

Batemans Bay Basketball Association

Representative Handbook

Introduction

Batemans Bay Basketball Association is a vibrant community association that brings together players of all ages and skill levels in the picturesque coastal town of Batemans Bay, New South Wales. The Association fosters a love for the game through a variety of competitions, from junior leagues to senior divisions and representative competitions, promoting teamwork, sportsmanship, and physical fitness. The Association's facilities are bustling with practices, games, and events, encouraging community engagement and providing a supportive environment for both aspiring and talented athletes. With a focus on inclusivity, development and excellence, Batemans Bay Basketball Association not only nurtures talent but also strengthens community bonds, making it a cornerstone for basketball on the far south coast of NSW.

Club structure

President

Vice- President

Treasurer

Secretary

3 x Directors

Representative Basketball Coordinator

Referee Coordinator / Trainer

Domestic Competitions Director

Coordinators

Aussie Hoops

U12s

U14s

U16s

U18s

Open Men

Open Women

Club philosophy – Representative Basketball

To develop and nurture high quality players that have a hard work ethic, and to field highly proficient, capable and supportive teams that achieve excellence at all levels of representative basketball.

Objective – Representative Basketball

Batemans Bay Basketball Association will strive to produce quality teams that field high calibre players from the local area. Our teams will work hard at training to achieve competitive results in tournaments. They will be respectful of their Association, their coach and trainer. They will work hard for their team-mates and showcase Batemans Bay Basketball Association's reputation for on-court professionalism, courtesy and good sportsmanship. Our players will play to Batemans Bay Basketball Association's Style of Play and ensure they are providing an emotionally supportive environment for their teammates.

Player development philosophy Vs winning philosophy

During tournaments, our players will be exposed to a wide range of styles of play and coaching philosophies from other clubs. It is important that our players always work hard for their teammates both at training and on game day and provide emotional support at each.

The Association's structure allows us to provide an effective Style of Play that maintains consistency across all age groups and teams. Teaching to BNSW standards provides a pathway into the high-performance arena, developing both the player's IQ and technical expertise.

At all representative levels, the aim is to win games, however at the development level (e.g., Barrengarry Tournament), the importance of this can vary according to the quality of the opponent and the situation at hand.

For example, a coach may choose to focus, instead of winning by a large margin, to keep the game close, creating high-pressure situations that may greatly help the team develop a key aspect of their game that can be difficult to replicate at training, e.g., implementing a press break effectively.

The aim for players in the NSW Waratah Leagues (e.g., Southern Junior League) however is to win. Coaches may find opportunities to implement development actions such as the above scenario, however this must not be to the detriment of winning the game.

Typically, the best players in the team will receive more game time at this level, and players wishing to get more court time must train harder and more frequently, both off and on court to improve their skill level.

Coach eligibility and selection criteria

An expression of interest for coaches in the next competition year, will be advertised by the Association at the end of current competition.

Persons interested in coaching at the State Level (Waratah League) and above, must have completed, as a minimum, Basketball NSW' Club Coach Course and hold a valid Working with Children Check. Desirable criteria include experience as a representative player and coaching in the Waratah League, or similar.

Persons interested in coaching at a regional level (e.g., Barrengarry) must hold a valid Working with Children Check, have some coaching experience and a sound background in basketball concepts and fundamentals.

Coaches at both levels must have a desire to continually improve, add tools to their coaching toolbox and attend coach's clinics where the Association requests their attendance.

Coaches will be selected for suitability based on, but not limited to, qualifications, coaching experience track record and club involvement.

A selection panel will allocate an age group to each selected coach based on the above criteria and suitability. Persons interested in coaching may request to coach a certain age / gender and this will be considered on merit, by the selection committee. E.g., a person may wish to coach their daughter or son.

Trainer eligibility and selection criteria

Persons interested in training players must have relevant experience in basketball including current concepts, philosophies and strategies. Trainers must hold a valid Working with Children's Check. The Association will endeavour to ensure our Coaches and Trainers are up to date with the latest developments through BNSW initiatives such as the State Performance Program and development clinics.

