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TAMWORTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INC

# Representative Information Handbook

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## Welcome

Players selected into our program should be congratulated on your achievement. This handbook has been designed to inform players, parents and guardians of the parameters and contains procedures and guidelines of this program and their roles and responsibilities as being part of it.

Where a specific situation occurs and is not covered in this handbook, the Tamworth Thunderbolt Representative Committee will consider the matter in consultation with the Director of Events and if required the Executive TBA board, rulings will be made on a case-by-case basis.

It is important for ALL players, parent/s/guardians, to read and understand the requirements and expectations of players and their families, who enter into this program. Only accept a team position if all expectations are met in the agreement. Further documents can be found on our website.

## Vision

Tamworth Thunderbolts Program to be recognised as a leader and number one in NSW Country Basketball in the delivery of our representative program and provide development and pathways for all levels and ages.

## Mission

The mission of Tamworth Basketball is to promote and provide basketball programs and services for all levels and ages of participants that stimulate their health, development and enjoyment in a safe environment. Also, to develop fitness, wellness, social interaction, team work, fair play, representative and leadership opportunities.

## Eligibility of Players

To be eligible for selection players must:

Be registered with Basketball NSW as a member of Tamworth Basketball Association

- Acknowledge that they are prepared to operate within the TBA policy and guidelines contained in the Representative Players Agreement.
- Pay the appropriate fees by the advised due date
- Complete the online Agreement forms

**Junior Form** <https://tamworthbasketball.com.au/junior-rep-player-form/>

**Senior Form** <https://tamworthbasketball.com.au/senior-rep-player-form/>

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## Membership

Registration is not covered by the Representative Levy and is an additional cost to participants. Registration fees as per TBA website.

All players transferring to TBA from other Associations must lodge their transfer online by the end of January. Please contact the Administrator for further information.

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



To register, go to [tamworthbasketball.com.au](http://tamworthbasketball.com.au) website, click on  tab and follow the prompts Basketball NSW and TBA require ALL officials (e.g. coaches, managers) over 18 years of age to maintain a valid Working With Children Certificate (WWCC). For further information, please go to: <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-withchildren-check>

### Injury Procedure

If a player is injured during the representative season, either team training or team game, the team manager is responsible for ensuring that the Injury Report form is completed at the following link:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/BasketballNSW1/BasketballNSWInjuryReportForm?fbclid=IwAR2ISMTRTkqRUIcxM9nkJsV2btFUz4aBxMPIFHkXTp8GsRrQF5aKOEJCE>

## Domestic Competition

As required by BNSW Waratah League Competition by Laws, all representative players are required to play in TBA domestic competitions being two (2) 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.

## Practice Sessions (Training)

Each team will have 1-2 training sessions per week. Some teams may hold additional practice sessions from time to time, especially leading up to finals. Please note team sessions will cease after the finals weekend for the relevant league unless your team proceeds to State Tournaments depending on your coach/s requests.

## **Sports Integrity**

### **Senior players and Officials**

All senior players and official must complete the Sports integrity online learning course. In line with the new Basketball Australia integrity policy BNSW will be asking all Delegates, Coaches, Officials, Stats, Score-table and Senior League participants to undertake the Sports Integrity online learning, <http://elearning.sport.gov.au>

In addition to the policies and by-laws provided by TBA and BNSW, all players and officials must adhere to Basketball Australia policies at all times. These policies can be found at <http://australia.basketball/about-ba/policies/>

Players or Officials found in breach of any policy will be required to attend a tribunal.

## Building Your Club

Ours is an organisation with volunteers at the core of everything we do. There are some specific roles that require the support of family, guardians and friends to assist with the running of the representative season and you will be expected to make some contribution in the following ways:

## Fundraising

Depending on COVID-19 Restrictions TBA may organise a raffle for junior players to sell and/or purchase themselves. The raffle is a component of fees and is a non-refundable payment for all representative players. Funds are used for the coaches and referees for the 2021 season, any surplus funds will be put back into the development of our referees and coaches.

## Score-bench Duty

### Junior Competitions

The Score-bench is the responsibility of every team for all junior games. Score-bench is made up of four (4) parents to which we have to supply two (2) positions and the opposition two (2). A roster will be coordinated by your team manager and all parents/guardians will be required to partake in these duties. BNSW have an online Level 0/1 course available on their website or at the following link <https://youtu.be/DT08uvGZ8EM>.

Roster of home games will also be organised and all parents/guardians to provide assistance with court supervision and general assistance where needed.

Waratah State League (Seniors WSL) Thunderbolts home games also require assistance with Score-bench, Stats, floor sweepers, and supervision for entry. A roster to be provided to team managers to assist in these areas and as remuneration for the night, your team will be able to conduct fundraising during the games.

## Team Manager

The role of team manager can be very rewarding and is critical to the smooth running of any sporting team. The process to become a team manager is as follows:

- 1) To be eligible for consideration, you will need to complete Managers nomination form.
- 2) Manager of teams with players under 18 years of age must hold a valid WWC
- 3) The position will be finalized in conjunction with coaches once teams have been selected.

