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Answers to FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

In the course of establishing the new Thornleigh Basketball Division a number of questions have been asked about Club and basketball administration matters.

Rather than allow incomplete information to be passed around the purpose of this document is to provide the answers to these 'FAQ'.

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Who or what is Thornleigh Sports Club?

Thornleigh Sports Club is a not-for-profit incorporated organisation that now comprises six Divisions (Baseball, Basketball, Cricket, Netball, Soccer and Softball). Each Division is self managing and self funding. A central Thornleigh Sports Club Committee exist to coordinate Club-wide sports administration policies (eg. Privacy, Child Protection, Public Liability) , resolve inter Divisional issues and consider



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strategic matters affecting the longer term health and wealth of the Club as a whole. the Basketball Division will be compliant with Privacy, Child Protection, EEO, OH&S, Public Liability and whatever other regs might apply?

www.thornleighsports.org.au is the 'electronic Club House' for the Club in the absence of a physical Club House. The most relevant information is stored on this web site. Each Division manages the content of its own page(s) and places these on the web site through the TSC web master.

Can I get a fee discount if I am a registered player of more than one Division at the same time?

Setting of fees and offering discounts is the decision of each Division as they are independent financial entities and responsible for their own financial performance. There is no central fee discount policy as the Thornleigh Sport Club Committee has no authority to enforce this policy.

In the case of larger, more financially robust Divisions, they have elected to offer discounts for multiple players from the same family or for playing in multiple Divisions. However smaller Divisions do not always have the same financial flexibility and will only offer discounts if they can afford the loss of money. If you want to suggest a change to the current fee policy then you should approach the Committee of the Division concerned.

Basketball Committee consideration of family discounts and any concessions associated with, for instance, refereeing and coaching can occur once the viability of the Division is assured

I am paying multiple insurance (eg National level, regional level and for Thornleigh Sports Club) to play my sport. Why?

Thornleigh Sports Club has a policy to maintain the best possible Public Liability and Property in Storage insurance cover to protect the people (players and the officials) and assets of this Club. Without such cover our advice is that people may be at an unacceptable personal financial risk. (Not all insurance policies are guaranteed fail safe in their interpretation and application.) We are not prepared to take that risk for our members.

Other sports administration bodies, and indeed the Council, carry their own insurances as well. So there is a conscious decision by many of these organisations to get as much coverage as possible, and where appropriate, spread risk by demanding others carry insurance for the same circumstance.

For example, despite having its own Public Liability insurance, Hornsby Council requires TSC to have \$10M Public Liability Insurance Policy BEFORE being able to



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book venues. This costs TSC in excess of \$7000 per annum. It is the major cost of the Thornleigh Sports Club Committee and over the last three years has consumed in excess of 75% of the money raised through the \$12 Subscription Fee.

Why am I paying the \$12 Subscription Fee twice at the same time (eg while playing soccer and basketball)

Good question. Basically the current system was broadly designed on playing one sport at a time and for administrative simplicity. This dates back a number of years. But the advent of Basketball has proven the limits of this policy because we have players playing two sports at once with significant overlap. So it's clear that its time to investigate alternatives.

During 2005 the TSC Committee will develop a new system which we anticipate will be based on paying a once per calendar year annual fee. This will be associated with a TSC Membership Card for EACH player. Once that fee is paid, then members can play in as many Divisions as they like, provided they show their up-to-date Membership Card. And we can use this Membership card to negotiate discounts with other organisations eg movie theatres, because we will have an unique TSC identification.

Although simple in initial concept, setting this up will take a time and involve negotiations with six Divisional Committees and getting the message out to over 500 hundred registered players. And then set up a system that is easy to administer year after year and not open to fraud. Overall, it's no small task.

So for 2005 the current system will continue and you will be required to pay as you register for each sport in each season. The new system is expected to be operable from January 2006 registrations.

Can I play in more than one Basketball team per season?

Yes. You will pay the full fees for your original team. Then you will pay the court and team registration fees only for the second team.

Why are there so many more players than children just from Thornleigh West Public School?

The Basketball Division will retain the focus on TWPS (eg. for recruitment) for some time while also accommodating increasing demand from students of Normanhurst West, Pennant Hills High and elsewhere. Obviously additional players will be encouraged.

In this way, the Basketball Division will become similar to other Divisions and attract players from wherever it can.



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What is the maximum/minimum numbers of players per Basketball team?

The fees structure has been set on the basis of a minimum of seven players per team. Eight is acceptable as it allows sufficient numbers to cover sickness/injury/absences etc. as well as reasonable game time if all eight are present at a match.

Nine or more players per team will not normally be acceptable as it will adversely impact on reasonable game time and value for money paid for all team members. (Long term injury for a player may be an example of an exception, but each case will be assessed on its merits.) Children who are the 'ninth' to a team will be placed on a reserve list and not guaranteed a place in a team. There is a possibility that a team may not be available.

Prompt payment of fees is therefore essential. Fees collected at registration will be refunded if a place cannot be found for a potential player.

Why do Primary School Players get to hire a playing shirt but Secondary School/adult players have to buy theirs?

The decision by the Basketball convening Committee was that Primary school players will hire their shirts for a small per season fee. High school players will buy their own and can use them if they choose to play during or after leaving High School. This was based on administrative simplicity.

The official colours of the Thornleigh Sports Club are blue and gold and eventually all teams in the Basketball Division will wear only these colours. The shirt hiring fee will be used to progressively replace the current multi-coloured shirts.

John Gallie has established a competitive rate from a shirt manufacturer and this is the preferred supplier of a playing shirt. Preferential rates apply and shirts should be purchased in volume – eg a team's worth. Contact details etc will be placed on the web site shortly.

I received a Registration Notice Form from HKBA. Do I pay that? What if I have paid that?

This is being sorted out with HKBA. If you are a member of Thornleigh Basketball Division do not pay this fee nor complete the form. If you have paid it then you should seek a refund from HKBA immediately. HKBA will not be involved in registering Thornleigh Basketball players – that's one of the reasons the Club has been formed! Thornleigh Basketball will supply team and individual data to HKBA after our registration and team allocation processes are completed.

As you register for Thornleigh Basketball you will be required to pay the full fees in order to be registered. DO NOT make any deductions because it will mean you are not fully registered with Thornleigh Basketball and this might impact on your place in a team.



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If someone wants to play basketball with HKBA but not be a member of Thornleigh Basketball then they will need to register directly with HKBA. Clearly they will not be a member of Thornleigh Basketball and receive none of the services, discounts, trophies etc provided by this Division.

When are basketball Fees for Semester One season due?

By 18 February 2005. Mail them to the address indicated or hand to John Gallie, Mike Trenaman, Helen Georgiou or Debbie Smith. Cheques or cash only. No credit card facilities exist at this time.

Any Other Questions?

You have three methods of asking questions and getting answers:

- a. Specific Basketball matters. Talk to John, Helen, Debbie or Mike in the first instance. A Committee will be formally established soon and that will be another way of raising questions and seeking answers. (This is consistent with other Divisions)
- b. Inter Divisional questions or broader Sports Club issues. Contact any of the member of the Sports Club Committee. Details on the website.
- c. General questions but not knowing who should answer it? Use the Forum section on the web site. Post your question there and it will be answered.

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