



MIDWEEK NEWZ



Wellington Basketball Association MidWeek Newz - WEEK 1 - 15 September 2009

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MIDWEEK PREXMAS KEEPS GROWING!

MIDWEEK PREXMAS 2009, sets new record numbers this year - Men D Grade had 18 entries this season and with all the other grades at max we just don't have the space for more teams.

I can't wait for the new gym planned to be built by the end of next year - we will be able to take so much more.

This week I will be running through mostly admin stuff and maybe some points of interest, but next week I will be providing full game reports.

Tere Kiriau, Mid-Week League Commissioner

MEN A GRADE

Men A Grade include the following teams:

1. YoungStudz All Stars
2. Haven
3. Warriors All Stars
4. The Heat Power
5. Victoria
6. Eagles All Stars
7. Run N Gun

A warm welcome to the new team **The Heat Power** and **Victoria** which is being managed by Raymond and Riki respectively who have been involved in Wellington basketball and decided they will organise their own teams - good luck to both your teams.

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Two rounds of round robin will be played for this section and will be followed by playoffs which include semi-final 1v4 2v3 and then a final.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 19 Sep Intercity Semi-finals this weekend starts 9pm
- 26 Sep Intercity Finals refer website for draw next week
- 28 Sep-4 Oct Secondary School Nationals Palmerston North
- 5 Oct-11 Oct U15 & U13 Nationals Christchurch & North Harbour

MEN B GRADE

Men B Grade include the following teams:

1. Trentham
2. Eagles All stars
3. The Crew
4. Kupplers
5. The Heat
6. X.O.C.
7. Thundering Herd

A warm welcome to the news team **X.O.C.**, and **Trentham** who like many other teams have been involved with Wellington basketball - good luck to both your teams. It will be interesting to see how **The Crew** (winners of last season) will face up to the new crews as the competition in this grade has really hotted up.

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MEN C GRADE

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1. Zig Zags
2. Chow Mein
3. Lyall Bay Seagulls
4. Unfit Underdogs
5. SemiPro
6. Crayz 2 Da Dayz
7. Dragons All Stars
8. Blazzin
9. The Heat Lightning
10. The Jackals
11. Autobots
12. Titan All Stars
13. Harbour City
14. Phantom
15. Wellington Fire
- 16.

OMG I couldn't take any more teams in this grade so I had to close the entries in this grade. The grade on the whole is the same with the return of [Dragons All Stars](#), [Lyall Bay Seagulls](#), [The Heat Lightning](#), [Titan All Stars](#) and [Autobots](#) who missed last season. Some of the last season teams have dropped into the D grade as the competition here is pretty strong.

Two sections will play round robin in the 1st round and in the 2nd round top half will cross over to play the top half from the other section, the bottom half will play the bottom half from the other section. Playoffs for each section including semi-finals 1v4 2v3 and finals. Each section will be playing for Major and Minor championships.

RULE UPDATES

Advantage/Disadvantage

“Tower Philosophy” The basic and fundamental responsibility of each official is to ensure the game proceeds with as little interference as possible by the officiating team. This is not to say that an official should not blow the whistle when a rule has been breached. The intention should rather be to avoid calling infractions that do not contravene the spirit and intent of the rules. The “Tower Philosophy” stated in another manner is as follows: if players are unfairly affected as a result of an infraction of the rules, then the player not in compliance must be penalized, but if there has been no

appreciable effect upon the progress of the game, then the game shall not be stopped. The action should be ignored. The official must determine immediately if the contact is incidental.

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MEN D GRADE

Men D Grade include the following teams:

Section 1

1. Ramblers
2. Kato Magpies
3. Lazy Greys
4. Hearty Crayz
5. Ruffballers All Stars
6. Wn FilNZ Tigers
7. KFS Crew
8. SouthBeach Bombers
9. Undermanned

Section 2

1. Lyall Ballers
2. Hots Shots
3. SeaDogs
4. Mayday
5. Boombox
6. L.O.A.
7. Mojo
8. TUBS
9. Rodneys

OMG this section broke all the records when it almost doubled in size from last season, once again I disallowed some late entries as we didn't have the court space.

Warm welcome to the new teams this season, [Kato Magpies](#), [Lazy Greys](#), [Wn FILNZ Tigers](#), [Lyall Ballers](#) and [Mojo](#). [Sea Dogs](#) returns after a brief stint up in C Grade, [L.O.A.](#) Were ex-[Bluff Oystars](#) and [Rodneys](#) were the [St Pats College Junior](#) team.

This section will require some co-operation as I have had to spread this competition over Monday Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. This grade started late as a consequence so I am hoping that all the teams will help me out when scheduling the games. Please check the draw thoroughly to ensure there is no confusion.

I have decided that this grade will be run in 2 sections and both sections will be playing for Major



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& Minor championships this season. The top 2 teams from each section will be playing for the Major trophy and the 3rd & 4th from each section will play for the Minor trophy. Major semi final playoffs will involve 1v2 and 2v1 from each section and the Minor semi-final playoffs will involve 3v4 and 4v3 from each section. Winners of each game will play in the finals for each championships.

WOMEN AB GRADE

Women AB Grade include the following teams:

1. Blazes
2. YoungStars
3. Dragons All Stars
4. We Aint No Saints
5. CB Queenz All Stars
6. The Heat Storm
7. The Monstars
8. Morehu Purple
9. Red Herrings

Warm welcome to **The Monstars** and the return of **We Aint No Saints** means this grade is over the limit. **Youngstars** were originally the **Wellington U17** team. As we have an uneven amount of teams will be required to have byes and will play catch up games on Friday evening.

Both the A & B Grade will play each other during the 1st round and in the 2nd round they will split into their respective grades.

WOMEN C GRADE

The Women C Grade include the following teams:

1. Golden Balls
2. WCS Centurians
3. WCS Mums
4. ACM
5. Outsiders
6. WCS Comebacks
7. Mystics
8. Raiders

Warm welcome to **ACM** and **Mystics** who look set to have a great season in this grade.

Every one gets to play each other in the 1st round and the 2nd round before the playoffs.

REMINDERS

Entry Fees - Fees are now due **18 October 2009**. Please arrange for fees to be paid prior to this date.

Entry forms - must be completed and returned to me so I can update our database. Note also please check your scoresheets that players are registered properly on the scoresheet including first^t and last name spelt correctly plus uniform number.

PreXmas League 2009 -

Monday - Men A & B Grades

Tuesday - Men D Grade (also Mon&Wed)

Wednesday - Men C Grade

Thursday - Women Grades

Friday - Overflow Night

All Grades start every night at 6pm, with all other games starting on the hour and the last game starting 9pm, except for Tuesday which starts 7pm.

Uniforms - Please note all teams must have uniforms i.e. same tops, shorts can be different, but no pants. Any teeshirts worn must be the same colour as the dominant colour of the uniform. **No skin tights will be allowed unless a medical cert is provided.**

Default Levy - Should your team default any games they will be required to pay the default fee of \$50 before they can play their next game.

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