



2026 WABL Trials

Pre-registration Parent Briefing

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It's essential that you read this briefing document in full if your child wishes to gain selection in a **2026 Perth Redbacks WABL team**

Current WABL parents

You must read this document, as things may have changed compared to previous years.

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 WABL?

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

WABL is played for your basketball association. You must be selected to play in an association's WABL team.

There are 13 basketball associations that field teams in WABL:

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| <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 Slammers (Bunbury)• Warwick Senators• Willetton Tigers |
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Each association can enter teams in each of the following age categories, boys and girls:

- U12 (players born in 2015/2016/2017)
- U14 (players born in 2013/2014)
- U16 (players born in 2011/2012)
- U18 (players born in 2009/2010)
- U20 (boys only - players born in 2007/2008)
- U21 (girls only - players born in 2006/2007/2008)

Typically, the maximum number of playing spots each association has available in each gender/age group (e.g., U14 Boys, U16 Girls) is **40**, and in some age groups, there are 100-150 players competing for those spots.

The commitment involved with being a Perth Redbacks WABL Player

It's *really* important to understand the commitment involved with being a Perth Redbacks WABL player before you register your child and make them available for selection. It's very disruptive to a team and to our program to select a player and then find out they are unable to attend training sessions or make it to games.

Being part of the Perth Redbacks WABL program is a **year-round commitment**:

- *starting* with selection trials in October,
- *followed by* training for and competing in the State Champs tournament for your age group/team in October/November/December,
- *then* the WABL pre-season which includes the WABL grading tournament in February/March/April
- *then* the WABL season (16 rounds plus finals) which runs from April to September.

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TRAINING COMMITMENT

Two training sessions a week, once teams have been announced (week of 27 October) through to your child's competition weekend (see competition dates below):

- One on Sunday (could be any time between 8am and 6pm at either the Leisurelife Centre, Vic Park or Belmont Oasis)
- One during the week (could be any afternoon/evening from Monday to Thursday at any number of venues - see 'Perth Redbacks Training Venues' for list)

COMPETITION COMMITMENT

The competition weekend for State Champs will see all teams play 4-5 games over the course of Saturday and Sunday (and sometimes, Friday evening). We will not know the game times for each team until 10 days before the competition weekend.

All selected players must attend ALL training sessions, even if injured, as well as the competition weekend.

The State Champs competition weekends are:

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| 14/15/16 November 2025 | State Titles All Championship Divisions (Team 1s) across all age groups @ Bendat |
| 22/23 November 2025 | U12 Boys & U16 Boys (Teams 2–5) @ Bendat & Warwick |
| 29/30 November 2025 | U14 Girls & U18 Boys (Teams 2–5) @ Bendat & Warwick |
| 6/7 December 2025 | U14 Boys, U18 Girls, U20 Boys & U21 Girls (Teams 2–5) @ Bendat & Warwick |
| 13/14 December 2025 | U12 Girls & U16 Girls (Teams 2–5) @ Bendat |

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There may be some WABL training sessions held in January 2025. Players will be expected to attend these sessions unless away on a family holiday.

TRAINING COMMITMENT

During the WABL pre-season (February to April) and the WABL season (April to September), **all teams will have two training sessions a week** - one with their team and a skills session with their age group. The training sessions can take place on any evening from Monday to Friday. Training session allocations are done on coach availability, not player availability. It is expected that players prioritise their two WABL training sessions over other commitments. If a player has a commitment that precludes them from attending their team's allocated training sessions, they will not be able to take up their spot in our WABL program.

COMPETITION COMMITMENT

All WABL teams are required to attend the **WABL grading tournament** for their age group. The tournament dates are:

- **Sunday 1 March 2026:** Age groups TBC
- **Sunday 9 March 2026:** Age groups TBC
- **Sunday 16 March 2026:** Age groups TBC
- **Sunday 23 March 2026:** Age groups TBC

The **WABL season** starts on Sunday 26 April. It runs for 16 weeks + 3 weeks of finals. (There is a two-week break in the July school holidays.) **WABL games are played on Sundays** and can be any time from 7.30am to 6pm at venues all over Perth from Joondalup in the north to Bunbury in the south and Mundaring in the east.

