



2023 State Champs/ 2024 WABL Briefing for Parents

It's essential that all parents read this briefing document in full if their child wishes to gain selection in a **2024 Perth Redbacks WABL team.**

Current WABL parents - you must read this document as our selection process is different to last season.

Aspiring WABL parents - if you're not sure what WABL is and whether it's the right program for where your child is currently, this document will answer those questions and more.

If you have any questions after reading through this document in full, please direct them to kelly@perthredbacks.asn.au

What is State Champs?

The Basketball WA State Championships (State Champs) is a series of carnivals that run over five weekends from mid-November through to mid-December.

Every Perth-based and country-based basketball association (club) is invited to enter girls and boys teams in the following age groups:

- U11 (players born in 2013/2014/2015)
- U13 (players born in 2011/2012)
- U15 (players born in 2009/2010)
- U17 (players born in 2007/2008)
- U19 (boys only - players born in 2005/2006)
- U20 (girls only - players born in 2004/2005/2006)

What is WABL?

The WA Basketball League (WABL) is WA's representative junior basketball competition. It is the next level up from Domestic basketball.

- **Domestic basketball** is played *within* a basketball association. It is not selective. Anyone who wants to play in a junior Domestic competition can play, so long as they can find a team to play in.
- **WABL** is played *for* your basketball association. You have to be selected to play in your basketball association's WABL teams.

WABL gameplay is much more structured than Domestic gameplay. In WABL, players are expected to play 'we basketball' over 'me basketball'. They will often be called on to play roles that prioritise the needs of their team over their individual needs. Players who are very dominant in Domestic competition and are highly individual can take a while to adjust to the structured, team-first environment of WABL.

There are 13 basketball associations that field teams in WABL:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Cockburn Cougars● East Perth Eagles● Eastern Suns (Kalamunda)● Hills Raiders (Mundaring)● Joondalup Wolves● Lakeside Lightning● Mandurah Magic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Perry Lakes Hawks● Perth Redbacks● Rockingham Flames● South West Slammer (Bunbury)● Warwick Senators● Willetton Tigers
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Each association can enter up to four teams (10 players per team) in each of the following age categories, boys and girls:

- U12 (players born in 2013/2014/2015)
- U14 (players born in 2011/2012)
- U16 (players born in 2009/2010)
- U18 (players born in 2007/2008)
- U20 (boys only - players born in 2005/2006)
- U21 (girls only - players born in 2004/2005/2006)

What does State Champs have to do with WABL?

For players who wish to achieve selection in a Perth Redbacks 2024 WABL team, selection in a 2023 Perth Redbacks State Champs team is advantageous but not essential.

Our 2023 State Champs trials will be **open trials**. All players are invited to register and attend these trials.

Our 2024 WABL trials will be **closed trials**.