If you are interested, complete the managers form and return to the Administrator.



## Committees

The Tamworth Thunderbolts Representative Committee and the Fundraising Committee play a vital role in coordinating the club events and activities. These committees make a fantastic contribution to the building of the Thunderbolts culture and are always happy to welcome new members. If you are interested in assisting in this area, please contact the Director of Events Lucy Whale.

## Uniforms

TBA have a partnership with Throwback who have created our on-line store. <https://thunderboltsstore.com.au/> for all Thunderbolt apparel.

- Players may arrange to have their names embroidered on Warm Up, Training Singlets, Jacket and bags only. Font as per TBA logo. *Embroidery is at your own expense.*

All players and team staff are expected to be in full uniform for all team game days and events and is the responsibility of the individual to purchase these items.

Highly Recommended Items – Extra Cost	Optional items – Extra Cost
Training Singlet - \$35.00	Socks - \$20.00
Polo - \$45.00	L/S Warm up top - \$40.00
	S/S Warm up top - \$35.00
	T Shooter Warm up - \$35.00
	Hoodie Full Zip - \$75.00
	Wind breaker Jacket - \$80.00
	Track Pants - \$60.00
	Sports Bag - \$50.00
	Back Packs - \$50.00

## Thunderbolt Levies

TBA is reviewing the pricing for the upcoming season, and will pass this information on as soon as possible. It is estimated that the levies will be between \$500.00 and \$600.00.

### **Items included in Thunderbolts levies:**

- **BNSW regular season nomination & game fees**
- **Includes NJL, CCL and Waratah Senior Leagues**
- **Coach's travel and accommodation**
- **Referee's travel and accommodation**
- **Team Photo and Presentation events**

**Additional Costs Expenses that are not included in the levies:**

- Meals, Travel & Accommodation
- Training sessions, camps, pre-season games.
- Country Championships

**Due Dates**

- \$200.00 deposit payable by the 22<sup>nd</sup> January
- Balance of levy due by the 1st March

**EFT – Bank transfer to:**

**BSB: 932-000**

**Account – 751035**

**reference: first initial, surname, Rep Fee**

**Example – J Smith – Rep Fee**

**Cash/Credit Card – At office during normal working hours**

If you are unable to meet the above payment schedule, you can adopt a payment plan. Please contact the administrator or Treasurer to arrange an agreed to. Payment plans must be in place by 31<sup>st</sup> January.

**Non – Payment of levy**

Players who have an outstanding levy from previous season/s will not be deemed non-financial and will not be permitted to represent the Tamworth Thunderbolts, play in local competitions nor will they be given clearance to play in any other Association.

If full payment for the agreed payment plan has not been received by the due date as agreed in the plan then the player will be deemed as non-financial and the above conditions apply.

**Injury-Illness**

A selected player will be liable to pay full fees for the ENTIRE season, regardless of illness or injury except in the following circumstances:

Pre-season injury/replacement players: If a player is injured or has to withdraw due to illness prior to commencement of the season a refund (less non-refundable deposit) will be issued when a Doctors Certificate is provided to the committee.

If a player is injured or has to withdraw due to illness during the season, their levy will be reduced on a pro rata basis. This may result in a refunded or amount owing depending on balance of fees paid.

If a replacement player is found prior to commencement of the season, they will be responsible for the full levy amount and will take the place of the injured/withdrawn player in the team. If the season has already commenced, their levy will be reduced on a pro rata basis.

## **Hardship**

Cases of genuine financial hardship can be brought to the TBA's attention so that payment options can be discussed and agreed upon. Any requests will be dealt with in confidence and on a case by case basis. Please contact the Treasurer. [treasurer@tamworthbasketball.com.au](mailto:treasurer@tamworthbasketball.com.au)

## **Unforeseen Incidents**

If the unforeseen was to happen preventing our regular season of representative basketball to commence/complete TBA would refund any monies paid, on a pro rata basis. Our yearly Representative Raffle is a NON-refundable fundraiser.

## **Season Schedule**

### **Senior Team**

The Tamworth Thunderbolts Senior team play in the NSW Waratah Senior Leagues. Teams play a home and away season and the full schedule of games including all home games dates will be available on the Waratah League website and TBA calendar.

Junior players are invited to attend in Thunderbolt gear and teams to assist with running of the home games

### **Junior Team**

#### **Preseason Games & Tournaments**

Preseason games and tournaments provide a valuable yardstick for team progress as well as providing a team bonding opportunity early in the year. Teams may be nominated for other pre-season tournaments at the discretion of the coach. For example, the Coastal Classic Tournament held in February. Nomination fees will be the responsibility of the individual teams' coaches, players and their parents.

### **Country Tournament – June long weekend**

Teams will be nominated to the NSW Country Basketball Tournament that takes place on the June long weekend at the discretion of the coach.

Locations are at various locations and venues which may include but are not limited to: Maitland, Newcastle, Central Coast, Illawarra, Bathurst and Shoal Haven.

