



# ELTHAM BASKETBALL CLUB

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## ALLOCATION OF COURT SPACE

### PREAMBLE

The Club recognises that indoor court space is one of the most limited and valued resources that the Club possesses.

### Responsible Use of Venue Space

Consequently, the Club needs to develop co-operative and responsible policies, which maximise positive relations with those who control indoor space in the area, by demonstrating care for the facilities and an understanding of the concerns of those who permit the Club to use their space.

However, it shall be the policy of the Club to monitor the safety of all playing and training environments and draw the attention of appropriate authorities any problems.

All Club users may continue usage only if they display responsibility in ensuring care of venues and venue equipment, adequate locking up procedures and due notification of usage/non usage. Space may be withdrawn for failure to meet these commitments or non usage on a number of occasions.

It shall be a major responsibility of the Venues Administrator to educate and enforce in these matters.

### Allocation Of Space - Broad Principles

It is recognised that the Club incorporates a wide spectrum of activities all of which are important and none of which has any abiding or comprehensive priority over any other. The Club seeks to provide each activity with the space which will allow players to maximise their potential in games and at training.

Each activity is entitled to its share of resources bearing in mind the number involved, the



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commitment of those involved and the financial implications to the Venue and Club.

Particular priorities may be relevant to particular venue space or may be of special importance at a particular time. Below the particular targets and considerations relating to the various aspects of the programme are outlined.

Space once allocated remains the property of the Club and may be withdrawn due to other priorities. It is allocated only for one season and those given the rights to that space cannot reallocate the space to others.

## SENIOR DOMESTIC COMPETITIONS

As senior domestic competitions are a major source of revenue to the Eltham Basketball Co-operative and Eltham Wildcats Basketball Club, it is important that the overwhelming amount of mid week space at venues capable of hosting games after 6.45pm is used for the purpose of conducting senior domestic competition.

The space allocated should relate to the budgetary needs of Venue Management and the entries into the competition. The minimum entitlement of senior competitions to such space should be 80% of the available space on mid week evenings 6.30pm and at venues suitable for games, apart from one evening on which Senior Championship competition is conducted.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL COMPETITION

On three late afternoons per week the requirements of primary school competition shall be given priority. Such competitions should commence as early as feasible to permit training times afterwards.

## JUNIOR REGIONAL COMPETITION

Junior regional competition (currently the EDJBA) shall have priority for games on Saturdays,



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except when three courts are available at Eltham High, one court will be made available for Senior Championships after 6.30pm.

All junior teams shall be allocated 45 minutes of half court indoor training provided that

- (i) a reasonable range of options for allocation are given by the coach
- (ii) the team does wish to train.

An effort will be made, subject to other priorities, to match up trainings of players of a similar standard/age so some full court drills can be run on a co-operative basis. Where a coach is taking two teams, that coach may request 45 minutes full court. Such a request shall be given high priority.

It is expected that coaches under the age of 17 conducting trainings for teams under the age of 12 shall have trainings allocated to start no later than 5.15 or to take trainings at smaller venues such as Lower Plenty Primary.

Coaches who have given long service, who come from a distance or have made other special contributions to the Club, or who undertake coaching teams of special difficulty may be given special consideration in choice of times. Otherwise coaches are expected to be as flexible as work commitments permit in offering the Club a range of alternative times for allocation. Coaches cannot expect it will be easy to change training times once allocated during a season. While efforts will be made to assist in changes for valid reasons, it will require the coach to be active in seeking co-operation from other teams and changes may take some weeks to negotiate.

## SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP LEAGUES

These Leagues shall have priority on Sunday afternoons 12.00-4.00pm, with right to games on Saturday evenings after 6.30pm when a third court is available at Eltham High. All teams in Senior Championship leagues (currently MMBL) shall have a right to share courts after 8.45pm on Wednesdays. It is expected that if local venues are used for training, as seniors represent an older age group, trainings would commence after 7.30pm.



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## JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Junior Championship shall have priority on usage of courts fit for Championship games from 5.30pm Friday.

It shall be a high priority that all Championship teams be allocated a minimum of one hour of training.

However, it is expected that trainings will be on Sundays as a normal rule. Coaches who for very strong reasons, require mid week trainings, must realise they are moving into an area where junior regional teams have a very high priority, which may mean the championship teams obtain less space, less desirable space or that times cannot be allocated due to overloaded schedules.

First teams shall be allocated a second training time provided the team is flexible enough to fit around other scheduling arrangements. First teams may be allocated up to 2 1/2 hours training time, but normally a maximum of one hour mid week. First bottom age teams, mixed age group second teams or top age second teams or one team in each of the boys and girls' programmes labelled 'special developmental' may be allocated, if space is available, an hour and half court space normally in weekends.

Coaches will be encouraged to make arrangements to share and overlap use of space for similar teams standard and age to maximise effective usage.

Where space is available on Sundays the allocation above may be exceeded by up to 50% provided the Venues Co-ordinator is convinced that budgeted expenditure is not being exceeded and that other coaches are not being pushed away from preferred times. Those who wish for longer hours must be prepared to use times which are in lower demand.



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