

12th August 2016



Dear Central District Lions members

Re: Changes to Player Fees

We are writing to you, to inform you of some upcoming changes to player fees.

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The changes outlined in our fee structure have been endorsed by the Committee for a number of reasons that we felt would benefit the players and allow the club to adequately cover their costs.

As District players, there are many great opportunities for players to develop to the elite level. Unlike social basketball, District level develops player skills by training twice a week with experienced coaches who undertake training themselves on a regular basis.

The District competition also provides the players the opportunity to play in carnivals locally and interstate, further developing their skills and providing a great friendship network that is actively involved in sport.

With this in mind running a basketball club is not a cheap exercise. Costs include insurances, court hire and registration fees for Basketball SA, just to name a few. The past Summer/Winter season has challenged the club on several levels, including financially and a lack of assistance from volunteers.

To continue to be a successful club, there is a need for us to increase fees. Below you will find a table outlining the changes to fees and our new payment plan option, which we hope that the majority of our families will find beneficial.

In addition, in previous years families have been asked to pay club fees, then shortly after, carnival fees. As our club policy states State Championships and the National Junior Classics/Nunawading Tournament are compulsory for all Division 1 & 2 teams, but every year team managers are left chasing money for both these competitions plus money for the coach to assist them in their costs going interstate.

For parents, these costs usually come in back to back i.e.: the Winter fee invoice is due in April, then State Championships needs to be paid then the National Junior Classics/Nunawading Tournament and then there is the actual travel cost to Melbourne. Not to mention disparity of numbers in each team, which can significantly change the amount required from each family.

These additional costs have been taken into consideration in our new fee structure, with the aim to reduce the pressure for families having to reach into their pockets several times over April and May and to make the carnival fees more equitable throughout all the teams.

It will also assist our volunteer team managers, who will no longer have to spend considerable time chasing up payments.



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Families now have 3options:

Option 1: (Default).

4 equal instalments due November 15, January 15, March 15 and May 15.

Option 2:

Pay Summer fees in total in November and pay Winter fees in total in April.

Option 3:

Pay for the whole year in one upfront payment.

The fee structure is as follows:

JUNIOR FEES 2016-17	SUMMER	WINTER	TOTAL
Under 14- 18 DIV 1 & 2	\$360	\$590	\$950
Under 14- 18 DIV 3 & below	\$360	\$485	\$845
Under 12 DIV 1 & 2	\$330	\$545	\$875
Under 12 DIV 3 & below	\$330	\$440	\$770
Under 10 ALL	\$290	\$405	\$695

**NOTE \$60 Registration Fee will be deducted from your Fees *Conditions apply*

Visit www.LionsBasketball.com.au for the Parent/Player Handbook and Fees Policy for additional information and conditions.



To confirm your fees will cover:

All Players

- Registration & Club playing fees (Summer & Winter)
- Australia Day Tournament fees for all teams
- Free entry for all Junior players to Premier League games (parent's gold coin donation)

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Divisions 1 & 2

- State Championships + National Junior Classics OR Nunawading Tournament (includes a reimbursement to the Coach for travel expenses)

Division 3 and Below

- 1 additional tournament 2016-17 Season

We understand some families may incur financial hardship with the new fee structure so we encourage you to contact the Financial Committee as soon as possible for support.

Although there is a fee increase, we feel that the new payment plan along with our streamlined process for carnivals will be beneficial and assist with family budgets.

We look forward to seeing your child develop as a player with your continued support.

Finance Committee

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**Easter Classics not included.*

**No reduction in fees will be given for non-participation in tournament(s), the club encourages all of our junior players to engage in tournament play as this is a vital part of your child's basketball development.*