

Interested in playing for the Hawks in the upcoming WABL 2024 Season!

This starts at our State Championship Trials in Oct 2023. Registration will open on the 12<sup>th</sup> September and will be closed when numbers are exhausted. Please read all information as trial selection for WABL 2024 has changed. All trials will be held at Bendat Basketball Centre unless otherwise notified.

# **OPEN TRYOUT** - NON Hawks WABL Players & Hawks Juniors Domestic Players

Thursday 12th October 7.30 - 9.30pm U15 & U17 Boys & Girls

Saturday 14th October 1-2.30pm U11 Boys and Girls

2.30-4pm U13 Girls4-5.30pm U13 Boys

# WABL TRIALS - current Hawks WABL Players (2023) and invitees from OPEN TRYOUT

Thursday 19th October 7.30 - 9.30pm U15 & U17 Boys & Girls

Saturday 21st October 1-2.30pm U11 Boys and Girls

2.30-4pm U13 Girls 4-5.30pm U13 Boys

Thursday 26th October 7.30 - 9.30pm U15 & U17 Boys & Girls

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 1-2.30 p m U11 Boys and Girls

2.30-4pm U13 Girls4-5.30pm U13 Boys

**U20 Women and U19 Men** - Trial times/dates will be confirmed - Please register as soon as possible.

Times/Days may change due to registration numbers.

PLAYERS ARE NOT TO WEAR STATE REPRESENTATIVE OR ANY OTHER ASSOCIATION ATTIRE TO TRY OUTS to ensure a fair and open trial process for all.

**TRY OUTS ARE CLOSED** to parents and spectators to allow all athletes to perform without distractions.

# ALL CORRESPONDENCE IS TO GO THROUGH THE HAWKS OFFICE.

hawks@hawksbasketball.com.au not to coaches or others involved in trials process.

# **Information on Trials**

- State Championship Trials & State Championship tournaments will be used to select our 2024 WABL Teams.
- "Cuts" can be made after any trial, due to the volume of participants and the need to make decisions early in the process.
- Tryout Exemptions If you are unable to participate in the try outs due to injury or availability you can apply for an exemption to be considered for selections. The club and selection panel will discuss your options but please note if you are unavailable for tryouts there are no guarantees of selection. Exemption needs to be applied for via this link only. <a href="https://forms.gle/TYSQQhQCfwMp4cSW9">https://forms.gle/TYSQQhQCfwMp4cSW9</a>

### Information on trials continued....

- Team announcement will be made via the Perry Lakes Hawks website and social media channels. Following the team announcements, the selected athletes will receive an email asking players to accept their position along with further information and training times for preparation for State Championship tournament.
- 2024 WABL Teams will be finalised in 2024. Players may be moved up or down in teams based on performance, attitude, team balance and adherence to Club Values. Cuts may also occur at this time.

Players are selected into an age group teams as follows;

State Championships 2023	WABL 2024
U11(players born in 2013/2014)	U12 (players born in 2013/2014)
U13(players born in 2011/2012)	U14 (players born in 2011/2012)
U15 (players born in 2009/2010)	U16 (players born in 2009/2010)
U17 (players born in 2007/2008)	U18 (players born in 2007/2008)
U19 Men (boys born in 2005/2006)	U20 Men (boys born in 2005/2006)
U20 Women ( Girls born in 2004/2005/2006)	U21 Women ( Girls born in 2004/2005/2006)

### The Difference between WABL & Domestic Basketball

WABL (Western Australian Basketball League) is highly competitive with increased expectations on players. WABL players are expected to listen, with a focus on learning to improve their skills and knowledge of basketball. Most players enjoy the challenging environment and thrive on it, it is important to note there is generally higher expectations and more pressure than domestic basketball along with more commitment.

## Other important difference include

- NO guarantee of selection trying out for WABL does not mean the player is guaranteed placement into a team, placement cannot be appealed or disputed.
- Roles- Players can be allocated specific roles in the team based on their size, their abilities, and that of their teammates.
- COURT TIME- With WABL being Basketball WA's premier junior Basketball competition, players are not rotated evenly as it is often the case in Domestic basketball. Players will have more or less time on court during games depending on a number of factors including skill level, match up to opposition, attitude, behaviour and attendance at training and games.

### **ABOUT WABL**

Tryouts for Stare Championships are held in October/November each year, with games played in November/December and form part of our WABL selection process.

WABL Pre Season training runs from November to March with practice, practice games, pregrading, and grading games to help determine the appropriate competition grade for each team

WABL season runs from April - August. Teams will play home and away games on Sundays, across the metropolitan and regional WA.

WABL Final are played in September to determine the winner of each age group division.

## **WABL 2024 Commitments**

All players and parents/guardians must be prepared to meet the following commitment.

- 1. Weekly Commitments
  - Sunday Games, home and away (Bunbury to Joondalup and in between)
  - Weekly training sessions 1-2hrs on a scheduled day, attendance is compulsory even if injured.
- 2. Tournament weekends (all are compulsory unless an exemption is given)
  - State Championship in November / December depending on age group
  - Grading Tournament in February
- 3. Other Sports/activities;
  - Perry Lakes Hawks asks to be notified at registration if a player is playing an
    alternate sport in 2024 that will impact their availability for training and
    games. It is important that is disclosed, so we can ensure sufficient players are
    allocated to teams to cover absences. The Club can make changes to team
    allocation should a player notify us post team selections.
- 4. Support at Club events;
  - WABL players, and parents, will be required to provide support at events across the season. These will include, but not limited to, NBL1 Game nights, any fundraising and social events.

Note: this is something that the Club started to introduce 2022, and we are looking to expand in 2023 and beyond.

### **FEES**

Trial Fee \$35 – Non-refundable State Champ Tournament Fee (If selected for a team) \$150

WABL 2024 & Grading 2024 fees TBC.

### **Tournament Dates**

# State Championships 2023 18/19 November – U11Boys and U13 Girls Divisions 2-5) 25/26 November – U11Girls and U15 Boys (Divisions 2-5) 2/3 December – U13 Boys and U15 Girls (Division 2-5) 9/10 December U17 Boys, U17 Girls, U19 Men and U20 Women 15/16/17 December – STATE TITLES – All Championship Divisions across all age groups

# **WABL Grading Tournament Dates 2024**

17/18 February – 1st Teams to compete after this weekend teams 9-13 will compete in age group grading

24/25 February - Age groups TBC

2/3 March – Age groups TBC

9/10 March - Age groups TBC

16/17 March – Age groups TBC