Financial commitment

The fees involved in 2026 WABL are:

- Trial fee: \$40
- State Champs fee: \$220
- WABL Pre-season Fee: \$250
- WABL Season Fee: \$650
- Basketball WA Annual Fee (if not already paid via domestic): \$41.75
- Basketball Australia Investment Levy Fee (if not already paid via domestic): \$5
- Weekly WABL Game Fee: \$15 per game
- Redbacks WABL Compulsory Uniform items:
 - Black shorts: \$50
 - Red shorts: \$55

- Reversible training singlet: \$30

Perth Redbacks training venues

Perth Redbacks WABL teams train at a range of venues (not a single venue). We are unable to advise on where any teams will be training before trials, as these details are not finalised until the teams are announced.

The vital thing to know before registering your child for trials is that, if selected, your child's team training session could be on any night from Monday to Thursday, and could be at any of the following venues:

- Belmont Oasis
- Bob Hawke College
- Cannington Leisureplex
- Como Secondary College
- George Burnett Leisure Centre
- Perth HPC (formerly HBF Stadium, Mt Claremont)
- Loftus Recreation Centre
- Melville SHS
- Trinity College - Foley Centre
- Trinity College - Sports Centre

Eligibility requirements for triallists

Players who represented Perth Redbacks in WABL 2025 (as either a player or train-on) must meet one of the following to be eligible to trial for a 2026 Perth Redbacks WABL team:

- Played in the Perth Redbacks 2025 Winter Domestic Competition
- Be registered to play in the Perth Redbacks 2025/26 Summer Domestic Competition
- Have sought and received an exemption from the above

There are no eligibility requirements for players who have never played WABL before or who played in a WABL team for another association in 2025. These players are welcome to register for Perth Redbacks 2026 WABL trials on the understanding that if they are selected for a 2026 Perth Redbacks WABL team, they must play in one of the following to be eligible for future (2027 onwards) Perth Redbacks WABL trials:

- Perth Redbacks 2026 Winter Domestic Competition
- Perth Redbacks 2026/27 Summer Domestic Competition

Trial age groups

Please take careful note of the age group your child is in to ensure they attend the correct trial for the year they were born. We cannot offer exemptions to players who miss the correct trial for their age.

| The year the child is born | Trial Age Group |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2015, 2016, 2017 | U12 |
| 2013, 2014 | U14 |
| 2011, 2012 | U16 |
| 2009, 2010 | U18 |
| 2007, 2008 (Boys only) | U20 |
| 2006, 2007, 2008 (Girls only) | U21 |

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 the compulsory uniform items.
- Pay all registration fees by the payment deadlines.

Club expectations of parents

All parents are expected to:

- Abide by our [parents](#) and [spectators'](#) codes of conduct and our [zero-tolerance behaviour policy](#).
- Be available to be rostered on for scoring duties on their child's State Champs competition weekend and during the WABL season.

Perth Redbacks 2026 WABL Selection Process

OPEN TRIALS - OCTOBER 2025

All players who meet the eligibility requirements are invited to register and attend.

TRIAL DATES

TRIAL 0 - Saturday 18 October

For all **boy** players born 2009-2017 who did not play WABL in 2025.

TRIAL 1 - Sunday 19 October

All **girl** players born 2006-2017 (regardless of whether they played WABL in 2025 or not)

All **boy** players born 2007-2008 (regardless of whether they played WABL in 2025 or not)

All **boy** players born 2009-2017 who played WABL in 2025 (for any association, not just Redbacks)

All **boy** players invited to progress from Trial 0

TRIAL 2 - Sunday 26 October

For all players invited to progress from Trial 1

TRIAL 3 - Week of Monday 27 October

For all players invited to progress from Trial 2

2025 WABL SQUAD SELECTED

44 players* in each age group

*U18 Girls, U20 Boys, U21 Girls will have smaller squads,
U12 Boys will have a larger squad

2025 WABL SQUAD WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TEAMS OF 8 OR 9 PLAYERS FOR STATE CHAMPS

PLAYERS WILL BE ASSESSED OVER THE STATE CHAMPS TRAINING AND COMPETITION PERIOD

(October to December 2025)

2026 WABL TEAMS (4 TEAMS OF 10 + 4 TRAIN ONS) WILL BE FINALISED AFTER STATE CHAMPS

No further trials will be held after 2025 State Champs.

Perth Redbacks 2026 WABL Trial Information

Trial 0 - Saturday 18 October

This trial is for all boy players born 2009-2017 who did not play WABL for any association in 2025.

Important note: 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.

