



Tamworth Thunderbolts Representative - Player Agreement

Congratulations on your selection to the Tamworth Thunderbolts Representative Program.

By accepting your team position, you acknowledge that you understand the information and agree to the expectations outlined in this document.

As per Basketball NSW Waratah League By-Laws, all representative players must participate in Tamworth Basketball Association's domestic/local competition. Players are considered domestic/local competition participants first and foremost, and then representative players. Requests for exemption or modified requirements to the above must be submitted in writing to the TBA board via admin@tamworthbasketball.com.au prior to accepting a team position.

Training: Each team will have 2 training sessions per week; these may include individual team sessions and combined team sessions. Should your team qualify for Finals and State Cup, there may be additional training sessions in the lead up. Aside from extenuating circumstances, it is expected that all players attend all training sessions and games.

In addition to team training sessions, the coach may choose to nominate their representative team to compete in the domestic/local competition as a 'Development Team'. If this occurs the team will play in an older age group or A-Grade for senior teams, and an additional registration fee will apply. Participation is subject to TBA Board approval. Representative teams do not qualify to compete in finals in the local competition.

Court Time: Representative basketball is an elite development program. Playing time is at the coaches' discretion and influenced by factors such as game conditions, competition level, player role, and the importance of the game. Other factors taken into consideration are the following:

- **Effort:** Demonstrated work ethic and attitude to improve as a player.
- **Coachable:** Being highly receptive to coaching.
- **Teamwork:** Exhibiting a selfless attitude with a team-first mentality.
- **Behaviour:** Maintaining a positive attitude, upholding high standards of conduct and being respectful towards coaches, managers, players, opponents, officials and spectators at all times.
- **Athletic Ability:** Demonstrated - speed, height, quick hands, strength, strong offensive and defensive skills, and the ability to make good decisions during drills and games.
- **Attendance:** Attending and being punctual for all training sessions and games. Providing timely notice and a valid reason if unable to attend or arriving late.

Uniforms - Representative game uniforms will be provided and collected by the team manager at the beginning and end of each representative competition weekend. Players do not keep these uniforms.

First-year Thunderbolts players will receive their own training singlet and polo. Replacement items may be ordered in future seasons; they are not issued automatically each year — players should speak with their team manager if they wish to order new items.

Team coaches and managers will be provided with a TBA polo, jacket, and choice of track pants or shorts. All players and team staff must be in full uniform for all games and events.

Injury and Illness: Injuries must be reported via the [BNSW Injury Report Form](#) for any injuries sustained during training and games.

Withdrawals & Refunds: Players who withdraw prior to the completion of the season, whether due to injury or any other reason, are not eligible for a refund and remain responsible for any outstanding fees. If the player is replaced, they may apply for a partial fee exemption by emailing details of their circumstances, including medical certificates and any other supporting documentation, to admin@tamworthbasketball.com.au. Please note that all applications are subject to review, and approval is not guaranteed. Refunds will not be provided for clothing items.

Please note fundraising proceeds and voucher payments are non-refundable.

Score-Bench Duty (Juniors Only): All teams are responsible for providing 2 adults per team to perform score-bench duties for every game. These duties are to be fulfilled by the parents/carers of the players. The team manager will organise and distribute a score-bench duty roster to the team before the season begins.

Behaviour: In accordance with the Basketball NSW Conditions of Entry, the BNSW Zero Tolerance Policy, and the Tamworth Basketball Association, Basketball NSW and Basketball Australia Codes of Conduct, all players, coaches, managers, parents, carers and spectators are expected to uphold the highest standards of behaviour.

Any comments, gestures, or behaviours towards players, coaches, officials, or spectators that are disruptive, abusive, or otherwise interfere with the enjoyment and safety of others will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the venue and/or further disciplinary action. Let's represent our club with pride and respect.

Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO): Tamworth Basketball Association adheres to the Basketball Australia and the Basketball NSW Member Protection By-Laws, ensuring a safe, fair, and inclusive environment for all involved. Copies of these by-laws can be found on the respective websites - [Basketball Australia](#) and [Basketball NSW](#).

For support, contact our MPIO via admin@tamworthbasketball.com.au or call 02 6762 2986 during office hours.

Social Media: Players, officials, parents, and guardians must comply with Tamworth Basketball Association and Basketball NSW Social Media Policies.

These are available on the following websites [Tamworth Basketball Association](#) and [Basketball NSW](#).

In cases not covered here, decisions will be made by the Tamworth Thunderbolts Representative and Coaching Committees in consultation with the Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis.

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