'away' and one game when they are playing at 'home'. Consequently, two thirds of their Sundays will be at 'home'.
- Division 1 and Division 2 competition will be conducted in all grades with a Pre-Season grading competition to determine the teams in Division 1.
- An independent Competitions Committee will be established to determine appeals and special cases.
- The Competitions Committee reserves the right to adjust the number of teams in Division 1 and Division 2 if required to fulfil the objective – good competition between teams.
- Further discussion around fully timed games in Under 14 Division 1 games and above throughout the state for Rep Competition.
- Associations / clubs can enter multiple teams in each division if they wish (and if they qualify through the pre-season grading).
- No permits or clearances will be allowed after team entries have closed as teams have entered on the understanding of the players they believe they have at that time (unless by mutual agreement from both associations).
- When the draw is completed, every attempt will be made to keep clubs travelling together or playing at home together.
- Launceston teams to be divided evenly. BTAS Northern BDO to then review to ensure this has been done properly (they have been very good over the past 12 months in dividing teams). Again, the aim is to ensure good competition.
- Whilst there will be some growing pains, we are confident that the changes will lay the foundations for success into the future.