

# 2024 HILLS HORNETS REPRESENTATIVE HANDBOOK

*If each player and coach in our program improves, we have been successful. Success and achievement are a result of developing the individual & the team. Developing the team requires dedication, commitment, and hard work by all individuals.*



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## **FOREWORD**

The Representative Program at Hills Basketball Association (HBA) is an essential part of development and growth of the sport in our community. As a community organisation, we have aims beyond that of a win/loss record, measuring success by the development of fundamental skills, players understanding of the game and inclusion. There is an expectation that whilst involved in the Hills Hornets Representative Program, every coach, player, parent, committee member and official understands and abides by the policies and guidelines in this document, along with HBA and BNSW Policies and By-Laws.

Where a specific situation is not covered by these guidelines, the Representative Manager will consider the matter in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) & if necessary, the HBA Committee of Management (CoM) and make a ruling on a case-by-case basis as required. HBA reserves the right to uphold, alter or make any decision, in the running of the representative program if it is considered to be in the best interests of HBA. This document must be read and acknowledged by players, parents, coaches, team managers and any other party that has an interest in the program before accepting any role.



## OUR PHILOSOPHY

***If each player and coach in our program improves, we have been successful. Success and achievement are a result of developing the individual. Developing the team requires dedication, commitment, and hard work.***

As an association we aim:

1. To provide all players with the opportunity to represent Hills Basketball at the highest level.
2. To establish our commitment towards becoming the strongest and most fundamentally sound representative program in Australia.
3. To provide all players with the opportunity to develop their skills in a safe, friendly, productive and enjoyable learning environment.
4. To develop a solid foundation of individual skills for the future development of Basketball in the region.
5. To encourage our members to compete in the spirit of good sportsmanship & to treat ALL participants with respect.
6. To develop our members as good citizens as well as good basketball players, coaches & officials.
7. To provide all players with a high standard of coaching and instruction.
8. To provide all players with high quality and well-structured training sessions.
9. To provide all coaches with guidance and opportunities to improve their skills.
10. To develop WNBL, NBL and Australian players.



## **REPRESENTATIVE STRUCTURE**

The structure aims to assist pathway, opportunities, network, education, and support to improve player & coach development.

Christie Graham – Representative Manager  
Terry Johnston - Representative Development Manager  
Bron Cocksedge – Representative Administrator

### **Coach Selection Policy**

The following criteria will be taken into consideration when appointing coaches for the Hills Hornets Representative Program.

The appointment process is designed to find the most suitable person for the position to give Hills Basketball Association teams the best opportunity to develop its athletes within the HBA playing style and philosophy. It is dependent upon the following factors:

- Number of applicants
- Quality of applicants
- Acceptance by the recommended candidate of the Conditions of appointment
- Acceptance of the recommended candidate by the HBA Committee of Management (CoM)

### **Coach Selection Qualifications & Requirements**

The following qualifications & requirements are essential for selection in the Hills Hornets Representative Program:

- Club Coaching Certificate or ability to obtain prior to the beginning of the season.
- Current NSW Working with Children Check.
- Current registration with Basketball NSW.
- Available to attend HBA Representative trials & selection meetings.
- Available to attend Hills Coach Education seminars/clinic.
- Available to attend two training sessions per week & game coaching duties throughout the season.
- Ability to follow & implement club development philosophies set by HBA.
- Implement the HBA Coaching Curriculum.
- Ability to hold players accountable to Basketball NSW Codes of Conduct.

### **Coach Selection Criteria**

The following must be considered when selecting Representative Coaches:

- The selection of any coach to a position in the HBA Representative Program will be made with the best intentions for the Associations objectives, followed by the best intentions for the individual team, and subsequently the individual coach.



- Should a male and female applicant be ranked equally, the female coach should be selected. This is in accordance with the HBA I Am A Girl Program to provide equal opportunities for women and to address the historic gender imbalance within coaching ranks.
  - Representative performance history including development, participation & attendance.
  - HBA preference is to avoid 'parent coaches' as the Head Coach of each Division 1 team. We understand that this may not always be possible. Decisions regarding the appointment of 'parent coaches' will be made on a case-by-case basis.
  - Representative, School Basketball and local coaching experience, including Hornets Academy.
  - Local & Representative complaint, breach of Codes of Conduct & tribunal history.
  - Involvement in BNSW Development programs.
  - Where possible a coach should only be appointed to one junior representative team per season.
  - Where possible transferring coaches should not receive a Division 1 team on first appointment.
  - Where possible coaches should not coach a group for more than 3 years.
  - Excellent communication skills and interaction with players, parents and club delegates.

