



## Whittlesea Pacers Basketball Junior Autumn Classic



### RULES AND GAME CONDITONS 2024:

#### 1. GENERAL

- (a) The Whittlesea Pacers Basketball Junior Autumn Classic is open to all Clubs and/or Association teams.
- (b) All games will be played under F.I.B.A. Rules, excepting for the specific tournament rules as listed.
- (c) The aim of the Tournament Committee is to provide teams with a minimum of four (4) games, which may include semi-finals.
- (d) The Tournament Committee reserves the right to combine sections, or to cancel any section if insufficient entries are received.
- (e) Medals will be presented to all premiership and runner up teams. (11 per Team)
- (f) All teams must provide their own first aid. Ice will be supplied at all venues if required.
- (g) Drawn games will be recognised, except for finals where an extra 5 (five) minutes will be played.

#### 2. AGE ELIGIBILITY

- (a) Age eligibility is as of 31st December 2024.
  - ❖ Under 10 – those born 2015 and 2016
  - ❖ Under 12 – those born 2013 and 2014
  - ❖ Under 14 – those born 2011 and 2012
  - ❖ Under 16 – those born 2009 and 2010
  - ❖ Under 18 – those born 2007 and 2008
  - ❖ Under 20 – those born 2005 and 2006
- (b) Special permission to play players who do not meet the age eligibility may be applied for as long as:
  - (i) has been applied for in writing on entry of the team into the tournament, with documentary evidence to support the reason for the request,
  - (ii) Written approval from the Tournament Committee is obtained prior to the commencement of the tournament.
  - (iii) This permission will only be granted under special conditions so as not to affect the legitimacy of the tournament.
- (c) Should any player be proven to be ineligible by virtue of his/her age then that team will forfeit all points awarded for games in which that player competed.

#### 3. GAME REQUIREMENTS

- (a) All teams must supply a competent timekeeper or scorer for all games including finals.
- (b) Teams must supply own game balls and any warm-up basketballs. Any disagreement over choice of game ball will be resolved via a toss of coin.
- (c) Teams cannot commence a game with less than FOUR (4) players.
- (d) If teams cannot commence their game, then a late start penalty will be given to the opposition team. The penalty for a late start is one (1) POINT for every minute. At halftime, the game is forfeited 20-0 by the team which did not appear.
- (e) No more than TEN (10) players may take the court in any one game – Except for U20 teams which can have TWELVE (12) players.
- (f) Players are only permitted to compete in one group and for only one team. Players are only permitted to compete in one division within any age group. Note: In the advent of injuries

threatening the withdrawal of the team during the tournament application may be made to the Tournament Committee for a player (Players) from a younger age group to move to the threatened team. Teams must make no assumptions in this area - express permission must be sought from the Tournament Committee.

#### **4. UNIFORMS**

- (a) Players not wearing registered team uniform will not be allowed on the court.
- (b) Each team must have an alternate set of playing uniforms.
- (c) In the event of a clash of uniforms a toss of a coin will determine which team will have the right to use their uniform.
- (d) In the advent of colour clashes, as a matter of courtesy, all Whittlesea Pacers teams will change their uniforms for ALL CLASHES.
- (e) A team who is required to change uniform and who fails to do so may possibly forfeit the game.

#### **5. HEAT POLICY**

- (a) Heat policy will be enforced once temperatures as measured on Court one at Mill Park Stadium reaches 30° C and as directed by Tournament officials at all other Stadiums.

#### **6. TIMING RULES:**

- (a) All Games play to a 60 Minute schedule as follows:
  - (1) Two (2) twenty (20) minute halves
  - (2) Clock stops on:
    - (i) All Time outs during the game
    - (ii) All whistles last one (1) minute of first half
    - (iii) All whistles last three (3) minutes of second half
    - (iv) Two (2) time outs per team per half (unless heat policy is in place)
    - (v) If heat policy is in place an extra compulsory time out at the nearest whistle to the halfway mark of the half will be called.

#### **7. TOURNAMENT RULE VARIATIONS**

- (a) Five (5) seconds in the key rule applies to under 10's and under 12's. Under 14's upwards three (3) seconds in the key rule applies.
- (b) In under 10s boys, girls and mixed when a team is 15 points ahead of the opposing team that team must fall back to be behind the three-point line. To play defence outside the three-point line will cause a violation to be issued.
- (c) The three-point line rule will not apply to Under 10s Mixed, Boys and Girls.
- (d) The outermost 3-point line is to be used for U16's, U18's and U20's, whereas the innermost 3-point line for U12's, U14's.
- (e) BASKETBALL SIZES: Under 10 and 12 boys, Girls and Mixed will use a size five (5) basketball. Under 14s to under 20 girls will use a size six (6) basketball. Under 14 boys will use a size six (6) basketball. Under 16 to Under 20 boys will use a size seven (7) basketball.
- (f) The **NO ZONE** rule for ALL AGE groups **WILL NOT** apply for the tournament.

#### **8. FINALS ELIGIBILITY**

- (a) To be eligible to play in Finals a player must be named on the scoresheet and be present on the bench for two (2) games with their team.

**9. DETERMINATION OF POSITIONS FOR FINALS**

- (a) Tournament points will be awarded as follows:
  - (i) 3 points per win,
  - (ii) 2 per draw,
  - (iii) 1 per loss.
- (b) Where two or more teams finish on the same points the following will be used to finalise the team's positions on the ladder.
  - (i) Where two or more teams finish on equal points their order shall be determined in the first place by results by the games played against each other i.e. The win/loss record and then percentages if necessary. If this does not resolve the order, then overall percentages will be taken to decide position. If more than two teams have the same points and these teams have not all played each other than overall percentage will decide the positions.

**10. PROTESTS**

- (a) All protests must be in writing and lodged with the Tournament Committee, accompanied by a \$50.00 bond, within one (1) hour of the conclusion of the game.
- (b) If a complaint is found to be frivolous, then the \$50.00 bond will be forfeited.
- (c) All decisions made by the Tournament Committee and/or Tribunal Committee shall be final.

**We hope you all Enjoy the Tournament.**