



Player Selection Guidelines

Dandenong Junior Rangers coaches have been asked to consider the following when making selections for the 2019-20 representative teams.

1: The ten players selected to represent any Junior Rangers team will be the ten players that compose the 'best team' not necessarily the ten best players, although, they may be.

2: Subjectivity Is an Unavoidable Element of Selection

Aim

The aim of the Dandenong Representative program is to identify and select our best basketball athletes, to develop their individual skills, mental skills and team concepts which will enable them to compete successfully in Basketball Victoria competitions and other identified Tournaments

and Competitions. There is also a strong desire to develop players that will allow them to participate at the highest levels, provide a Dandenong pathway through to senior basketball and achieve a positive and fulfilling basketball experience with DBA.

Background

The following criteria and method, provides our coaches with a coherent and effective selection process that allows for clarity for players, parents and coaches.

Selection Measures

Each athlete will be considered against all criteria;

- Potential to compete successfully at a level that supports the objectives of the Junior Rangers Representative program.
- Athletic ability e.g. speed, height, quick hands and strength Basketball ability e.g. Triple threat skills, defending, rebounding and the ability to contribute to the Rangers game style will be key to the selection process.
- Desire to become a Rangers player and pursue individual and team goals.
- Potential to be socially compatible and display a sense of "team ethic" within a group.
- Demonstrated attitude to become an outstanding basketball player.
- Be highly receptive to coaching.
- Exhibited desire and commitment to working hard at improving mental, physical and basketball skills.

Selection Process

The athlete's potential to meet the selection criteria is assessed by the Head Coach and other nominated coaches through;

- Observation and evaluation of the athletes' performance at club games
- Rangers Try outs
- Consultation with Club and Representative Coaches

At the conclusion of the above process of observation, consultation and evaluation, the Head Coach will make the final selection relative to the selection criteria. The players will be allocated to teams and informed of their selection at the last try out session.

We will strive to be completely sincere with players and parents but all involved must understand that the purpose of critique is to correct, enhance, educate, modify behaviour, and bring about positive change.

The Rangers 'trademark' requires the following;

- 1. Good physical conditioning.**
- 2. Good defensive skills.**
- 3. Versatility to adapt.**
- 4. Assertiveness.**
- 5. Teamwork.**

1. Teams in great physical shape. Rangers players must learn to 'run the floor'. We want to be well conditioned. Players and coaches must be confident in the knowledge that we have done the hard work and will be in better shape than any team we face. We want to be strong enough to compete, to have a physical presence.

2. Great defensive teams. This is of particular importance. We want people who are conditioned both physically and mentally towards playing truly great defence. We want players who are eager to develop the required techniques and can habitually play in the appropriate stance. Great defenders 'bother' people, great defenders utilise their imagination so that they can anticipate rotation or help and are adept at both half court and full court situations.

3. Versatile teams. We want to be highly skilled in basketball fundamentals; this will provide the opportunity to develop flexibility and a clearly defined understanding of the game. Adaptability will be an asset of our teams, this will give us the capacity to cope with any conditions.

4. Assertive teams. We want to exhibit a high degree of spirit and assertiveness. We want to display great tenacity and apply ourselves relentlessly. We want players who will never quit, this will become the Rangers tradition.

Athletes will receive evaluation on their selection, progress and performance through regular verbal feedback throughout the season and in writing at the conclusion of the year.