### **Head Coach Selection Procedures**

The following procedures will be undertaken when selecting HBA Representative Coaches. The selection process will involve Representative Curriculum Coaches, Representative Manager, Representative Development Manager, HBA CEO and HBA CoM. \*

*\*Should any person involved in the selection process have a conflict of interest or personal interest in a particular age group or position, they are required to abstain from participation in the process.*

1. List of applicants provided to HBA Representative Curriculum Coaches.
2. The HBA Representative Curriculum Coaches will rank candidates for roles and provide feedback on reasons for preferences.
3. Where deemed necessary, interviews will be conducted with applicants. The Association reserves the right to appoint an applicant without interview.
4. The Representative Manager and Representative Development Manager will utilise rankings and feedback from Curriculum Coaches, plus other information relating to selection guidelines to make the final decision regarding coaching selection. This may include confidential information including child protection matters.
5. In a situation where votes are tied between Representative Manager and Representative Development Manager, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will be asked to provide the casting vote.
6. Full list of HBA Representative Coaches are to be presented & ratified by the HBA CoM prior to announcing.
7. The announcement of coaches for particular teams may be deferred until the trials have concluded to allow a child of a 'parent coach' the opportunity to be placed in the highest



team possible. Once selections have been made, the coaches will be appointed to their respective teams.

### **Assistant Coach Selection Procedures**

1. The selected Head Coach, Representative Manager and Representative Development Manager will discuss Assistant Coach applications & potential candidates.
2. Where it deemed appropriate, interviews will be conducted with applicants.
3. The Head Coach, Representative Manager will make the final decision regarding Assistant Coach selection.
4. Full list of HBA Representative Assistant Coaches are to be presented & ratified by the HBA CoM prior to announcing.

### **Team Manager Selection Procedure**

1. The selected Head Coach, Representative Manager will discuss Manager applications & potential candidates.
2. Where it deemed appropriate, interviews will be conducted with applicants.
3. The Head Coach, Representative Manager will make the final decision regarding Manager selection.
4. Full list of HBA Representative Managers is to be presented & ratified by the HBA CoM prior to announcing.

Support staff will be selected to compliment the skills of the Head Coach.

### **Position Duration**

The position starts upon the HBA CoM acceptance of appointment and concludes at the Annual Presentation night providing the completion of all required duties. (For U14 teams that qualify for the National Championships, the conclusion of appointment will be at the conclusion of the National Championship tournament if later than the Annual Presentation Dinner).

Once HBA CoM have ratified all coach appointments, coaches are permitted to scout and encourage local competition players to trial. Under no circumstances are coaches permitted to contact players from other Associations without the approval of the Representative Manager and/or Representative Development Manager.





### **Feedback & Grievance Procedure**

All successful and unsuccessful applicants will be informed within 7 days of being ratified by HBA CoM. Should an unsuccessful candidate raise an issue the Representative Manager and Representative Development Manager will meet with complainant and discuss reasons why position not obtained. Should the complainant want the complaint registered further, the CEO will meet and discuss grievance.

### **PLAYER SELECTION POLICY**

#### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for selection players must:

- Acknowledge that they & their parents / carers (if minors) are prepared to operate within the policy & guidelines set out in the 2024 Hills Hornets Representative Handbook.
- Be registered with Basketball NSW & registered/affiliated with Hills Basketball Association
- Must attend the full trial process as determined by Hills Basketball Association (Any absences must be explained, communicated in advance & approved by HBA)
- Pay the appropriate trial fees.
- Currently play Local Competition at HBA or acknowledge in writing the requirement to play.
- Complete a BNSW permission to trial form if previously played representative basketball for another Association.

