



# Pathway for Girls Players

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The purpose of this document is to provide guidance for families of girls moving up to an Under 14 team because they are too old for the Under 12 competition.

## **Background**

The Malvern Tigers Basketball Club is affiliated with the Waverley Basketball Association (WBA). Malvern Tigers girls teams, and boys or mixed teams are entered in competitions organised by the WBA and played at the WBA stadium in Batesford Road, Chadstone. The girls competition is split between Saturday (Under 8 to Under 12) and Tuesday evening (Under 14 to Under 18) because there are insufficient courts to accommodate all girls teams on the same day. Tuesday night games are not an issue for most families, however there are some who have a commitment on Tuesday when games are scheduled.

## **Club Policy**

The options for girls in Under 14 teams (and above) in priority order are:

1. WBA Tuesday evening Girls competition;
2. WBA Saturday Junior Mixed competition.

**Option 1:** The normal pathway for Under 14 girls is to play on Tuesday evening and train at Penpraze Park (Malvern Primary School) on Sunday afternoon/evening.

**Option 2:** Those girls who are unable to play on Tuesday evening could continue to play in the WBA Saturday Junior competition on Saturday afternoons in a mixed team (boys and girls) or an all-girls team. A number of other Clubs have mixed teams competing at this age level. The Saturday mixed competition comprises teams playing in sections ranging from 1 to 7 so an appropriate grade of competition is offered for all skill levels. Parents would need to recognise that girls may play against teams that are more aggressive and possibly comprised of physically bigger and stronger players. Training for mixed teams is on a weeknight at Penpraze Park and for all-girls teams on Friday evening at the WBA stadium.

## **Player Registration**

Requests to play under Options 1 or 2 must be included on the registration form.