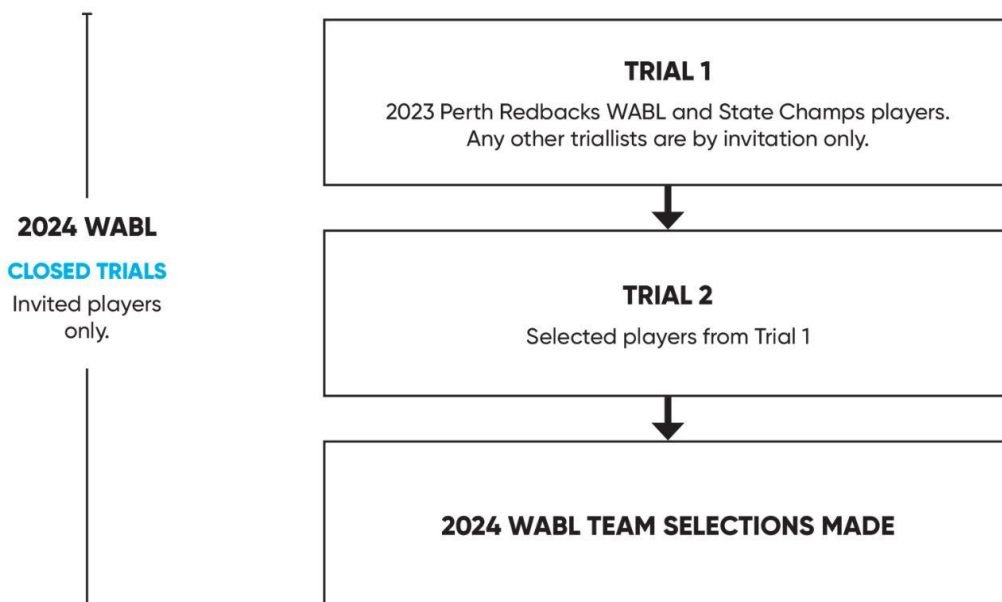
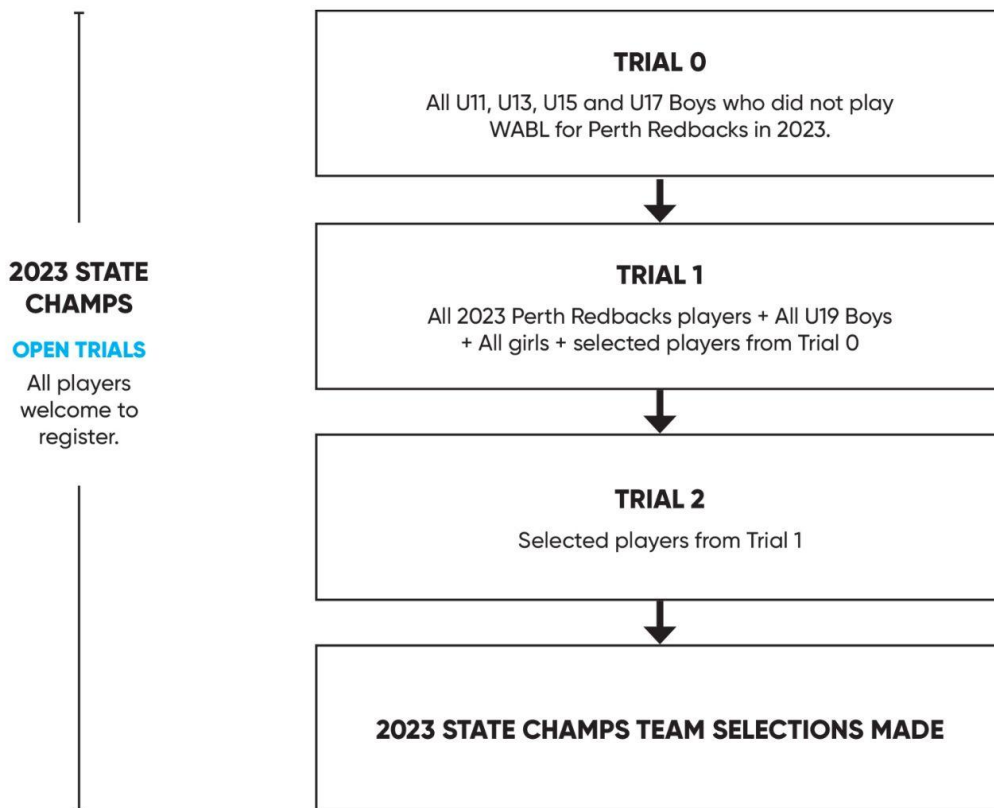
- The players who will automatically receive invitations to those trials are:
 - All 2023 Redbacks WABL players and train ons
 - All 2023 Redbacks State Champs players
- All other invitations to our 2024 WABL trials are at our discretion.

To be clear:

- 2023 Perth Redbacks WABL players are free to opt out of 2023 State Champs and come back in January 2024 to trial for WABL. But if they do so, it's with the understanding that it will give them only 2 trials to show coaches what they can do (rather than an entire State Champs campaign).
- If a player is selected in a 2023 Perth Redbacks State Champs team, this does not guarantee selection in a 2024 Perth Redbacks WABL team. It only guarantees an automatic invitation to our 2024 WABL trials.

The full process is summarised in the chart on the next page.

2023 State Champs & 2024 WABL Selection Process



State Champs Trial Familiarisation Session

This session is designed to familiarise triallists with what they can expect at the State Champs trials and hopefully relieve some of the 'fear of the unknown'. All registered triallists in the U11 to U17 age groups are welcome to attend the appropriate session below for their age. The session will most benefit those who've never attended a basketball trial before.

THE RISE, MAYLANDS	
Age group	Time
U11 Boys & Girls (Born 2013/2014/2015)	9am to 10.15am
U13 Boys & Girls (Born 2011/2012)	10.15am to 11.30am
U15 & U17 Boys & Girls (Born 2007/2008/2009/2010)	11.30am to 12.45pm

State Champs Trial Dates

Trial 0 - Saturday 14 October

This trial is for boys born in 2007-2015 who did not play WABL for Perth Redbacks in 2023.

Important note: A number of players from Trial 0 will be selected to progress to Trial 1. If you are required to attend Trial 0 and miss it for any reason, even illness or injury, you can't be selected to progress to Trial 1.