#### **Selection Criteria**

The following factors will be considered during the selection process:

- Ability to compete at a Metro or NSW Junior Championships.
- A history of commitment to the Hills Representative Program & Local Competition.
- Player/Parent/Guardian history of behaviour in relation to the NSW Zero tolerance policy/Codes of Conduct.
- Demonstrated high level of performance at selection trials.
- Athletic ability, desire & dedication to become a player at the highest possible level.
- Potential to be socially compatible & display a sense of “team ethic” within a group.
- Receptive to coaching & co-operative within the team coaching environment.
- Demonstrated attitude displaying excellent self-discipline & standards of personal behaviour.
- Outstanding desire & commitment to working hard at improving mental, physical & basketball skills.
- Team needs/balance.
- Place of residence.
- Junior age group guidelines (top/ bottom age players)
- HBA Junior age group Transfer Rule.
- Any other criteria that the selectors see fit to apply in helping them to select the teams that they believe will be best able to represent Hills Basketball.



## **Selection Procedures**

Open selection trials for eligible players, will be held on a date, & at a venue, to be determined & publicised by Hills Basketball Association each year.

Players may only stand for selection in their own age division. A junior athlete that is age eligible (e.g. top age U18s) may also trial for a senior division. Should a junior player be selected in a senior team, all junior representative commitments must take priority.

## **Team Numbers**

Each junior team consists of 10 players. 3|4 development players may be selected in each Division 2 or Division 3 team.

Each senior team consists of up to 12 players. Up to 2 development players/train on players may be selected in Youth Divisions or Waratah Men. NBL 1 teams can consist of up to 12 players. Additional athletes from Youth League and Waratah Men can be named on the roster as per Basketball NSW By-Laws. *These players may be utilised by the NBL 1 Coach at any time during the season however requests should be discussed with the appropriate Coach prior to discussing with the player.*

## **Recruitment of Players**

Coaches must not actively entice players from other associations to attend Hills Hornets tryouts or change clubs. They may however make players aware of tryout dates and times.

Coaches must not entice selected representative players to change local competition team coached by a representative coach.

*Should players be approached by another Association, please report the matter to the HBA Representative Manager.*

## **Exceptions to Procedure**

Any player who believes that they have a legitimate reason for being unable to comply with any part of the selection eligibility, selection criteria &/or procedures may appeal in writing to Hills Basketball to be considered in the selection process along with the other players. Hills Basketball reserves the right to consider each case on its merits & the decision of Hills Basketball will be final. Legitimate reason could include such situations as:

- Being unable to trial because of injury/illness. (Medical evidence must be provided)
- Inability to gain release from an elite sports program or school event. (Written evidence must be provided)
- A prior family commitment. Eg Wedding, family holiday.



In the event that special circumstances arise, Hills Basketball will provide selectors with a list of approved players who are unable to attend trials but remain in consideration with others in attendance. Selection will be based on the merits of all eligible players to the best of the selectors' ability & knowledge. It is not intended that being on this list will either enhance or prejudice players' chances of selection. Additional players may be introduced throughout the trial process should HBA deem their participation to be in the best interests of the team & the program.

### **Selection Process**

The junior selection panel for each team will consist of the Curriculum Coach (for appropriate age group), Independent Selectors, the Coach of Premier, Division 1 & 2 (if selected) as appointed by Hills Basketball Association.

In the case of Seniors, the selection panel will consist of the Independent Selectors & Coaches of NBL1, Waratah Men, & Youth League (all Divisions) as appointed by Hills Basketball Association.

NBL1 Market Players may be announced prior to the start of trials.

To ensure selection process is transparent and void of potential conflict of interests:

- The Independent Selector must be an independent therefore not related to any player trialing for that age group.
- Where possible, the selectors will attend all selection trials.
- In the case where a choice has to be made between a player transferring from another Association & a player with a history of Hills Local & or Hills Representative Competition, preference will be given to the Hills player.
- In the case where a choice has to be made between a player only trialing at Hills Basketball and a player trialing at multiple Associations, preference will be given to the player only trialing at Hills.
- Players who withdrew from a 2022 Hornets team after teams were announced will not be considered for selection for 12 months.
- Approved Assistant Coaches can be utilised on-floor during trials and can attend selection meetings.
- The decisions of the selectors will be final, subject to the appeals process.

