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Dear FDBA Domestic Club Delegates,

Frankston Basketball Referees Update

I writing to you to inform you that we have just started our final referee beginner school for 2017. This course is adopting the Basketball Australia Model - this model includes the theory workbook and PowerPoint presentations from Basketball Australia, but also changes the way in which our referees train on the court. You will now start to see Trainees (White shirts) in the Saturday Competitions.

These trainees will be wearing casual clothes while they train with their allocated mentor. The purpose of an allocated mentor is to align trainees with the most approriately skilled & experienced officials at FDBA. This will speed up the process of these trainees receiving their green shirt and becoming active members of the referee team in the Saturday competition.

This system will also help increase the number of trainees that complete the school and get graded to a green shirt. Previously trainees would only referee 2 senior games per week due to the fact we had schools running with 20+ trainees. Instead we have run a smaller group of only 10 with the goal of all 10 receiving their green shirt before the end of this year. Now that we are running our trainees with this model we can focus on teaching our trainees about how to call the game, rather than just focusing on building confidence to call fouls on grown men.

As this is a new initiatve at FDBA I would ask you to communicate with your members so they are aware of the program being implemented on Saturdays. As with all changes to existing programs we will monitor and assess its effectiveness as we progress. Adjustments will be made to each school as we find the optimal system to meet the associations needs.

I am also pleased to announce that FDBA has appointed three new referee supervisors to our Saturday team. This increases the team to total of nine supervisors working rotational shifts across morning and afternoon's – with 3 supervisors on duty at any point during competition hours.

I am confident this will be another step forward for our referees program as we endeavour to grow and evolve with FDBA competitions. Your continued support of our competitions and referees program is greatly appreciate. Should you have any questions about the referees program or would like get involved do not hesitate to contact me; referees@frankstonbasketball.asn.au

Regards,

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Referee Development Officer