



UNDER 8 / 10 / 12 JUNIOR MERCY RULE

JUNIOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Waverley Basketball Association has decided to adopt the Mercy Rule. This rule is used widely throughout basketball competitions and varies from one association to another. Waverley will implement this rule to our Under 8's, 10's and 12's Junior Competitions in the manner outlined below.

It is intended by the introduction of this rule to have more enjoyable games for all involved and uphold a good sportsmanship attitude to allow struggling teams to bring the ball down the court.

The rule is as follows:

A team must retreat to the three-point line of their defensive key when they reach a fifteen-point lead.

Defence must remain inside the three-point line at all times. If defence makes a steal outside of the three-point line, then the referees are to call a violation and give the ball back to the team who lost the ball.

The Mercy Rule must be implemented at any time during the game when a team reaches this lead. If the leading team, as described, does not retreat to the three-point area in the eyes of the referee, it will result in a turn over and the opposition will gain control of the ball at the sideline.

Referees are the total arbitrators of this rule.

If the lead goes under 15 points, the Mercy Rule will not apply at this point in the game and players and coaches can return to playing any style of defence they wish.

It is essential all coaches demonstrate a fair and sportsmanlike approach to the game.