The procedure for reduction of players in the squad will be as follows:

1. No announcements will be made on the day of trials.
2. A list of successful squad members will be forwarded to the Representative Manager, who will then publish the list on the HBA website [www.hillshornets.com.au](http://www.hillshornets.com.au) by the 5pm Tuesday following each trial. Those successful will be informed of the next squad training, plus any other appropriate information through the HBA website. This procedure will occur for all reductions of the squad as required by the selectors.



The final team will be selected (at the latest) by the conclusion of the fourth trial.

Procedure as follows:

1. Each junior team will be reduced to the ten team players plus 2 or 3 development players (Division 2 or 3) at the conclusion of the fourth trial. The team announcement will be made via the HBA website by 5pm Tuesday following the fourth trial. Those successful will be informed of the next training session plus any other appropriate information through the HBA website.
2. Each senior team will be reduced to the number the Head Coach would like to run with for the upcoming year. The team announcement will be made via the HBA website on a date selected by the Selectors and Head Coaches. Those successful will be informed of the next training session plus any other appropriate information through the HBA website.

Hills Basketball Representative Coaches may apply to Hills Basketball to vary these selection procedures for their team in that year only, where they believe that special circumstances exist which justify a modification. The selection procedures may only be modified with the prior approval of Hills Basketball.

In exceptional circumstances where HBA deem that changes are to the benefit of the program & the team HBA may decide to add additional players to the roster after team selection or additional development players. Hills Basketball Association reserves the right to override any of the rules, regulations, policies & procedures if deemed to be in the best interest of the program.

### **SPECIAL JUNIOR RULES & REQUIREMENTS:**

#### **Top/Bottom Age Rule:**

Junior age groups with 2 teams must have a minimum of 8 bottom age players. The Representative Manager will assess any exceptions on a case-by-case basis. Junior age groups with 3 teams must have a minimum of 12 bottom age players. The Representative Manager & Representative Development Manager will assess any exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

#### **Transfer Rule:**

- Premier Division, Division 1 and 2 - allowed one transfer per team
- Players who were not named in any team and did not play in Pre-Season or the regular Season in the previous season will be classified as a "free" transfer if playing in Division 1 or below. They will still require a clearance to be processed.
- Where a player has moved into the Hills Shire, special conditions may apply.



### **Local Competition Rules:**

All junior representative players are required to play in the Winter 2024 HBA Local Competition. Players will be deemed to have taken part in Local Competition by participating in 50% of games. If there is a legitimate reason a player cannot fulfill this commitment, they will need to apply in writing to the Representative Manager for an exemption. Penalties for non-compliance may include a fine of \$250 & or Player suspension. Senior players are not required to participate in Local Competition, however when they do participate, they must compete in the highest grade.

As a competitive representative program is only built from a healthy local competition, players are contributing to the development of the association with their involvement. With the above in mind, Local Competition By-laws state that Junior teams will be restricted to a maximum of 3 Rep players, to prevent the dominance of a single team and obstruction of individual improvement. Rep Rookies are not classed a Representative Player.

### **Player Movement After Selection**

*Should an additional player be required for any team roster (junior or senior), the matter must be discussed with the Representative Manager & Representative Development Manager prior to any approach to parent or player. The following procedures are to be followed:*

- Movement of junior players can only be within selected age group.
- Should a junior Division 1 team need to replace a player (due to injury, withdrawal) a discussion with Representative Manager, Representative Development Manager, Division 1 & Division 2 coach will be held to discuss potential athlete(s). Once confirmed, the Representative Manager will approach parent to discuss.
- Should a junior Division 2 team need to replace a player (due to injury, withdrawal) the following options are available:
  - A discussion will take place with Representative Manager, Representative Development Manager, Division 2 & Division 3 to discuss the possibility of a Division 3 player moving to the Division 2 team. Once confirmed, the Representative Manager will approach parent to discuss.
  - One of the appointed Development Players may be asked to join the team. The most appropriate (position & strength) development player in the age group will be selected. Once confirmed, the Representative manager will approach parent to discuss.
- Should a junior Division 3 team need to replace a player (due to injury, withdrawal) one of the appointed Development Players may be asked to join the team. The most appropriate (position & strength) development player in the age group will be selected. Once confirmed, the Representative manager will approach parent to discuss.
- Movement of Youth League players can only be within youth age group.



