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To: Southern Members
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Subject: Southern Junior Competition Structure for 2020

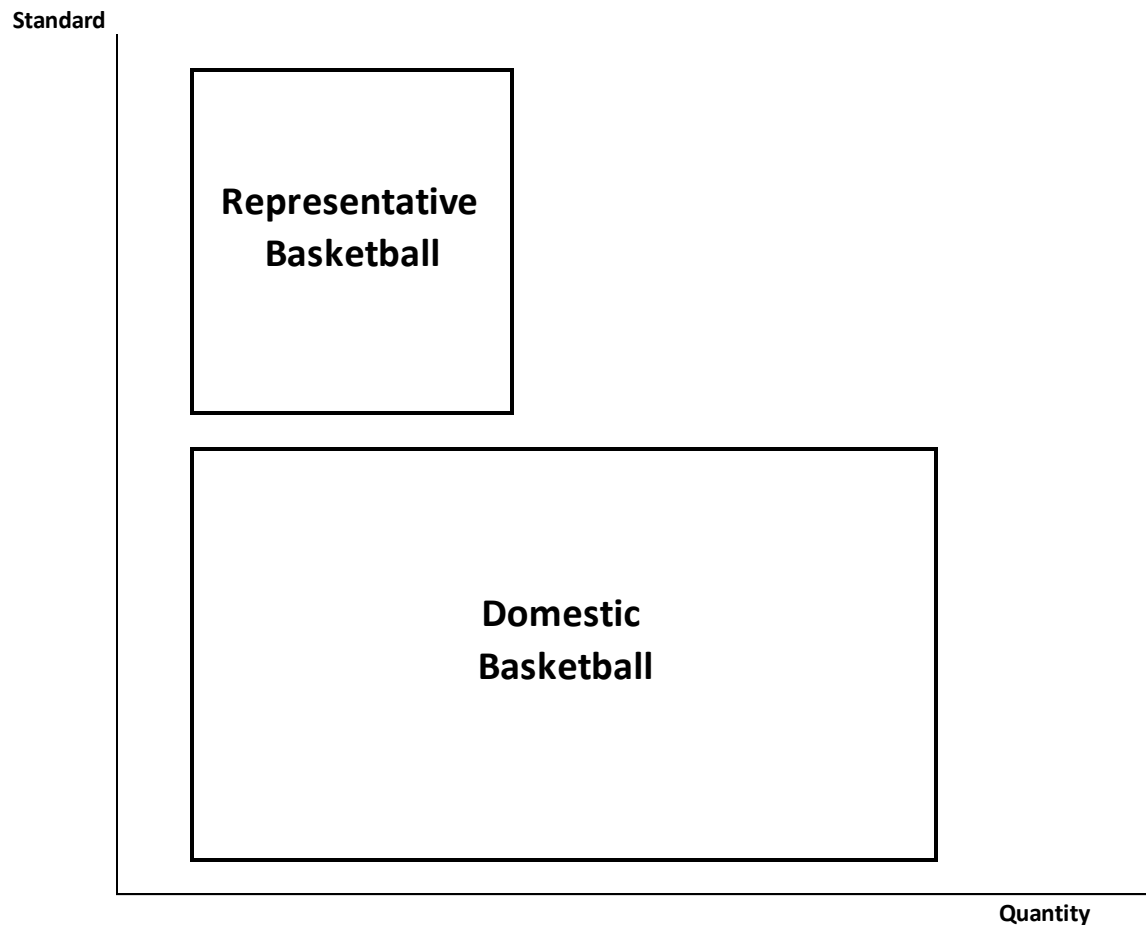
Basketball Tasmania has been working closely with the southern associations to ensure we continue to improve basketball in Hobart which has underachieved for many years due to poor structures and lack of facilities.

We have been working closely with the State Government to deliver desperately needed facilities in the future. We hope to have some exciting announcements very soon in this area.

In regards to structures, we have been underachieving in both 'participation rates' (attributed to domestic basketball) and 'development rates' (attributed to representative basketball).

