



## **Player's Requirements & Responsibilities**

Players selected into our program should be congratulated on your achievement. This document 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 document, the Tamworth Thunderbolt Representative and Tamworth Thunderbolt Coaching Committee will consider the matter in consultation with the Board of Directors and the ruling will be made on a case-by-case basis.

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

### **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 appropriate online Agreement form prior to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

**Junior Form :** » [Junior Rep Player Form \(tamworthbasketball.com.au\)](http://tamworthbasketball.com.au)

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 the registration 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, go to: <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-withchildren-check>

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.

Injury Report Link: [Basketball NSW Injury Report Form \(cognitofrms.com\)](http://cognitofrms.com)

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 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.

Representative teams may be entered into the Winter domestic competition. This is at the head coach's discretion and requires approval from TBA Board.

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.

### 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 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:
  - o The level of competition
  - o The role of the player in each game, and
  - o 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

If there are any matters that cannot be resolved with the team coach or manager, then your concerns should be placed in writing and emailed to: [admin@tamworthbasketball.com.au](mailto:admin@tamworthbasketball.com.au)

### Uniforms

TBA is delighted to announce that we have a partnership with ODU for 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.

### Thunderbolt Levies

Tamworth Basketball estimates the junior rep season costs to be approximately \$600 to \$700 for the 2022 season. In previous years training costs have been separate to the rep levies. For 2022 however, are included in the program fees. The final cost will be confirmed once the season format is finalised by Basketball NSW, generally February.



#### **Levies include:-**

- BNSW regular season nomination & game fees for NEJL and JPL
- Training fees based on an average costing (20 training sessions)
- BNSW Finals
- Referee's travel and accommodation subsidy
- Coaches travel and accommodation subsidy
- Team Photo and Presentation events

#### **Additional Costs Expenses that are not included in the levy are:**

- Meals, Travel & Accommodation
- Camps, pre-season games
- Tournaments that teams may enter outside of NEJL and JPL rounds
- Extra training sessions above the 20

#### **Due Dates**

An invoice for a \$200.00 deposit will be emailed. To be paid by the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021. The Invoice number must be referenced when making payments

An invoice for the balance of fees will be emailed when the total cost is confirmed. To be paid in full prior to the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022. The Invoice number must be referenced when making payments

**Payment:** Bank transfer: BSB: 932-000 Account – 751035

#### **Non – Payment of levy**

Players who have an outstanding money owing to TBA will 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.

As players are local competition players first and foremost, anyone deemed non-financial in the local competition will not be eligible for the representative program. Anyone deemed non-financial in the representative program will also be considered non-financial for our local competitions as well.

Tamworth Basketball wants to see our programs be inclusive of all. Anyone who has issues with payments please see the hardship section below.

#### **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 must withdraw due to illness prior to commencement of the season a refund, less expenses already incurred, will be issued when a Doctors Certificate is provided to the committee.
- If a player is injured or must 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 or appropriate as deemed



### **Hardship**

Cases of genuine financial hardship to be brought to the TBA's attention, immediately, 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 email: [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, that had not been already paid out for our regular season expenses. Any representative raffles, fundraising or Active Kids Voucher payments are non-refundable.

### **Club Captains**

Two players (1 Male, 1 Female) nominated from the U/18 teams by the coaches/committee who possess and meet the skills and criteria requirements of the position and will be appointed by the Board upon acceptance by the players. This role is to be a mentor position and act as representative of the players.

### **Referees**

Referees are required to attend an action day in Nov/Dec for the following years season. It is imperative that all referees attend the action day as per BNSW policy. Every team requires a suitably qualified referee to attend the action day and be approved by BNSW before team nomination will be accepted.

BNSW supplies a referee supervisor who assists with referee's education and provides feedback. Therefore, any extra feedback from anyone else is not required. Zero Tolerance enforced by court supervisors, 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 TBA office.

Tamworth Basketball encourages players in our representative program to consider becoming a referee, even if at just the local competition level, and completing a referee course. We encourage this because: -

- As a representative player you should know the rules
- We would like to see our representative players putting back into Tamworth Basketball Association
- Once referees reach an appropriate level of competency, they get paid.



### **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.com.au](http://www.basketball.com.au) and BNSW [www.bnsw.com.au](http://www.bnsw.com.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 Information Office (MPIO) please contact the Administrator during office hours.

### **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 are available on both websites.

### **Score-bench Duty**

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 must 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. TBA will be holding Bench Courses at the beginning of next year.

### **Team Manager**

The role of team manager can be very rewarding and is critical to the smooth running of any sporting team. Managers job description, the role and responsibilities are available via TBA office. The process to become a team manager is as follows:

- To be eligible for consideration, you will need to complete Manager's nomination form, available online.
- Managers of teams with players under 18 years of age must hold a valid WWCC
- The position will be finalised in conjunction with coaches once teams have been selected.

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.