- Should a Youth League Division 1 team need to replace a player (due to injury, withdrawal) a meeting with Representative Manager, Representative Development Manager, Youth Division 1 and Youth Division 2 coach will be held to discuss potential athlete(s). Once confirmed, the Youth League Division 1 and 2 Coach will approach player to discuss.
- Should a Youth League Division 2 team need to replace a player (due to injury, withdrawal) the following options are available:
  - one of the appointed Development Players may be asked to join the team. The most appropriate (position & strength) development player will be selected.
  - if a development player is not available, a meeting can be held to discuss the possibility of an Under 18 (top age) athlete with Representative Manager, Curriculum Coach and U18 Division 1 Coach. The athlete must fulfill junior commitments. Once confirmed, the Representative manager will approach parent to discuss.
- Should NBL1 team need to replace a player (due to injury, withdrawal) a meeting with Representative Manager, Representative Development Manager, Waratah Men coach & Youth League 1 Coach will be held to discuss potential athlete(s).
- Should a senior Waratah Men team need to replace a player (due to injury, withdrawal), one of the appointed Development Players may be asked to join the team. The most appropriate (position & strength) development player will be selected.

Should the procedure above not identify a suitable replacement, athletes outside the selected group may be considered.

**Once player appointment is confirmed, the Coach must notify the Representative Manager who will advise Basketball NSW of addition to roster.**



**JUNIOR SCHEDULE 2024**

At the time of publication, the following has been scheduled:

- Please note that U12's will not compete in JPL in 2024

<b>Junior Premier League (JPL)</b>				
<b>Premier Teams</b>				
<b>Under 14s</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Round/Event</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Round/Event</b>
TBC	Coach Education		5-May	Round 5
18-Jan	Summer Elite Camp -12/14		12-May	NO GAMES
20-Jan	Boost, Ball & Bond Camp		19-May	Round 6
4-Feb	Summer Slam		25/26 May	Central Venue 2 (14 Girls)
18-Feb	Hornets Day		26-May	Round 7 (14 Boys)
24/25 Feb	Pre-Season Week 1		2-Jun	NO GAMES
2/3Mar	Pre-Season Week 2		8-10 Jun	VJBL / NUNAWADING LONG WEEKEND
9/10 Mar	Pre-Season Week 3		16-Jun	Round 8
16/17 Mar	Central Venue 1		23-Jun	NO GAMES
24th Mar	Round 1		30-Jun	Round 9
7-Apr	round 2		7-Jul	Round 10
14th Apr	Round 3		11-Jul	Winter Elite Camp -12/14
18-Apr	April Elite Camp -12/14		20/21 July	Central Venue 3
27/28 Apr	Central Venue 2 (14 Boys)		2-4 August	JPL Finals Weekend
28-Apr	Round 4 14 Girls		8-Sep	Junior Presentation Day



<b>Junior Premier League (JPL)</b>			
<b>Premier Teams</b>			
<b>Under 16s</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Round/Event</b>		<b>Date</b>
TBC	Coach Education		12-May
20-Jan	Boost, Ball & Bond Camp		19-May
4-Feb	Summer Slam		26/26 May
18-Feb	Hornets Day		2-Jun
24/25 Feb	Pre-Season Week 1		8-10 Jun
2/3Mar	Pre-Season Week 2		16-Jun
9/10 Mar	Pre-Season Week 3		23-Jun
16/17 Mar	Central Venue 1		30-Jun
24-Mar	Round 1		7-Jul
7-Apr	Round 2		11-Jul
14-Apr	Round 3		21-Jul
18-Apr	April Elite Camp -12/14		2-4 Aug
27/28 Apr	Central Venue 2		8-Sep
5-May	Round 4		





