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## IVANHOE EAST BASKETBALL CLUB

Newsletter Winter Season 2010

The season is now nearing its end, with 56 teams in all, 36 boys teams and 20 girls teams competing. Well done to everyone for managing to muster fill-in players in rounds 7 and 8 during holidays. We are not expected to be able to use the SPACE centre until next year, so BNK1 will be the venue for presentation night.

With Registration Day upon us, we welcome back those who have been in the club before, and a big welcome to our new members. There is a wealth of information that you need to gain in the weeks ahead, and I encourage you all to speak to existing members and look at our website. We prefer not to bombard your inbox any more than is necessary, so we put all the information we have on the web for you to access yourselves. Information on the clubs history, rules, team selections, scoring, coaching, uniforms, results and events are all there. Please make use of it.

[www.ivanhoeknights.org](http://www.ivanhoeknights.org)

Please note the following dates.

### FINALS

August 28<sup>th</sup> Preliminary Final  
September 4<sup>th</sup> Semi Final  
**September 11<sup>th</sup> GRAND FINAL**

### PRESENTATION NIGHT

Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Banksia Secondary College**  
5pm Sausage Sizzle  
6pm Presentations

Team lists for Summer season put up after presentations

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> October** (First week of Term Four) practice commences

**Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup> First game of Summer Season**

No games or practice during January school holidays.

## **Sponsorship**

The club committee has just entered a sponsorship agreement with The Bendigo Community Bank. The bank will provide future support in exchange for low key advertising at our venues and functions. We felt that advertising on the uniforms was not appropriate for our club, and we welcome the Banks acceptance and support of our terms. The East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg Branches of the bank have already raised funds for the redevelopment of the SPACE centre, and the club is moving our banking to them. This will include EFTPOS facilities at registration and uniform sales.

## **Coaches**

Fourteen of our coaches are currently doing the Basketball Victoria Level One training course to help themselves and their teams understand the game of basketball. We encourage all our coaches to have this qualification, (there's also a level 0 entry qualification). We appreciate the time and commitment that this involves. Coaches are our most valuable club members, without them we are unable to exist. When we have this number participating we can hold the courses locally, but the courses are held regularly throughout Melbourne. If you are interested in becoming a coach, contact a committee member, or speak to Alan or Tim.

## **Uniforms**

The club only has a small number of uniforms in stock. They are usually supplied to order. If you want a new one, or a replacement larger size, contact Julie, the uniform secretary, early. There will be a delay with late orders. Orders placed on registration day are available for pickup on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 4-7pm. This is done from her home, please be prompt as she may not be there at other times.

## **Under 8s - How To Shoot Session**

Knights coach Benno Spearritt will be running introductory goal shooting sessions open to all under 8 players registered for summer season. To be held between Monday 30 August and Thursday 2 September, keep an eye on the website for details.

## **Scoring Fines**

Badly filled out scoresheets continue to be a problem. It's not that hard to get it right! Singlet numbers, first name and surname for each player. Please have a team list with you every game (especially if you're on duty) and make sure you put in the coaches name too. No initials and no abbreviations. Leave names off and the club gets fined.

How to score instructions are distributed via Team Managers, copies are available at our venues, and free courses are given at the beginning of each season. Please contact a committee member if you have any questions, or ask the referees if you have a question whilst scoring.

## **Help Wanted:**

### **Coaches Development Co-ordinator**

Someone with Coaching skills to help our coaches learn and develop their own. Contact Alan Stafford to discuss.

### **Referees.**

You are never too old to learn. Nor is being a player or former player a requirement. We train you, and it's the only position in this club where you get paid! If you are not fit, you soon become so. And you can become one of the select few who actually know the rules. We need more refs. Young, and not so young. Please speak to Yvonne or Tim.

### **Assistant Coaches**

The club needs new coaches every season. By becoming an assistant coach, you can learn how to coach, without all the responsibility, and allow the coaches to have the occasional day off. Please contact Alan Stafford or Tim Butler to discuss. Players and parents are both welcome to assist.

### **Newsletter Editor**

Once a season is all that is required.

Not confident to do one of these? Our club is run entirely by volunteers, and we are always looking for people to help. From door duty at finals, BBQ at presentation night to something more, you will get much satisfaction from helping your community club. Please discuss the possibilities with a committee member.

