



The Howling Wolf Issue 6 –March 2005

As the summer 2004/05 competition is now rapidly coming to a close and the finals are only several weeks away, we hope that all the Brighton Wolves teams, which make the finals, have success.

The dates for the finals vary with most semi finals on the weekend of 12/13 March 05 and the Grand Finals on the weekend of 19/20 March 05 – **please follow up with your Team manager to ensure you know when and where the finals are.**

The Winter 2005 season will commence on Sunday, 17th of April for Girls and Saturday, 23rd of April 2005 for boys. Please check with your Team Managers, as the dates get closer.

AWARDS/PRESENTATION NIGHT & REGISTRATIONS

What a big month March will be – all families please diary **Monday the 21st March 2005 between 7.00pm and 9.00pm at the Hampton RSL Services and Citizens Club, 25 Holyrood Street, Hampton.**

Registrations will commence between 7:00 – 7:30pm before the Awards presentation at 7:30 pm. The awards will start with the junior teams first and then proceed to the Open age groups. Attached is a Players registration form for the Winter 2005 season. Please fill this out and bring it with you on the night and have a **cheque or cash** for the amount of \$180.00 for the first child. For all subsequent children the cost is \$155.00 (That is correct a reduction of \$25.00 if you have more than one child playing in the season). Remember the Brighton Wolves policy, if you do not pay then you cannot play. Therefore make sure you pay with your registration.

THIS YEAR, THERE WILL BE NO CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FACILITIES AVAILABLE – ONLY CASH OR CHEQUES.

From The President

From the (poison) pen of the President

As another season draws to a close, I take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who make this Club work. Thanks to the Coaches who devote so much energy to training and coordinating players, the Team Managers who organize the games routine and to my dedicated Committee who work tirelessly to ensure your Sons and Daughters enjoy their basketball experience.

Brighton Secondary College Stadium

What a boost to morale to be granted access to this wonderful facility late last year. My congratulations to the McKinnon Basketball Association (MBA) Executive, the Club Delegates and those within the MBA family who contributed to this great result. Whilst Elwood, South Oakleigh and McKinnon stadiums provided a venue for our kids to play, in terms of ease of thru-put, Brighton stands out.

Incident Report

I was troubled to receive news of an altercation between players in teams and later parents of teams involving 2 clubs in our Association. The Clubs I am referring to are the Brighton Wolves and the St Paul's Saints. My understanding is that on court indiscretions and off court clashes between Parents led to players from both Clubs being given long suspensions. The MBA considered cancelling a fixtured game between the 2 teams and placing security guards at the venue for future games.

The Wolves Executive considered this matter at our last meeting. An option was to expel offending player(s) from the Club. It was decided at this point that we would defer the matter, as the teams were not scheduled to meet in the remaining fixtured games or in the finals. Team compositions for next season will be different due to the 'odds

and evens' age grouping of the MBA. Hopefully this will resolve the situation.

I ask all Wolves players and player parents to reflect for a moment on this incident and the reasons we are involved in and the reasons we involve our children in organized sport. I'm sure these reasons don't include physical violence or the threat of physical violence. I urge you all to review the 'Players Code of Conduct' and the 'Parents Code of Conduct' reprinted in this Newsletter for your convenience.

Tribunal

The incident just described raises the issue of an MBA Tribunal. In the past, an ad hoc Tribunal was put together when a case or cases were reported as incidents. The Clubs are asked to provide a committee person to join those from other clubs and hear matters. The decision as to guilt or innocence is one for the members of the Tribunal. The penalty is set down in rules of the Victorian Basketball Association (VBA). There is discretion for first time offenders and where the accused shows remorse.

My long held belief is that this Tribunal should be a permanent body with a Chairperson and 2 Tribunal Members. They should hear all cases reported and apply rulings strictly in accordance with those the VBA publishes. A right of appeal to the VBA would then be automatic.

These decisions then need to be published. If you swear at a Referee (for example) are reported, convicted and suspended, everyone with the potential to be in the same situation, should be made aware of the penalty. This acts to ensure transparency, consistency and may work as a disincentive for those prone to abusive behaviour on and off the court.

A more important role for this Tribunal however, is what it can do in the circumstance of the incident described above. If convicted, the player and the parent or interested onlooker, would be banned from every Association and every stadium in Victoria for the period of the suspension. This is opposed to suspending them at club level and having them join another club in the same Association or joining another Association.

As with all (good) ideas, the limiting factor is who will put in the time and effort to ensure the success of an idea or proposal? I believe that a permanent and properly structured Tribunal is so important to the future health of our Association, that I offer my services to create control and systemize the body into a properly constituted Judiciary, within the rules set down by Basketball Victoria. I can't do much more than this!

Next Season

As you can see in the newsletter, we have organized a Registration Night for next seasons play. Please ensure that you register on or before the night so that teams can be finalized and submitted to the MBA as early as possible. This assists in fixturing and ensures your Son or daughter reserves their place.

Finals

Finally; the finals. On behalf of the Wolves Committee, I wish all Wolves teams participating in the finals, every success. Go Wolves!
Yours in basketball,

Trevor McTaggart
President – Brighton Wolves Basketball Club Inc

SOCIAL EVENT

The Brighton Wolves Committee are looking for some volunteers to organise a special fund raising event for this year. Last year the Trivia night was a great success raising over \$2,200.00. Therefore if you have some ideas and would like to help the club please contact David Marshall on 9523 6475.