We are looking to start to build the foundations for these areas into the future with an adjustment to the competitions in 2020. Whilst there will be some growing pains, we are confident that the changes will lay the foundations for success into the future.

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.

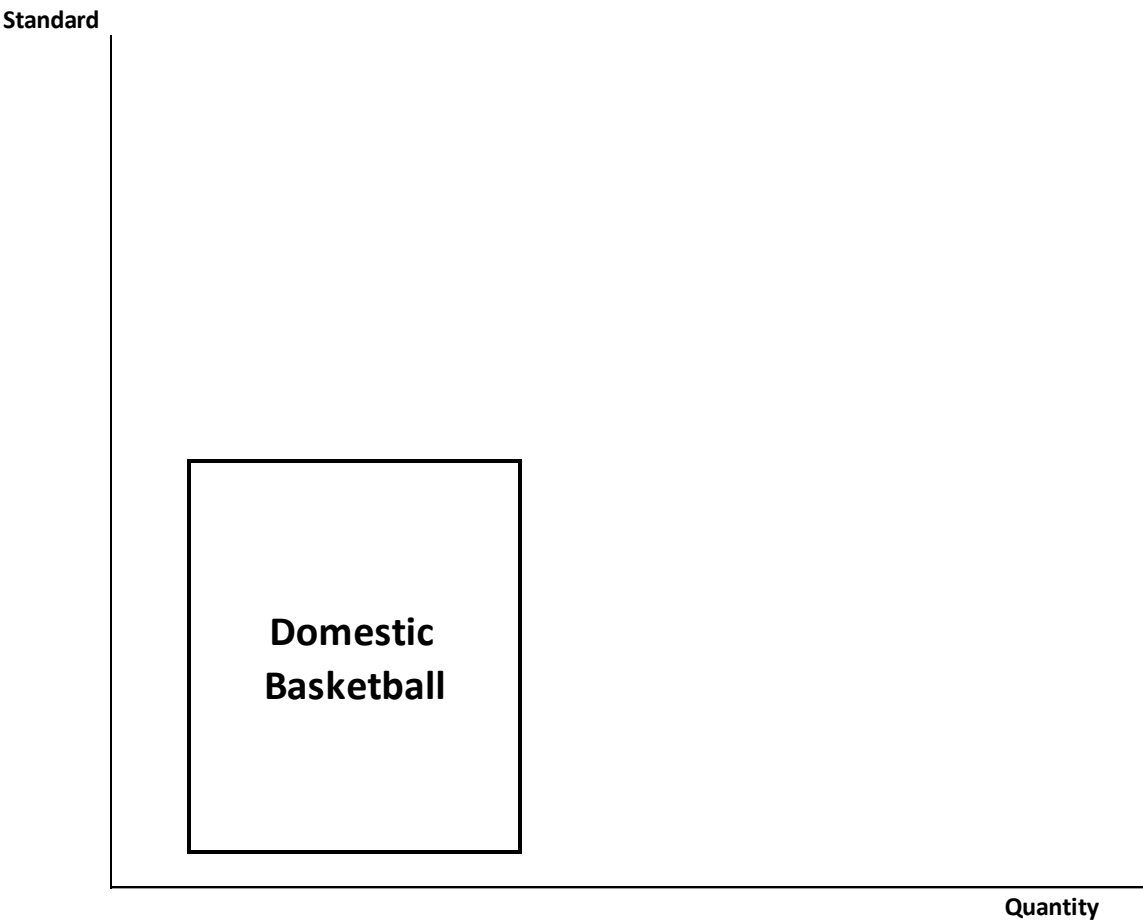
Players and teams can strive to win and be their best.

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.

Southern Tasmania in 2018



Southern Tasmania Issues - 2018

There was only Domestic Junior Basketball being offered to families.
Basketball not being offered 12 months per year.
Players lost to other sports that offer better competition.

Southern Tasmania Issues - 2019

Representative basketball offered but still not clear separation of domestic and rep.
Current structure still making it really hard for beginners to join.
Current structure still not fulfilling the Representative needs of more advanced players.
Cultural and behavioural issues still need to be improved and will be a focus in 2020.
Better competition in 2020 will upskill players, coaches and referees.

