The Reclink 3x3 Community Hustle in conjunction with Basketball Tasmania came to a close yesterday with Cosgrove High School winning the boys title and bragging rights against their school-based peers in the final, and the New Norfolk High School girls clinched the Reclink Community Shield in a nail-biter against the Glenora District School. Both teams took similar journeys to the finals having been seeded outside the top 3 after the four-week round-robin roster series.
For the Cosgrove boys, it was the offensive marksmanship of club baller Lachie Blazeley who held the team together during the tense semi-final and then again in the frenetic final.

The New Norfolk girls had more of a collective effort with their swarming defence wreaking havoc against a number of the opposition’s offensive weapons; some of whom hold club basketball pedigree. Their team improvement - offensive strategy, defensive positioning - was profound from week one through to eventual champions, which is remarkable given the lack of true coaching available to them throughout that time.

And whilst the feature prize of the 5 week tournament was the Reclink Community Shield, for team success, participants also had individual honours to strive for. The recipients of boys and girls League MVP would enter club basketball - subscriptions and club clothing - via a Basketball Tasmania scholarship.

Zac Kelleher from Cosgrove High School, who impressed the selection panel with his tenacious defence and impeccable sportsmanship, has won the opportunity to join the Glenorchy Spartans; whilst Chyla Pfeiffer from the Glenora District School will join the Southern Wolves as the girls League MVP.

The success of this tournament lies solely in the hands of the students, who displayed the highest levels of sportsmanship and skill. Two talented students gained paid access to club sport, where we know the environment is healthy and supportive, but many more were impacted by the beauty of sport, competition, and school/regional pride.

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