



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.

Domestic Competition Participation - As per the Basketball NSW Waratah League By-Laws, all representative players must participate in Tamworth Basketball Association's (TBA) domestic/local competition. Players are considered domestic/local competition participants first and foremost, then representative players.

Requests for exemptions or modifications to the above requirements 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 two training sessions per week; these may include individual team sessions and combined team sessions. Should your team qualify for Finals and State Cup, additional training may be scheduled in the lead-up.

Aside from extenuating circumstances, it is expected that all players attend all training sessions and games.

In addition to team sessions, coaches may nominate their representative team to compete in the domestic/local competition as a *Development Team*. In this case, teams play in an older age group (or A-Grade for senior teams), and an additional team registration fee will apply. Participation is subject to TBA Board approval. Please note: Representative teams are not eligible to compete in domestic competition finals.

Court Time - Representative basketball is an elite development program, and playing time is at the coach's discretion. Court time may vary based on game conditions, competition level, player role, and the importance of the game.

Additional factors considered include:

- **Effort** – Consistent work ethic and commitment to improvement
- **Coachable Attitude** – Receptiveness to coaching and feedback
- **Teamwork** – A selfless, team-first mentality
- **Behaviour** – Positive attitude, respectful conduct toward coaches, teammates, managers, opponents, officials, and spectators
- **Athletic Ability** – Demonstrated skills, game awareness, decision-making, and physical attributes such as speed, strength, and agility
- **Attendance** – Punctual and reliable attendance at all training sessions and games, with timely communication and valid reasons if absent or 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, warm-up top, and polo. Replacement items may be requested in future seasons but are not issued automatically each year — players should speak with their team manager if sizing changes are needed.

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 - All injuries sustained during training or games must be reported using the BNSW Injury Report Form found on the TBA website.

Players affected by injury or illness (pre-season or mid-season) that prevents participation for the remainder of the season — as well as any replacement players — may apply for a partial fee exemption by emailing details, medical certificates, and supporting documentation to admin@tamworthbasketball.com.au.

Please note that approval is subject to review and not guaranteed.

Fundraising proceeds and voucher payments are non-refundable.

Score-Bench Duty (Juniors Only) - All teams must provide two adults per game to perform score-bench duties. These roles are to be filled by the players' parents or carers.

The team manager will organise and distribute a score-bench roster before the season begins.

Behaviour Expectations - In line with the Basketball NSW Conditions of Entry, BNSW Zero Tolerance Policy, and the Codes of Conduct set by TBA, BNSW, and Basketball Australia, any comments, gestures, or behaviours considered disruptive, abusive, or likely to interfere with the comfort and enjoyment of others are unacceptable.

This applies to players, coaches, managers, parents, carers, and spectators. Breaches may result in removal from the venue and/or further disciplinary action.

Let's represent our club with pride and respect.

Fundraising – All players are to participate in the representative fundraising drive.

Member Protection Officer - Tamworth Basketball Association adheres to the Basketball Australia and Basketball NSW Member Protection By-Laws, ensuring a safe, fair, and inclusive environment for all involved.

If you require support, please contact our Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO) at: admin@tamworthbasketball.com.au or 02 6762 2986 during office hours

Copies of relevant by-laws are available on the Basketball Australia and Basketball NSW websites.

Social Media - Players, officials, parents, and guardians must comply with the Tamworth Basketball Association and Basketball NSW Social Media Policies. These can be found on each organisation's website.

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

The Tamworth Basketball Association Board, Representative Committee, and Coaching Staff appreciate your cooperation and look forward to a successful season ahead.