



Policy Name:	Allocation of Court Space
Approved by:	General Committee
Responsible:	Basketball Operations Manager
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1. PURPOSE

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

2. 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 Space may be withdrawn for failure to meet these commitments or non-usage on a number of occasions.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.

3. ALLOCATION OF COURSE 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 commitment of those involved and the financial implications to the Venue and Club.

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Space once allocated remains the property of the Club and may be withdrawn due to other priorities.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.

4. SENIOR DOMESTIC COMPETITIONS

As senior domestic competitions are a major source of revenue to the 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, excluding nights in which the Senior Championship trainings are taken place.

5. JUNIOR REGIONAL COMPETITION (EDJBA)

Junior regional competition (currently the EDJBA) shall have priority for games on Saturdays, except for when our senior representative teams (Big V or NBL1) have scheduled home games at either Eltham High School or Montmorency Secondary College.

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.

Teams that are in the older age groups (Under 17s and older) and are self-coached, may be asked to fill out a request for a training time once teams are announced.

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 (with both teams training simultaneously). Such a request shall be given high priority.

It is expected that coaches over 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 Montmorency South 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 allocation. 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.

6. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (VJBL)

Junior Championship shall have priority on usage of courts fit for Championship games from 6.15pm Friday.

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

The Junior Championship teams training structure is formulated and communicated by the director of coaching in collaboration with the Junior Championship coaching structure, the Junior Championship Committee, and the Eltham Wildcats Operations Manager. This structure needs to be approved by the championship committee.

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

7. Beginner Programs

Beginner programs include both the Kinder Club and Cub Squad Programs. These programs are given high priority for court space in the times that are most appropriate for those age groups. This includes Monday, Thursday & Friday afternoons as well as Saturday mornings.

The demands of the program are reviewed on a termly basis between it's managers & the Operations Manager and decisions about when they run are made accordingly.

8. Senior Elite Programs

The Senior Elite programs of Big V and NBL1 do have a high priority for court space during the week. Each of the teams are entitled to two midweek trainings with consideration that at least one of those two trainings should be in the venue in which they play their home games.

These teams generally train on a Tuesday & Thursday, however, occasionally a Wednesday spot can be used for Youth League teams as it allows for players to train in both the NBL1 and Big V programs.

9. Eltham Wildcats Representative Academies

The Junior Championship Academy which is run by the Junior Championship coaching structure is given high priority during the court allocation process.