

VP Recreational Boys Program

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Overview

- The Boys Development program (ages 6-12) consisted of 19 teams and 198 players. The players participated in three programs – U6 / U7, U8 / U10 and U11 / U12. This was the largest number of players registered at this age group in club history.
- Festivals were held every 4-5 weeks for the U6 through U10 program. The Festivals consisted for 2-3 games for each session where the players participated in 3 v 3 games officiated by members of our junior officials' program.
- The U11/U12 teams alternated between team practices and games. In total the teams played 10 league games and participated in two tournaments – one a Christmas and one at the end of the season. Plans were put in place to run a spring session following March break, but the spring session needed to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The club organized mid-week skill sessions for those players who were interested in further developing their skills.
- The Boys Recreation Program consisted of 24 NBBA teams, playing in three different divisions. U13/U14 Boys (10 teams), U15/U16 Boys (10 teams) and U17/U19 (4 teams). The teams practiced once a week and played league games on Saturdays and Sundays
- The U13/U14 teams played in the Nepean Blue Devils Development League and the U15/U16 and the U17/U19 boys played in the West End Basketball League (WEBL).
- Sort outs were held in September over two weekends. As per club policy, the teams were balanced. This year the club introduced a new approach to sorting teams. For the most part the approach resulted in balanced teams with a few exceptions.
- This year the club decided to not accept friend requests and preferred practice nights/gym locations to avoid the chaos that occurred last year. It worked out well and most parents and kids were very understanding.
- The club ran a selects program for the U12, U14 and U16 age groups. Practices were held on Sundays to not interfere with the recreational programs.



Accomplishments

- The club was able to hold 3 Festivals for the U6 to U10 age group and coordinate the U12 Development league and host two boy's development tournaments.
- Nepean coordinated both the WEBL Midget and Junior Boys Leagues
- *Year-end Tournaments at all three levels were hosted by the NBBA. The tournaments were successful and well organized.*
- *The program benefitted from the club's Volunteer Score-keeping Program.*

Goals and Recommendations

- The club will continue to offer Festivals for the U6 to U10 division. The club will investigate inviting other clubs to participate in the Festivals to provide more of a tournament feel.
- The club will continue to develop the concept of a spring session which will offer those players who are interested an opportunity to further develop their basketball skills.
- Investigate the possibility of hosting a "seeding tournament" at the beginning of the year to properly seed the teams prior to establishing the league schedule.
- The club will not be offering selects teams for the 2020-2021. If demand exists, the club will offer additional competitive teams rather than forming selects teams.
- The club will continue to work on its team 'sorting' process so that it ensures NBBA are well balanced.