LOFTUS RECREATION CENTRE	
Age group	Time
U11 Boys – New to Redbacks (Born 2013/2014/2015)	8am to 10am
U13 Boys – New to Redbacks (Born 2011/2012)	10am to 12pm
U15 Boys – New to Redbacks (Born 2009/2010)	12pm to 2pm
U17 Boys – New to Redbacks (Born 2007/2008)	2pm to 4pm

Trial 1 - Sunday 15 October

This trial is for:

- All girls
- All boys born 2005/2006
- All boys born 2007-2014 who played WABL for Perth Redbacks in 2023
- All boys born 2007-2015 who've been invited to progress from Trial 0

BELMONT OASIS LEISURE CENTRE	
Age group	Time
U11 Girls (Born 2013/2014/2015)	8am to 10am
U17 Girls (Born 2007/2008)	10am to 12pm
U13 Girls (Born 2011/2012)	12pm to 2pm
U15 Girls (Born 2009/2010)	2pm to 4pm

THE LEISURELIFE CENTRE - VIC PARK	
Age group	Time
U11 Boys (Born 2013/2014/2015)	8am to 10am
U19 Boys (Born 2005/2006)	10am to 12pm
U20 Girls (Born 2004/2005/2006)	10am to 12pm
U17 Boys (Born 2007/2008)	12pm to 2pm
U13 Boys (Born 2011/2012)	2pm to 4pm
U15 Boys (Born 2009/2010)	4pm to 6pm

Trial 2 - Sunday 22 October

This trial is for all players who have been invited to progress from Trial 1.

BELMONT OASIS LEISURE CENTRE	
Age group	Time
U11 Girls (Born 2013/2014/2015)	8am to 10am
U13 Girls (Born 2011/2012)	10am to 12pm
U15 Girls (Born 2009/2010)	12pm to 2pm
U17 Girls (Born 2007/2008)	2pm to 4pm

THE LEISURELIFE CENTRE - VIC PARK	
Age group	Time
U11 Boys (Born 2013/2014/2015)	8am to 10am

U13 Boys (Born 2011/2012)	10am to 12pm
U19 Boys (Born 2005/2006)	12pm to 2pm
U20 Girls (Born 2004/2005/2006)	12pm to 2pm
U15 Boys (Born 2009/2010)	2pm to 4pm
U17 Boys (Born 2007/2008)	4pm to 6pm

Number of teams being selected

The below numbers of teams are our best estimates. The final number of teams selected for each gender/age group is dependent on the size of the selection pool.

Age	Girls	Boys
U11 (Born 2013/2014/2015)	3	4
U13 (Born 2011/2012)	4	4
U15 (Born 2009/2010)	4	4
U17 (Born 2007/2008)	3	4
U19 Boys (Born 2005/2006)	NA	3
U20 Girls (Born 2004/2005/2006)	2	NA

State Champs competition dates

The State Champs competition weekends are:

- **18/19 November 2023** – Under 11 Boys and Under 13 Girls (Divisions 2–5)
- **25/26 November 2023** – Under 11 Girls and Under 15 Boys (Divisions 2–5)
- **2/3 December 2023** – Under 13 Boys and Under 15 Girls (Divisions 2–5)
- **9/10 December 2023** – Under 17 Boys, Under 17 Girls, Under 19 Boys and Under 20 Girls (Divisions 2–5)
- **15/16/17 December 2023 – State Titles** – All Championship Divisions across all age groups

Each team can expect to play 4-5 games over the course of the weekend (more if the team makes finals).

State Champs Divisions for Redbacks teams

- All our Team 1s will compete at State Titles (the final 'Championship' weekend of State Champs)
- Our Team 2s will play in Division 2 or 3
- Our Team 3s will play in Division 3 or 4
- Our Team 4s will play in Division 4 or 5

Time commitment involved with State Champs

Players are required to attend **up to three x 2-hour trials** over the course of:

- Saturday 14 October 2023
- Sunday 15 October 2023
- Sunday 22 October 2023

All players selected in a State Champs team are required to attend all State Champs training sessions which will be held for 90 minutes every Sunday leading into your State Champs competition weekend starting on Sunday 29 October. Some teams will also have a mid-week session.

Club expectations of players

All selected players are expected to:

- Abide by our [players' code of conduct](#)
- Attend all scheduled training sessions unless unwell. (Injured players are still expected to attend training.)
- Purchase and wear the Perth Redbacks Red playing shorts (\$55) and reversible training singlet (\$30) to all training sessions.
- Pay the State Champs registration fee of \$110

Club expectations of parents

All parents are expected to:

- Abide by our [parents](#) and [spectators'](#) codes of conduct and our [zero-tolerance behaviour policy](#).
- Volunteer for scoring duties on their child's State Champs competition weekend.