Representative Junior Competition for 2020:

- Teams in Division 1 and Division 2 will be entered from the following associations: Dominoes, Glenorchy, Grenadiers, Hobart Phoenix, Kingborough-Huon and Southern Wolves.
- Division 1 and Division 2 competition will be conducted in all grades with a Pre-Season grading competition to determine the top 6 in Division 1.
- An independent Competitions Committee will be established to determine appeals and special cases.
- Boys will be played on Saturdays at Kingborough Sports Centre.
- Girls will be played on Sundays at Kingborough Sports Centre.
- The Competitions Committee reserves the right to divide Division 2 further 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).
- Coaches will be required to meet minimum dress requirements and complete minimum coaching qualifications (in time).
- Rules will be strictly adhered to with a consistent set of rules state wide.
- No permits or clearances will be allowed after the entries have closed.
- Entries are now open and will close on Friday 14 February 2020.

Player Movement – Representative Competition:

- Players are only permitted to compete in one team during Pre-Season grading.
- For the Regular Season, Division 1 teams must nominate their best five players (Core 5) who will be unable to drop back to Division 2. Players outside will be able to drop back to Division 2 teams (where schedule permits) without restriction. Division 2 players may also progress to Division 1 teams within their association without restriction.
- Where two or more teams from the one association are competing in the same division (eg. two teams in Division 2), players are unable to move between the teams.
- Players must compete in more than 51% of Regular Season games to be eligible for finals.
- Players may play in multiple age groups however they cannot move up more than one age group without written permission from the Competitions Committee.
- Association teams are allowed a maximum of two players into their team whom have cleared from another association after having played with that association in the previous Representative Competition year.

Costs for the Competition:

- The BTAS Costs for 2020 are remaining consistent from 2019.
- Please consult your associations for their costs for 2020.

Calendar Dates for Representative Competition 2020:

- Pre-Season Grading Week 1 – Saturday 21 March and Sunday 22 March (2 or 3 games).
- Pre-Season Grading Week 2 – Saturday 28 March and Sunday 29 March (2 or 3 games).
- Regular Season roster starts on Saturday 25 April and Sunday 26 April and we will plan to around 15-16 regular season games over the 12 weekends (a few double header rounds).
- Semi Finals on Saturday 15 August and Sunday 16 August.
- Preliminary Finals on Saturday 22 August and Sunday 23 August.
- Grand Finals on Saturday 29 August and Sunday 30 August.
- Overall, teams may play between 20-25 games for this competition. In addition to this, teams have the opportunity to compete in the Pre-Season Junior Tournament in Devonport, Launceston Classic and State Championships.

Local Domestic Junior Competition for 2020:

- March to August in 2020, the local domestic competition will stay with clubs in one large competition with multiple divisions across Hobart on weeknights.
- From September to December in 2020, we will plan to conduct schools based local domestic competitions with players then flowing into the associations for 2021.
- We are planning the nights of the competition to be Tuesday (girls), Thursday (boys) and possibly Friday and we are currently holding court space for each of these.
- Domestic competitions will be conducted 12 months of the year (with small breaks between rosters).
- It is important that we have clear lines of differentiation between Representative Basketball and Local Domestic Basketball. Therefore, the local domestic basketball will have an emphasis on 'participation' and not 'results'. Clubs are encouraged to split teams where appropriate to ensure good competition at the appropriate level. Further discussions around finals and trophies at the domestic level.
- Domestic teams can only have a maximum of two Division 1 Representative players per team.

Under 10 Competition:

- This will be conducted as part of the local domestic junior competitions with associations to provide an emphasis on 'building a large base' of boys and girls at this level.
- Under 10 teams will also have the opportunity to compete in the Launceston Classic in June and the State Tournament in September.

Further Competition Improvements in the South:

- General improvement of the expectation of behaviour in representative and domestic competitions.
- Education about mutual respect for Coaches and Referees.
- Education for Match Managers and provide position descriptions.
- Update on the competition rules / position descriptions / policies and ensure they are all linked to the BTAS website.
- Ensure the spectators Code of Conduct is stated and adhered to.