Nomination fees will be the responsibility of the individual teams' coaches, players and their parents.

*Please note if your child is selected in a NSW Country/State/Team or squad please advise the TBA office so they can be recognized, as BNSW does not notify associations of selections.*

### Junior Premier League - JPL

<b>Round 1</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Round 2</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2021	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Round 3</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Round 4</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Finals</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	<b>TBA</b>

### NJL Division 1

<b>Round 1</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2021	Port Macquarie
<b>Round 2</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Coffs Harbour
<b>Round 3</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Tamworth
<b>Round 4</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Tamworth
<b>Finals</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> July and 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2021	Tamworth

### NJL Division 2

<b>Round 1</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Tamworth
<b>Round 2</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Port Macquarie
<b>Round 3</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Ballina
<b>Round 4</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Coffs Harbour
<b>Finals</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> July and 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2021	Tamworth

## Referees

Referees are required to attend an action day in November and undertake updates on training. It is imperative that all referees attend the action day as per BNSW policy that every team requires a suitably qualified referee has attended the action day and approved by BNSW before team nomination will be accepted.

BNSW supplies a referee supervisor who assist with referee's education and provides feedback. Therefore, any extra feedback from anyone else is not required. Zero Tolerance will be used by court supervisors again this year, so please be aware of your code of conduct and the potential consequences.

If a referee is allocated to your team, please include them in team activities where possible. Referees are vital to our team entering competitions, so keep an eye out for them and protect them as if they were your own. Should you be interested in learning how to be referee, please contact Gary Sinclair – Director of Referees.

## Social Media

Various social media platforms can be a great vehicle for engaging the community members in our Associations activities and achievements. All players, Officials, parents and guardians are bound by TBA and BNSW Social Media Policies. Current versions of these policies will be available on both websites.

## Sponsors

TBA Basketball has previously been fortunate to have the support from a number of businesses around Tamworth and the North West area. Due to Covid19 this has been hampered. Please endeavor to support our sponsors and let them know that you are part of the Thunderbolt family. If you know of any business that might be interested in sponsoring our program, please contact the administrator.

## Member Protection Officer

TBA complies with BA and BNSW's Member Protection Bi-Laws. Copies of the Bi-Laws can be found on the respective websites (BA – [www.basketball.net.au](http://www.basketball.net.au) and BNSW – [www.bnsw.net.au](http://www.bnsw.net.au)). Member Protection is essential to ensure a safe, fair and inclusive environment is maintained for everyone associated with our sport. It also ensures our commitment that every person in our sport is treated with respect and dignity and protected from discrimination, harassment and abuse.

If at any stage you require the support of our Member Protection Office (MPOI) please contact the Administrator during office hours or the President.

## Court Time

Representative basketball is an elite development program. Some players will play more than others and coaches will have different philosophies on rotating their players. A basic principle within the representative program is that court time is not guaranteed for any player.

There are two key parameters that determine the court time an individual player may receive:

The game environment – at the discretion of the coach, playing time is subject to:

- The level of competition
- The role of the player in each game, and
- The importance of the game.

For clear disciplinary reasons – a coach may reduce court time if the player:

- Does not attend practices
- Is not punctual for practices and games
- Does not give 100% effort during games and practices
- Does not attend a training session without notifying the coach, and
- Displays poor sportsmanship towards players, officials and spectators

## Competition games do not guarantee minutes

If you wish to discuss any issue with your coach, please contact your team manager to request a meeting at a time and place suitable to both yourself and the coach. Before, during or immediately following a practice session or game is NOT appropriate time to have such a discussion with a coach, unless it has been previously arranged and agreed upon.

If the matter cannot be resolved with the team coach, concerns should be placed in writing and emailed to the Administrator.

## Club Captains

The Coaches/Committee will nominate a male and female player from the U/18 teams for Club Captains. Upon acceptance they will act as mentors and as representatives of the players.

## Coaches

Team	Coach	Team	Coach
State League Women	To Be Advised	State League Men	John Ireland
18 Girls Division 1 18 Girls Division 2	Amy Gambrell Brad Ralston	18 Boys Division 1 18 Boys Division 2	Scott Ward Kane Butler
16 Girls Division 1	Greg Irwin	16 Boys Premier League 16 Boys Division 1 - Blue 16 Boys Division 1 - White	Matt Hobson Ben Pearce To Be Advised
14 Girls Division 1	Troy Jefferiess	14 Boys Division 1 14 Boys Division 2	Jono Willis Brad Lane
12 Girls Division1 12 Girls Division 2	David McCubbin Emily Tudman	12 Boys Division 1 12 Boys Division 2	Paul Hobson Peter McDonald

The Board of Tamworth Basketball Association along with the Representative Committee and Coaches would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation for the upcoming season.

Disclosure: This document is produced to provide information of the upcoming season. Details are current at time of distribution, but may change due to team nomination/s which may change dates and times of draws. Please refer to BNSW website for further clarification of the season.