Player eligibility and selection criteria

All representative players must be current playing members of the Association in their respective age group and be willing and able to attend training. Other candidates may be assessed for eligibility on merit, and these applications must be presented to the Committee for consideration.

Selection Process

Representative selection days will be held at the end of the current representative season and will be advertised widely by the Association.

Training Schedule

Domestic competitions are a priority for the Association, and Representative training will be held on a weekly basis, typically 2hrs in duration on a weekday, however court availability may push some training sessions to the weekend or before school hours. Extra training (e.g., prior to tournaments) may be held at the coach's discretion, and these may be held at other venues.

Expectations

Parents and carers are welcome to attend general training sessions, and this can be a great way to provide emotional support for your child. Sideline coaching is not permitted, and we request that any verbal encouragement is kept to an absolute minimum to avoid distraction, please ensure this is always positive in nature. Coaches and trainers reserve the right to run closed sessions if the above considerations are not observed.

Communication is high on the Association's agenda, and parents and carers are encouraged to communicate with the Association's Representative Basketball Coordinator in the first instance, or with the Assistant Coach, Coach or Trainer for specific performance or behaviour related information. Personal communication is expected to be positive in nature. Our coaches and trainers are volunteer workers. Bullying, abuse, coercion and forceful suggestion etc, will not be tolerated.

The Association acknowledges that some parents and carers may come from a high-performance background, and that personal coaching of children happens outside of the Association's formal structures. Extra training is highly encouraged, and we ask that parents and carers who are actively coaching and training their children, please liaise with the coach to ensure that this training is consistent with the Association's performance standards and style of play.

Coaches and trainers must always observe and practice the Association's philosophy and coach to Batemans Bay Basketball's performance standards and style of play. Coaches set the team's standard and as such, they must ensure they are prepared and on time, with all resources required to run a successful session. If a coach or trainer is unable to attend a session, they must notify the Representative Basketball Coordinator no later than the day before so that a replacement coach / trainer can run the session. Additionally, a session plan must be provided to maintain flow and consistency.

Coaches must practice good communication and should make themselves available to parents and carers where appropriate, however they are to train teams in accordance with Batemans Bay Basketball's performance standards and style of play. It is expected that coaches and trainers will make themselves available for, and contribute to coaches' meetings, development opportunities, feedback and planning sessions. Coaches and trainers are encouraged to engage in development programs that will benefit their personal and professional development and provide innovative ideas and concepts for our players and coaching staff.

Players are expected to uphold the Association's philosophy and to conduct themselves in a manner that is befitting of a representative player including bringing with them, a positive attitude and willingness to work hard and train and play fairly in a respectful and courteous manner to both teammates, coaching staff and officials.

Players are expected to be in the stadium and ready to train with shoes on, before the scheduled training time. If a player is unable to make a session or will be late, the Coach or Trainer must be notified so the training plan can be modified if necessary.

Our Association prides itself on providing a supportive team environment for players to learn, grow and excel. Players must always to treat their team-mates, trainers and coaches, officials, players from the opposing team and everyone else, with respect and courtesy.

It is important that players understand they are professionally representing the Batemans Bay Basketball Association and their home-town. As such, players must listen attentively, work hard and do as instructed while at training and on game day. Disciplinary action such as less playing time in games may be imposed on players that choose to engage in poor decision making.

Any complaints or concerns about behaviour within the team or from an opposing team etc, are to be directed immediately to the coach. Disciplinary action may be taken if a player chooses behaviour and conduct that is not conducive to good sportsmanship, respect and courtesy. This extends to players at training that choose not to follow instructions and / or continually display rude and disruptive behaviour.

Players must be in the stadium and ready to warm up at least 30 minutes prior to a representative game commencing – this may change according to the coach's requirements; players may be requested to be in the stadium much earlier to revise set plays and concepts etc. If unsure, ask the coach.

Bench Officials and Referees

The Association must provide both referees and bench officials to be able to field teams at all levels of competition.