WEB SITE UPDATE

The Brighton Wolves web site will be up shortly and all the information pertaining to the Wolves and the MBA will be available. Keep your eyes on www.brightonwolves.org.au If you want to add information to the web site please contact contact Trevor McTaggart on either 9596 9599 or (m) 0414 440 663

Recruitment of New Players – Attention Girls

We are keen to improve and extend our recruiting of new players to our Club and would particularly like to entice some more girls along to establish teams – any members with Daughters who don't play, or friends of Daughters who do play, do please try hard to foster an interest in basketball – we would love to increase the size of the girl's competition (after the inspirational efforts of the Aussie Opals at the Olympics, we could discover the next Lauren Jackson) and will be actively recruiting in local schools etc. in preparation for our next season – but would appreciate your efforts in spreading the word around and certainly offering some encouragement to nieces, friends of friends etc!

SPONSORS

Brighton Wolves Basketball Club is seeking companies or people to sponsor the Wolves. There will be exposure through our regular newsletters, the Wolves web site etc. Come on

board and help make the Brighton Wolves the best club in the Association

NEW PLAYERS TO YOUR TEAM

Just a reminder to all teams please – if someone new joins your team, Team Managers **MUST ENSURE** they contact Tracey on 9568 1058 to obtain a registration form – players starting part way through a season **MUST STILL REGISTER** and pay for a part season – this also includes players turning up to training – they are not covered by our insurance or the McKinnon Basketball Associations if they are not listed with us.

TEAM REVIEW NO.2 - BRIGHTON WOLVES UNDER 13A – Summer 2004/5



	Louis O'Keefe	Nick Vallianos	Campbell Thompson	Nick Tonkin	Jackson Small	Matt Kreymbourg	Will Johnston	Dennis Larin
Player No.	4	8	9	11	23	32	34	55
Favourite NBL Team	Melbourne Tigers	Melbourne Tigers	Melbourne Tigers	Melbourne Tigers	Melbourne Tigers	Sydney Kings	Sydney Kings	Sydney Kings
Favourite Food	Strawberry Doughnuts	Burritos	Bacon Sandwich	Hot Chips	Hot Chips	Lasagne	Spaghetti Bolognese	Hot Dogs
Favourite Drink	Lift	Vanilla Coke	Vanilla Coke	Vanilla Coke	Vanilla Coke	Sprite	Diet Lime Coke	Fanta
Favourite Movie	Dodgeball	Meet The Fockers	Jackass The Movie	Jawana Man	Dodgeball	Jackass The Movie	Cellular	Like Mike
Best Basketball Player Seen	Alan Iverson	Kevin Garnett	Shaquille O'Neill	Tracey McGrady	Rick Fox	Tracey McGrady	Magic Johnson	Kobe Bryant

If you would like to review your team in the next newsletter, contact David Marshall on 9523 6475.

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PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Basketball is intended to be a recreational activity for enjoyment and health. This code of conduct has been developed by Basketball Victoria to give participants some guide to the expectations it has on those participants. It is intended to assist everyone to obtain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in basketball. As a result, the quality of participation will be improved so people are more likely to start and continue their involvement in basketball. Enjoy!!

- 1. Understand and play by the rules.**
- 2. Respect referees and other officials.**
- 3. Control your temper.**
- 4. Work equally hard for yourself and for your team.**
- 5. Be a good sport.**
- 6. Treat all players as you would like to be treated.**
- 7. Play for the "enjoyment of it" and not just to please parents and coaches.**
- 8. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.**
- 9. Be prepared to lose sometimes.**
- 10. Listen to the advice of your coach and try to apply it at practice and in games.**
- 11. Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.**

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- 1. Encourage your children to participate for their own interest and enjoyment, not yours.**
- 2. Encourage children to always play by the rules.**
- 3. Teach children that an honest effort is always as important as a victory.**
- 4. Focus on developing skills and playing the game. Reduce the emphasis on winning.**
- 5. A child learns best by example. Applaud good play by all teams.**
- 6. Do not criticise your or others' children in front of others.**
- 7. Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability.**
- 8. Set a good example by your own conduct, behaviour and appearance.**
- 9. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.**
- 10. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.**
- 11. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators.**
- 12. Keep children in your care under control.**
- 13. Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.**

The full printout is available at http://www.basketballvictoria.com.au/FS_extra.asp?id=3085&OrgID=6



Player Registration Form

WINTER 2005

Surname:		Uniform Number:	
Christian Names:		D.O.B.	
Address:			
.		Postcode	
School Attended:			
E-mail address:			
Parents Names:			
Home phone:		Work:	Mobile:
When the Teams are being organised for this season, Is there one of your friends that you want to play with? _____			
The Team organiser will try to accommodate this request if they can.			
I/We wish to register the above player with the Brighton Wolves Basketball Club Inc for the Winter Season 2005 commencing in April 2005. I/We hereby agree to:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay \$180.00 registration fee (\$155.00 for every subsequent child in the one family) to the Brighton Wolves Basketball Club Inc. This fee covers Team Registration, Scoresheet Fee [excluding finals], Training Venue Hire, Trophies) • Pay a proportion (pro rata, based on number of team members) of any forfeit fees incurred should the above players team be unable to take the court under the rules of the relevant competitions ruling body, within two weeks of the forfeit occurring, • Pay a proportion (pro rata, based on number of team members) of additional scoresheet fees should the above players Team becomes eligible to play in finals, • Abide by the rules, by-laws and regulations of the Brighton Wolves Basketball Club Inc., it's Governing Association/s Basketball Victoria and the respective Management of any Venues used under the auspices of the Club. 			
Parents or Guardians or Players (if over 18 years of age) Signatures			
Date			