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| Age group | Time |
| U12 Boys (Born 2015/2016/2017) | 8am to 10am |
| U14 Boys (Born 2013/2014) | 10am to 12pm |
| U16 Boys (Born 2011/2012) | 12pm to 2pm |
| U18 Boys (Born 2009/2010) | 2pm to 4pm |

Trial 1 - Sunday 19 October

This trial is for:

- *All girl players born 2006-2017 (regardless of whether they played WABL in 2025 or not)*
- *All boy players born 2007-2008 (regardless of whether they played WABL in 2025 or not)*
- *All boy players born 2009-2017 who played WABL (for any association, not just Redbacks) in 2025*
- *All boy players invited to progress from Trial 0*

| THE LEISURELIFE CENTRE, VIC PARK | |
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| Age group | Time |
| U12 Girls (Born 2015, 2016, 2017) | 8am to 10am |
| U14 Girls (Born 2013, 2014) | 10am to 12pm |
| U16 Girls (Born 2011, 2012) | 12pm to 2pm |
| U18 Girls (Born 2009, 2010) | 2pm to 4pm |
| U20 Boys (Born 2007, 2008) | 4pm to 6pm |
| U21 Girls (Born 2006, 2007, 2008) | 4pm to 6pm |

| BELMONT OASIS LEISURE CENTRE | |
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| Age group | Time |
| U12 Boys (Born 2015, 2016, 2017) | 8am to 10am |
| U14 Boys (Born 2013, 2014) | 10am to 12pm |
| U16 Boys (Born 2011, 2012) | 12pm to 2pm |
| U18 Boys (Born 2009, 2010) | 2pm to 4pm |

Trial 2 - Sunday 26 October

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

| THE LEISURELIFE CENTRE, VIC PARK | |
|---|--------------|
| Age group | Time |
| U12 Girls (Born 2015, 2016, 2017) | 8am to 10am |
| U14 Girls (Born 2013, 2014) | 10am to 12pm |
| U16 Girls (Born 2011, 2012) | 12pm to 2pm |
| U18 Girls (Born 2009, 2010) | 2pm to 4pm |
| U20 Boys (Born 2007, 2008) | 4pm to 6pm |
| U21 Girls (Born 2006, 2007, 2008) | 4pm to 6pm |

| BELMONT OASIS LEISURE CENTRE | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Age group | Time |
| U12 Boys (Born 2015, 2016, 2017) | 8am to 10am |
| U14 Boys (Born 2013, 2014) | 10am to 12pm |
| U16 Boys (Born 2011, 2012) | 12pm to 2pm |
| U18 Boys (Born 2009, 2010) | 2pm to 4pm |

At the end of this trial, we will finalise and name:

- *U12-U18 Girls and Boys, Team 1*
- *U20 Boys Teams 1-3*
- *U21 Girls Team 1*

Players who have not made the teams above and are invited to progress to Trial 3, will be notified on Sunday 26 October.

Trial 3

This trial is for all players who have been invited to progress from Trial 2.

| Monday 27 October: Trinity College Sports Centre | |
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| Age group | Time |
| U12 Boys (Born 2015, 2016, 2017) | 5.30pm to 7pm |
| U14 Boys (Born 2013, 2014) | 7pm to 8.30pm |

| Tuesday 28 October: Trinity College Sports Centre | |
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| Age group | Time |
| U16 Girls (Born 2011, 2012) | 5.30pm to 7pm |
| U16 Boys (Born 2011, 2012) | 7pm to 8.30pm |

| Wednesday 29 October: Belmont Oasis Leisure Centre | |
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| Age group | Time |
| U12 Girls (Born 2015, 2016, 2017) | 4.30pm to 6pm |
| U14 Girls (Born 2013, 2014) | 6pm to 7.30pm |

| Thursday 30 October: Belmont Oasis Leisure Centre | |
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| Age group | Time |
| U18 Girls (Born 2009, 2010) | 5.30pm to 7pm |
| U18 Boys (Born 2009, 2010) | 7pm to 8.30pm |

At the end of these trials we will finalise and name:

- *U12 Boys - Teams 2-6*
- *U12 Girls - Teams 2-5*
- *U14 Boys - Teams 2-5*
- *U14 Girls - Teams 2-5*
- *U16 Boys - Teams 2-5*
- *U16 Girls - Teams 2-5*
- *U18 Boys - Teams 2-5*
- *U18 Girls - Teams 2-5*

State Champs team makeup

At the end of the selection trials, the selected players will be sorted into teams as follows for the State Champs.

