

To Junior Domestic Wildcat Members,

The upcoming Eastern Districts Junior Basketball Association (EDJBA) season will see changes to the fee structure for all clubs, including Eltham. The EDJBA voted to remove the weekly \$8.50 individual match fee as of Round 1 Summer 2019/20.

There are many reasons for this change for both clubs and individuals, some of which include:

- Safety and security of volunteers and staff handling cash;
- Society is quickly becoming cashless. Feedback has been to find an alternative to the weekly cash payment;
- Current burden on volunteer Team Managers to chase up cash;

Understandably, the most pressing matter for our members is how this will change the process of player registration. Payment for the new season is now just one simple fee, with nothing to pay for the grading or home and away season. Below you can see a table of costs for each player from within the one family for the Summer 2019/20 season:

- 1st Player: \$260
- 2nd player: \$240
- 3rd player: \$210
- 4th & subsequent players: \$170

We understand that this is a significant change that families of our community will need to adjust too and may not have planned for. As with all programs across the Club, options to help families who may need some help handling the larger upfront cost are available. If you envisage difficulty with this registration process, then we strongly encourage you to email jordan@elthamwildcats.net.au or call the Club office during business hours 9439 5686.

Our current Refund Policy remains relevant for the new season.

The Club will still have the same amount of staff on hand at our venues to ensure the smooth running of the facilities on game day. No referees or game day staff at Eltham will be paid cash as they have in the past; as everyone adjusts to the change.

We appreciate your understanding and support of the EDJBA's new payment set-up, it will be a significant change for all participating clubs. We acknowledge that there are pros and cons to these types of decisions, but we are looking forward to removing game day payments across the EDJBA.

Regards



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The Eltham Wildcats Basketball Club General Committee