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## Doncaster All Abilities Basketball Inc.

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# PLAYER PLACEMENT POLICY

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### **Policy:**

Players are placed into a particular division and a team:

- for the good of the competition as a whole, particularly in terms of giving every player an equal opportunity to participate and
- as far as possible, to ensure that the DAAB competition is as balanced as possible in each division, and NOT
- for any particular team or teams to dominate any division, or
- to meet individual expectation(s) or preferences.

### **Guidelines:**

#### Placement Panel

Players are placed in teams by a placement panel comprising of at least two persons determined by the Committee of DAAB. This will normally comprise the Player Placement Co-ordinator for the competition and one or two advisers for each division, who may represent more than one division at a time. The Player Placement Co-ordinator and the advisers are to be familiar with as many of the players as possible in the division into which they are placing players.

As far as is possible, each team will have no more than eight players so that all players in a team are given ample court time.

All player placements are to be ratified by the DAAB Committee.

#### Matters considered

Players are placed into teams at the commencement of each season having regard to:

- the relevant player's performance in their team in the previous season in which he or she participated, usually the previous season;
- the team in which they played previously;
- their ability to play and interact socially at the level of the relevant division; and
- any improvement or reduction in skills the player has demonstrated in the previous season.
- any other relevant factors.

Where a player is new to the competition, initial grading occurs based on the player's previous experience after discussion with the player's parents, guardian or carer.

The initial grading and placement into a team of a player new to the competition may change as DAAB committee members involved in player placement view the skills the player demonstrates while playing and their ability to play and interact socially in the division and team into which the player has been placed initially.

#### Placement notification

Each player is to be sent an email advising them of the division and team in which they will play as from the date specified in the email.

#### Timing of placements

Individual players may be placed in a different team or a different division and team at any time before or during a season. The Player Placement Panel and DAAB committee will have regard to the factors stated above when placing a player in a different team after the commencement of a season, particularly the performance of the player.

#### Player placement concerns

If a player, parent, guardian or carer of a player is dissatisfied with that player's placement into a particular team that player, parent, guardian or carer may set out their concerns in writing to the Secretary at the email address [daabcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:daabcommittee@gmail.com). The Secretary will first have the matter referred to a member of the DAAB committee for discussion with the dissatisfied person directly. If the player, parent, guardian or carer is still dissatisfied after such a discussion, they may seek to have the matter resolved in accordance with the DAAB Complaints and Grievances policy.

Each request or concern raised will be considered by the DAAB committee on the merits of each case.

However, just because a person may be dissatisfied with the placement of a player in a particular team before or during a season does not, of itself, mean that the DAAB committee can necessarily accommodate any or all requests put or concerns raised.

All members of the DAAB community need to recognize that it is not possible nor necessarily even practical within the framework of this policy for the DAAB committee to accede to each and every request or concern that is raised.

In the end, the continued participation of a player in the DAAB competition is a matter for that player's consideration in the light of any player placement change.

**Evaluation:**

The DAAB Committee will review and evaluate this policy each time it conducts its policy review cycle.

**History:**

Adopted by the DAAB Committee on 16 February 2015

Last reviewed and updated by the Committee on 4 July 2022.