| Age | Team 1 | Team 2 | Team 3 | Team 4 | Team 5 | Team 6 |
|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| U12 Boys | Best team (9 players) | Second-best team (9 players) | Third best team (9 players) | Fourth best team (9 players) | Fifth best team (9 players) | Sixth best team (9 players) |
| U12 Girls | Best team (8 players) | Second-best team (9 players) | Third best team (9 players) | Fourth best team (9 players) | Fifth best team (9 players) | NA |
| U14 Boys | Best team (8 players) | Second-best team (9 players) | Third best team (9 players) | Fourth best team (9 players) | Fifth best team (9 players) | NA |
| U14 Girls | Best team (8 players) | Second-best team (9 players) | Third best team (9 players) | Fourth best team (9 players) | Fifth best team (9 players) | NA |
| U16 Boys | Best team (8 players) | Second-best team (9 players) | Third best team (9 players) | Fourth best team (9 players) | Fifth best team (9 players) | NA |
| U16 Girls | Best team (8 players) | Second-best team (9 players) | Third best team (9 players) | Fourth best team (9 players) | Fifth best team (9 players) | NA |
| U18 Boys | Best team (8 players) | Second-best team (9 players) | Third best team (9 players) | Fourth best team (9 players) | Fifth best team (9 players) | NA |
| U18 Girls | Best team (8 players) | Second-best team (9 players) | Third best team (9 players) | Fourth best team (9 players) | Fifth best team (9 players) | NA |
| U20 Boys | Best team (8 players) | Second-best team (8 players) | Third best team (8 players) | NA | NA | NA |
| U21 Girls | Best team (8-10 players) | Second-best team (8-10 players)* | NA | NA | NA | NA |

* Second U21 Girls team dependent on trial numbers

** It's important to note that in the U12 to U18 age groups, we will be aiming for a roughly 50/50 split of top and bottom age players across the age group.

WABL team makeup

At the end of State Champs, the final selections for our 2026 WABL teams will be completed as follows

| Age | Team 1 | Team 2 | Team 3 | Team 4 | Team 5 |
|------------------|------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| U12 Boys | Best team (10 players) | Second-best team (10 players) | Third best team (10 players) | Fourth best team (10 players + 2 train ons) | Fifth best team (10 players + 2 train ons) |
| U12 Girls | Best team (10 players) | Second-best team (10 players) | Third best team (10 players + 2 train ons) | Fourth best team (10 players + 2 train ons) | NA |
| U14 Boys | Best team (10 players) | Second-best team (10 players) | Third best team (10 players + 2 train ons) | Fourth best team (10 players + 2 train ons) | NA |
| U14 Girls | Best team (10 players) | Second-best team (10 players) | Third best team (10 players + 2 train ons) | Fourth best team (10 players + 2 train ons) | NA |
| U16 Boys | Best team (10 players) | Second-best team (10 players) | Third best team (10 players + 2 train ons) | Fourth best team (10 players + 2 train ons) | NA |
| U16 Girls | Best team (10 players) | Second-best team (10 players) | Third best team (10 players + 2 train ons) | Fourth best team (10 players + 2 train ons) | NA |
| U18 Boys | Best team (10 players) | Second-best team (10 players) | Third best team (10 players + 2 train ons) | Fourth best team (10 players + 2 train ons) | NA |
| U18 Girls | Best team (10 players) | Second-best team (10 players) | Third best team (10 players + 2 train ons) | Fourth best team (10 players + 2 train ons) | NA |
| U20 Boys | Best team (10 players) | Second-best team (10 players + 4 train ons) | NA | NA | NA |
| U21 Girls | Best team (10 players) | Second-best team (10 players)* | NA | NA | NA |

* Second U21 Girls team dependent on trial numbers

** It's important to note that in the U12 to U18 age groups, we will be aiming for a roughly 50/50 split of top and bottom age players across the age group.

Registration link

IMPORTANT: There are capacity limits for our trials.

Once the capacity limit for a group is reached, registrations for that group will close. Last year, we reached the capacity limit in several of our age groups. Please register your child quickly to ensure they do not miss out.

**Trial registrations will close at 5.30pm on Wednesday 8 October
for age groups that have not already hit their capacity limit.**

Absolutely no late registrations will be accepted.

Registrations are not refundable.

[Click here to register your child](#) for the Perth Redbacks 2026 WABL trials.

Once registered, you will next hear from us on
Tuesday 14 October 2025 with final details about trials.

Questions

If you have any questions after reading the above, please reach out to
kelly@perthredbacks.asn.au