



Tamworth Thunderbolts Representative Development Program



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WELCOME TO 2017

GENERAL INFO

PERSONAL PLAYER REGISTRATION

All players must be registered as a full member with the Tamworth Basketball Association and Basketball NSW before they take the court for any game in the representative season.

All officials must also be registered as 'Other' – this includes coaches, managers, referees and any other officials involved with Thunderbolts. All registrations to be done online.

To register online go to tamworthbasketball.com.au click on the  tab.

DOMESTIC COMPETITION

All representative players are required to play in TBA Summer and Winter domestic competitions during the calendar year. All players are local competition players first and foremost, then a representative player.

Representative players must play a minimum of 55% of scheduled games in TBA's domestic competition. Players seeking exemption from this or modified requirements to play must apply in writing to the TBA board.

DEPOSIT

All players have been advised of the \$500 non-refundable deposit, which constituted an acceptance of an offer to be part of the 2017 Thunderbolts Junior Representative Program.

This deposit will be deducted from the total levy due for the 2017 representative season.

As total costs, may vary from team to team the levy for your team will be communicated separately by the TBA Administrator. If you have queries regarding the levy amount, please contact TBA Administrator Peter McDonald via email admin@tamworthbasketball.com.au or phone the office during business hours.

The player levy covers direct costs incurred with running the program including the following;

- ✓ All Competition Nomination, Game Fees and Association Fees
- ✓ Referee's Fees
- ✓ Casual shirt
- ✓ Playing socks
- ✓ Training singlet (new players only)
- ✓ Hire of playing uniforms
- ✓ Team staff uniforms

- ✓ Travel expenses including accommodation, coach hire, some meals
- ✓ Presentation expenses
- ✓ Team Photos
- ✓ Team Equipment Bag (includes basketballs, first aid supplies etc.)
- ✓ Referee & Coach development levy (NSW Basketball implementation)

The levy does not include any costs associated with finals therefore if your team makes finals this will be an additional cost.

Additional costs may be involved for extra training sessions, camps etc. and will be communicated through team managers.

PAYMENT OF LEVY

The balance of the 2017 levy is to be paid ***at a minimum*** of four instalments to coincide with the draw.

Payments can be made by:

Preferred method of payment: -

- ***Online Paypal/Credit Card transactions from TBA website***
- ***Account Name:*** Tamworth Basketball Association

<i>BSB:</i>	932-000
<i>Account no:</i>	751035
<i>Description –</i>	Players name e.g. J Smith NJL 12W <i>or</i>
- EFTPOS – Available TBA office hours or during local competition nights
- Cash Payments – Available TBA office hours or during local competition nights
- Cheque – PO Box 5023, South Tamworth NSW 2340

Players who wish to make payments on a weekly or monthly basis may do so however please contact the TBA office to arrange this. Monthly statements will be issued to each player via email.

Players who fail to pay their levies and do not arrange a payment plan are ineligible to play for the Thunderbolts Junior Rep Program until the outstanding amount is received.

All payments to be finalised by 14th July 2017.

REFUNDS

Once a player has paid their non-refundable deposit that player will be deemed a Thunderbolts player.

As the team breakdown of fees is calculated on the number of players at the beginning of the season, players are liable for the whole season.

If a 2017 Thunderbolts player withdraws from a team due to injury or illness an application must be made in writing with the relevant medical documentation to the TBA board for a full or partial refund.

No partial refunds are available for games missed due to injury unless the player withdraws from the team.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

Any cases of genuine financial hardship can be brought to the attention of TBA.

Requests for fee relief should be sent to the TBA Treasurer by the parent of the player (if player under 18 years of age) or the individual player (over 18).

Requests for fee relief will be dealt with in confidence and on a case by case basis.

PLAYER SAFETY

INJURY PROCEDURES

If a player is injured during the representative season, either at a game or team training, the Team Manager is responsible for ensuring that an Injury Report is filled out and if injured during a game a copy of the score sheet for the game your player was injured is obtained.

Please see you Team Manager to obtain the ACCIDENT CLAIMS PROCEDURE FORM which explains the steps to follow.

PLAYER & PARENT BEHAVIOUR

All players and their parents/guardians are required to sign and abide by the 2017 Tamworth Basketball Code of Conduct. (found in player/parent agreement outline).

This agreement ensures that players and their parents are aware of their responsibilities with regards to their ongoing involvement in the Thunderbolts Representative Program.

TBA would like to draw attention to the expectations in regards to social media including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. TBA would like to remind players and parents that these are forums in public domains and inappropriate comments or conversations on these forums may be in breach of the 2017 Thunderbolts Representative Code of Conduct.

