



Tamworth Thunderbolts Representative – Player Information

Congratulations on your selection to the Tamworth Thunderbolts Representative Program.

This document provides key information about the program and outlines expectations for players and their families. Please ensure all parties involved—players, parents, carers, etc.—thoroughly read and understand the requirements outlined in this document and associated links before accepting a team position.

Eligibility

To be eligible for selection, players must:

1. Be a registered member of Basketball NSW through Tamworth Basketball Association (TBA).
2. Agree to adhere to all TBA policies and guidelines.
3. Complete the online Player Agreement form by Monday 13th October 2025.
4. Participate in the Representative fundraising drive.
5. Pay all fees by the specified due dates.

As per the Basketball NSW Waratah Junior League By-Laws, all representative players must also participate in TBA's domestic/local competition. Players are considered domestic competition participants first, then representative players.

Players transferring from other associations must complete the relevant transfer process before completing the agreement.

Estimated Costs: \$1,000–\$1,200 per player (subject to BNSW fees and schedule). Includes:

- 20 x 1.5 hr training sessions (all additional training sessions will be invoiced once after the season ends)
- 1 x polo, 1 x drink bottle and 1 x pair of socks per player
- BNSW nomination, game fees, levies, referee & coach development
- Travel subsidies for coaches & referees
- Administration, kit bags, uniform levy, first aid kits, basketballs, presentation, etc.

Costs do not include:

- Meals, travel, and accommodation
- Camps and preseason games
- Tournaments outside the Waratah Junior League (Including State Cup)
- Additional training sessions beyond the 20 included above

Payments:

- Deposit to secure a position: \$300 payment due 1 Dec 2025
- Final invoice issued after BNSW release the draw (usually late Feb), payment due end of March 2026

Players are welcome to pay fees in advance if they wish. Flexible payment plans are also available, and lump sum payments can be applied to a player's account. To arrange either option, please email admin@tamworthbasketball.com.au as soon as team selections are announced.

Non-Payment

Players with outstanding fees after the due dates will be deemed non-financial and ineligible to participate further in the Representative Program or TBA domestic competition.

Requests for financial hardship consideration must be submitted in writing to admin@tamworthbasketball.com.au by 1st December 2025.

Fundraising: Details will be shared after team selections. Participation is a requirement as part of the program.

Training

Each team will have two training sessions per week, Friday nights and one additional day chosen by the coach. These will include individual team and combined squad sessions. Should your team qualify for Finals and the State Cup, additional sessions will be scheduled.

All players are expected to attend all training sessions and games.

Coaches may also nominate their representative teams to play in the domestic competition as a Development Team (usually in an age group up). This is subject to TBA Board approval and will require an additional registration fee.

Note: Representative teams are not eligible to participate in domestic finals.

Court Time

Court time is at the coach's discretion, based on factors such as attendance, attitude, effort, and game strategy.

Team Manager

Team Managers are the primary point of contact for all communication. They liaise with coaches, TBA, officials, and families, and handle:

- Communications about training, schedules, bench duty rosters, and games
- Uniform and equipment management

All managers must hold a Working with Children Check and abide by TBA and BNSW Codes of Conduct. *Expression of Interest forms for managers are available on our website.*

Referees

Each team must provide a suitably qualified referee. TBA will coordinate referee appointments on behalf of Representative teams.

We are all responsible for treating referees with kindness and respect.

Score-Bench Duty

All teams must provide two adults per game to perform score-bench duties during the Waratah Junior League season. Team Managers will coordinate a roster before the season begins.

A great way to practice is by scoring during your child's domestic games, where each team provides one scorer. If you'd like a refresher, speak to your Team Manager.

Other Situations

Situations not covered by this document will be handled by the Representative and Coaching Committees, in consultation with the TBA Board, on a case-by-case basis.

Thank You

The Tamworth Basketball Association Board, Representative Committee, and Coaches appreciate your support and look forward to the upcoming season.

Important Dates

Please add the following key dates to your calendar:

Representative Trial Dates

- Sunday 7th September 2025
 - Sunday 14th September 2025
 - Sunday 21st September 2025
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Squad Announcements

- Wednesday 24th September 2025
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Squad Training

- Sunday 12th October 2025
 - Sunday 19th October 2025
 - Sunday 26th October 2025
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Preseason Tournament *(Compulsory for all players – key part of selection)*

- **Port Macquarie Seaside Classic** – 1st & 2nd November 2025
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Team Announcements

- Wednesday 5th November 2025
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Team Training

- Sunday 9th November 2025 (All Teams)
 - Sunday 16th November 2025 (Div 2 only – Games vs Inverell)
 - Sunday 23rd November 2025 (All Teams)
 - Sunday 30th November 2025 (Div 1 - U14, U16 & U18 only - Training Camp)
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Other Preseason Tournaments *(Additional costs will apply.)*

- **Tamworth Preseason Carnival:** 7th–8th February 2026
- **Coffs Big Banana Classic:** 14th–15th February 2026 (Div 1 teams only)
- **Coffs Harbour – Bronwyn Vigors Pacific Challenge*:** 5th–7th December 2025
- **Coastal Classic – Central Coast*:** Early February 2026

** Attendance decided by coaches*

Midseason Tournament *(Attendance decided by coaches. Additional costs will apply.)*

- **BNSW John Martin Country Tournament:** 6th–8th June 2026
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State Cup *(NEJL Division 1 Grand Finalists will qualify for the State Cup. Additional costs will apply.)*

- **Date to be confirmed when the Competition Format is released.** Usually Late July/August