Waratah League level officials must attend a BNSW training session, while referees at this level must be graded at Association Advanced level (1B/Y5) or above, and be technically proficient, fit and emotionally capable. These referees must attend a Referee Action Day, at which they will undertake a fitness test and take part in a group session to ensure they are aware of new or changed rulings and that their technique and communication is adequate and technically sound for their nominated level of competition.

Additional referee training sessions will be held for those that wish to progress in their referee career pathway. Officials are encouraged to practice their skills during domestic competitions. Referees are paid per game, by the host association or BNSW.

Volunteers are always needed and anyone wishing to become an official or referee, should talk to the Association's Representative Basketball Coordinator to find out how to get involved.

Game Day and Court time

High-performance level: we will strive to field our most competent players and referees in each age group in the NSW Waratah League (e.g., Southern Junior League).

Development level: we will strive to field developing players and referees in each age group in the Barrengarry Conference.

Court Time - Development level: Coaches will endeavour to provide court time in each quarter to all players. Winning games is important for team morale, so high stakes games may require more court time for skilled players to attempt to secure a win. This will be at the discretion of the coach.

Court Time - Waratah League level: The most highly skilled players in their age cohort will be selected to play at this level. While the aim is to provide court time for all players, our primary objective at this level is to win games. As such, the coach will do whatever is necessary (with respect to player court time) to attempt to secure a win. This may mean that not all players receive equal court time in high stakes games. As mentioned previously, it is incumbent on players wishing to receive more court time at this level, to train harder and more frequently, both off and on court to improve their skill level.

Court Time - Other Tournaments: E.g., NSW Country Tournament, Steel City Challenge, Dave Lavender Tournament, Canberra Classic, Twin Cities Classic. Many of these tournaments provide our players with unique opportunities to pit their skills against many and varied teams across NSW that they would ordinarily not play, including metro teams. Some of these tournaments are aimed at simply having a fun weekend away, while others are very high stakes in the upper divisions. Coaches will pull together teams based on interest and run their teams according to the tournament's philosophy and intent.

Representative Attire

Players must wear the latest Batemans Bay Breakers uniform. This uniform must be clean, neat and tidy, shirts tucked in, long hair must be contained in a ponytail or bun and jewellery must be removed.

Communications and Social Media

The Association will ensure reasonable notice is given with respect to communications, this will come from the Representative Basketball Coordinator or coaches. The Association has a focus on inclusivity and will communicate expectations to parents and carers prior to the season commencing. We welcome constructive feedback and will actively listen to build strength and positivity in the club and enable our community to grow.

Please ensure you are reading all communications from the Association and if required, are responding to requests for information by the timeline given. This is especially important with respect to uniforms, venue and game time changes etc. The Association maintains Facebook and Instagram accounts, you may choose not to have media of your child posted online – please ensure the Representative Basketball Coordinator is aware of this. Equally, while a basketball stadium is a public place, out of respect it is important that permission is given from the parents of other children prior to posting any photographs on personal social media pages.

Financial responsibilities

Representative Basketball operates separately from the Domestic Competition and is a user-based fee system. Some common expenses include stadium hire charges for training, competition registration fees, insurance fees, accommodation and travel expenses and uniform costs, plus opportunities for players to purchase merchandise (e.g., Country Tournament).

The Association usually fundraises to deflect some of these expenses. However, this varies greatly with the opportunities presented to the Association and the number of volunteers who are willing to assist in this fund raising. It's important to understand that parents and carers will ultimately have to pay for their child to play representative basketball.

Your expenses on game day cover court hire, insurances, referee payments, etc. Our coaches and officials are volunteers, and the Association may cover a portion of their travel and accommodation expenses as a thank you for their time spent training and coaching your child.

Disciplinary Action

Disciplinary action may take a variety of forms. Players that are being disrespectful to the team, coach or court officials may receive less court time as a result of their behaviour, this will be at the discretion of the coaching staff which should be discussed with the player's parents / carers at the first opportunity. High level disciplinary action may take the form of suspension and expulsion from the team and / or club, including elevation to BNSW and the tribunal.

Further Information

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