



COCKBURN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
The Leading Family Basketball Association in Western Australia
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BASKETBALL WA- MEMBERSHIP FEE STRUCTURE CHANGES

Dear Cougar Family,

First of all, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It has been a big year of change and growth for the Cougar Family, and I couldn't be prouder to reflect on our 2018.

The sum of marginal gains is a principle that acknowledges small contributions from individuals, that when added collectively, cause significant change. This is how the CBA is structured, and how everyone's contribution makes a difference.

Every sporting association has its challenges, moments of adversity, differences of opinion and strategy. How each organisation responds to these moments defines who they are. At Wally Hagan Stadium, we respond like any family would. We argue, we agree, we align – we move forward.

As we look to 2019, there is change coming. Basketball WA affiliated competitions will experience fee structure adjustments from January 1st. As a Basketball WA affiliated association, this affects us.

Basketball WA held a Special General Meeting in the first part of 2018, where a plan to adjust the method of fee payment to Basketball WA was approved. What this means is that every individual athlete will now be required to pay a registration fee once yearly. Previously, all fees were charged directly to the association, with the change now made to align with other state basketball bodies and major sporting codes.

From January 1st 2019, all affiliated competitions (junior/senior domestic and WABL) will require players to be financial with Basketball WA. This requires a \$30 payment to Basketball WA – once yearly. This fee covers everything from player insurance to online FIBA profile, stats, scoring technology and the continued development of the sport we love in this state.

This \$30 registration fee will be charged when you register for junior/senior domestic competition, or the grading tournament (WABL) in 2019. Whichever comes first. This will cover you for a full calendar year, and if you already play at another association, you will not be charged twice. Put simply, you will be charged \$30 as a one-off fee at whichever Basketball WA affiliated competition you sign up for first in 2019.

None of the fee paid goes to the Cockburn Basketball Association, it all goes directly to Basketball WA. We appreciate that any adjustment to fees, no matter how small, can still impact families. As an association, we are committed to keeping our existing Cockburn Basketball competition fees at their existing levels for some time, with no adjustments planned for 2019.

We will continue to work hard to ensure the sustainability of our amazing association, while also working to ensure stability of costs to our wider Cougar Family.

If anyone has any questions regarding these changes, you are welcome to contact me directly. All junior clubs have been fully briefed by Basketball WA on these changes, and you may also contact them.

The Cockburn Basketball Association is looking forward to a bright year of growth in 2019, and we are proud you play a part in our Cougar Family.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, we will see you in 2019.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Thwaites', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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