### **Team Selection and Performance**

Each season we endeavour to place players in a team that will maximise participation, team harmony, balance and success. Success is not only measured by a trophy won at season's end, but by overall player, team and coach performance. We stream our teams – as all do who field teams in the East Doncaster Junior Basketball Association (EDJBA) – but team balance is as important as finding the best 8, 9 or 10 players. We obtain written and verbal feedback on each player each from coach(s) and selected observers. This feedback is relayed to a level selection coordinator who proposes a team back to either the Boys/Girls Selection coordinators. Discussion about contentious combinations may follow until the desired balance is attained.

Components upon which selection is adjudged include:

- Height
- Build
- Offensive Skills (passing, running to position, screening, offensive rebound, dribbling – both hands)
- Defensive Skills ('man defence', defensive rebounding, 'boxing out', interception)
- Shooting (from the line and from the field, layups – both hands are expected)
- Training (frequency and punctuality of attendance, attention skills, effort and performance)
- Game Attendance and Participation (punctuality, adherence to team game plan and rules)
- Finally, the assessors relate whether the player was graded either: too high; too low or about right in his/her selected team

Establishing team balance may mean that a player who may excel in all of the above components may not necessarily be placed in the 'top sides' (e.g. a team of small players may not be adequately competitive in the higher divisions).

Note that a player is adjudicated on the latter two components equally to skills attributes – a ‘1’s’ player would be expected to have high positive responses in all categories.

Also friendship association is not a characteristic, nor is it a component of selection. If all of the above is equal, a request for such a match up is considered. (Where two families have mutually requested for their children to be together, the lower team placement would apply). The committee has eliminated the possibility of ‘friendship teams’ for Under 16 and below as we found that such teams compromise team selection across the age group and is inconsistent with team placement as required by EDJBA.

Once a team has been established and published at presentation evening, alterations are rarely, if ever, enacted. If the training night is unsuitable to the family, an alternative team with which to train will be offered, but the player will still play with the original team in which the player is placed.

Finally, we know that mistakes and misplacements may occur, but the process involving coaches, age level coordinator, observers and overall selection coordinators is one which is thorough and time consuming. If you believe that your child has been inappropriately graded this season taking into account all of the above, feel free to email either selection coordinator with your comments. (girlsselectors@ivanhoeknights.org or boysselectors@ivanhoeknights. Nothing will of course change this season, but we will observe the team’s performance in the remaining games where possible.

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Available for sale on Registration Day (cash/cheque only) are the following:

- Knights socks (ankle \$6, crew \$8)
- Limited number of Knights hoodies (\$45)

Available for trying on and ordering:

- Knights track suit jackets and pants (can be purchased as separate items)
- Knights warm-up tops with player name on the back (\$45) See below.
- Knights reversible tops for training (\$22)



See website for colour samples

### **Internet Use**

Basketball Victoria has written to clubs warning of the consequences of bullying, abuse and other inappropriate behaviour on Facebook and other networking sites. Please read the full letter on the club website.

### **Farewell**

The last meeting saw the resignation of the club's President, Phil Hare. Phil held the position for 4 seasons, and advised that he would not continue past this season as his children are now playing Rep basketball at Bulleen. We thank him and wish them well. Tim Butler is acting President until elections at the Club AGM in November.

### **Contact details**

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### **Committee 2009-2010**

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General Committee	John Iliadis, Peter Neumann, and Steve Valentine	

### **A proud new sponsor!**

The East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg Bendigo Bank branches are delighted to come on board as a sponsor of the East Ivanhoe Knights Basketball Club. Supporting local sport is a high priority for our community bank, and we are thrilled to be associated with such a successful club within our community. We will watch your season with interest and look forward to hearing more success stories into the future.

As you may be aware, Community Banks are unlike other banks in that we, the people, have the opportunity to generate funds from our local bank, which can be reinvested within our local community. Since its establishment nine years ago, the East Ivanhoe Community Bank has reinvested over \$1,000,000 to local community groups, schools, charitable groups and sporting organisations. We were also integral in generating the funding for the redevelopment of the Space Centre, with \$200,000 committed to the project from our bank. And the bottom line is this, the more banking business we have, the more money we are able to give back to our local community. So by moving your banking to us, we can help improve your facilities and enjoyment of competition and camaraderie at your club.

The friendly staff at the East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg branches can make the transition to your own, local community bank very easy so please, throw your support into helping your very own bank help you, your club and other local clubs and charities by calling the team at the Branch, make an appointment and get the ball rolling.