With Ipads, mobile phones etc. now so readily available, it is important to follow and inform adults of the general guidelines for a safe environment in Sports and Recreation.

The following link from Play By The Rules outlines the law, strategies and guidelines for policing this. <http://www.playbytherules.net.au/legal-stuff/child-protection/images-of-children>

PLAYER PROTECTION POLICY

TBA has an appointed Child/Member Protection Officer. The Protection Officer is responsible for reporting any allegations of player abuse that occur in Tamworth Basketball to the local branch of the Department of Community Services (DOCS) and/or the New South Wales Police Service.

BUILDING YOUR CLUB

FUNDRAISING

Teams are encouraged to fundraise to offset costs of participation in the Thunderbolts program. These costs may include team travel expenses, accommodation for players and officials.

During the year, the TBA Representative Committee will endeavour to provide opportunities for each team to fundraise e.g. raffles, BBQs and hundred clubs.

There will also be fundraising events held during the season to help raise funds for the club as a whole. All players and parents are encouraged to support these events as they will be the ones who ultimately benefit.

SPONSORSHIP

TBA has some great sponsorship packages available for businesses that are interested in being a sponsor for the Junior Rep Program.

TBA can also tailor a sponsorship package to individual businesses so if you have any potential sponsors interested in joining the Thunderbolts please contact Jason Darcy via the TBA office.

Offers to potential sponsors of team, division, Club package must be approved by the TBA board.

TRAINING COURSES

TBA will be running a number of training courses during the year for players, referees, coaches, team managers. All Thunderbolts players in the Junior Rep Program are required to complete the Level 0 referees course.

2017 COACHES

Congratulations and good luck to all of the Thunderbolts Coaches and officials for the season.

Team	Coach	Team	Coach
State League Women	Robyn Skelton	State League Men	John Ireland
18 Girls Division 1	Tony Higgins	18 Boys Division 1	Jono Willis
		18 Boys Division 2	
16 Girls Division 1	Greg Irwin	16 Boys Division 1	Matt Hobson
16 Girls Division 2	Emily Bailey	16 Boys Division 2	Paul Hobson
14 Girls Division 1	Robyn Skelton	14 Boys Division 1	Taylor Skelton
14 Girls Division 2	Dave McCubbin	14 Boys Division 2	Gary Sinclair
12 Girls Division	Neil Gaffney	12 Boys Division	Paul Hobson

TRAINING

Coaches will arrange the time of training sessions with TBA so please communicate directly with your coach or manager regarding all practice sessions.

Fees for training sessions are not included in the player levy. Payment of these sessions will be coordinated by your team manager or coach.

WARATAH JUNIOR LEAGUES

COUNTRY PREMIER LEAGUE (CPL)

Division 1 Teams –U/16G, U/16B, U/18B

Round 1	25/26 March	Illawarra
Round 2	29/30 April	Bathurst/Coffs
Round 3	27/28 May	Gosford
Round 4	24/25 June	Minto
Round 5	29/30 July	Maitland/Newcastle
Finals	19/20 August	Minto

JUNIOR STATE

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Top 4 teams in CPL qualify
26/27 August Venue TBC

NORTHERN JUNIOR LEAGUE (NJL)

Division 1 Teams – U/12, U/14, U/16, U/18

Round 1	11/12 March	Tamworth
Round 2	1/2 April	Port Macquarie
Round 3	13/14 May	Port Macquarie
Round 4	15/16 July	Coffs Harbour
Finals	5/6 August	Port Macquarie

JUNIOR STATE CUP

Top team in Division 1 of NJL qualify
teams may apply for wildcard
2/3 September - Venue TBC

Division 2 Teams - U/14, U/16, U/18

Round 1	18/19 March	Tamworth
Round 2	8/9 April	Lismore
Round 3	20/21 May	Coffs Harbour
Round 4	22/23 July	Coffs Harbour
Finals	5/6 August	Port Macquarie

COUNTRY TOURNAMENT

The 2016 Country Junior Tournament is held at Country NSW venues over the June long weekend – Saturday 10th to Monday 12th June.

U18 Men
U18 Women
U16 Men
U16 Women
U14 Men
U14 Women
U12 Men
U12 Women

Venues TBA

OTHER TOURNAMENTS

Other tournament and pre-season carnivals are held throughout the year and your coach/team may choose to nominate in these events.

Please note that nomination and game fees for these tournaments are NOT included in the Thunderbolts Players Levy. Teams are responsible for their own transport and accommodation (if required). This will be coordinated by the Team Manager and Coach.

PLEASE NOTE: All dates and venues are subject to change. For the most current dates and venues of all BNSW Competitions please go to www.nswbasketball.net.au