<b>Junior Premier League (JPL)</b>				
<b>Premier Teams</b>				
<b>Under 18s</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Round/Event</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Round/Event</b>
TBC	Coach Education		12-May	Round 4
20-Jan	Boost, Ball & Bond Camp		19-May	Round 5
4-Feb	Summer Slam		25/26 May	Central Venue 2
18-Feb	Hornets Day		2-Jun	Round 6
24/25 Feb	Pre-Season Week 1		8-10 Jun	VJBL / NUNAWADING LONG WEEKEND
2/3Mar	Pre-Season Week 2		16-Jun	NO GAMES
9/10 Mar	Pre-Season Week 3		23-Jun	Round 7
17-Mar	Round 1		30-Jun	Round 8
24-Mar	Round 2		7-Jul	Round 9
7-Apr	NO GAMES		11-Jul	Winter Elite Camp -12/14
14-Apr	NO GAMES		20/21 Jul	Central Venue 3
18-Apr	April Elite Camp -12/14		2-4 Aug	JPL Finals Weekend
27/28 Apr	Central Venue 1		8-Sep	Junior Presentation Day
5-May	Round 3			



<b>Metro Junior League (MJL)</b>			
<b>Red &amp; White Teams in All Age Groups + All U12's</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Round/Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Round/Event</b>
TBC	Coach Education	12-May	Round 7
18-Jan	Summer Elite Camp -12/14	19-May	Round 8
20-Jan	Boost, Ball & Bond Camp	26-May	Round 9
4-Feb	Red Teams & U12 Green and Red Summer Slam	2-Jun	Round 10
11-Feb	ALL White Teams Summer Slam		
18-Feb	Hornets Day	8-10 Jun	VJBL / NUNAWADING LONG WEEKEND
24/25 Feb	Pre-Season Week 1	16-Jun	Round 11
2/3 Mar	Pre-Season Week 2	23-Jun	Round 12
9/10 Mar	Pre-Season Week 3	30-Jun	Round 13
17-Mar	Round 1	7-Jul	Round 14
24-Mar	Round 2	11-Jul	Winter Elite Camp -12/14
7-Apr	Round 3	21-Jul	Semi Finals
14-Apr	Round 4	28-Jul	Grand Finals
18-Apr	April Elite Camp -12/14	2-4 Aug	State Champs 12 Div 1 Only
28-Apr	Round 5	17/18 Aug	State Cup
5-May	Round 6	8-Sep	Junior Presentation Day

All Junior Premier League (JPL) games are played across Saturday's and Sunday's. Saturday tip – off times may range from 5:30pm to 8pm. Each game will last approximately 90 minutes and players are required to arrive at least 30 minutes before the game. Away games may involve travel to any of the following: Alexandria, Bankstown, Blue Mountains, Campbelltown, Hawkesbury, Gosford, Hornsby, Illawarra, Liverpool, Maitland, Manly, Newcastle, North Sydney, Penrith, Ryde, Springwood, St George & Sutherland. The Sunday tip-off times may range from 8:30am to 4pm.

JPL Finals weekend will replace the old State Championships. Venue will be Country and games will take place over Friday, Saturday & Sunday. The venue and draw format will be released after JPL regular season.

All Waratah Metro Junior League (WMJL) games are played on a Sunday & tip-off time may range from 8.30am to 4pm. Each game will last approximately 90 minutes and players are required to arrive at least 30 minutes before the game. Away games may involve travel to any of



the following: Alexandria, Bankstown, Blue Mountains, Campbelltown, Hawkesbury, Hornsby, Liverpool, Manly, North Sydney, Penrith, Ryde, Springwood, St George & Sutherland.

State Cup – Division 1 - Top 4 Metro teams go to through to State Cup. The venue and draw format will be released after the MJL regular season. Venues may be in a Country or Metro area and games will be played Saturday and Sunday.

**Junior Training**

- Players must arrive 10 minutes prior to start time & in correct uniform (Hornets reversible singlet).
- Depending on Coach or venue availability, training sessions may be weeknights or Saturday mornings. All trainings are compulsory. Please note that absence from training may affect players court time.
- The Coach must be contacted directly to be notified if a player cannot attend or is running late for a training session before the session commences.
- Injured players are still expected to attend and observe training sessions.
- If a player has missed games/training due to injury, they must provide medical clearance before resuming training/playing.
- All Elite Camps, Boost, Ball & Bond Camps, Hornets Day, HITP Tuesday Early Morning Session, HITP Pre-Trial sessions, Tournament Costs are included in the cost of Rep Fees for Junior Representative players only.
- HITP Tuesday Early Morning Dates: 2023

Term 1 –	7 <sup>th</sup> February exclusive 4 <sup>th</sup> April
Term 2 –	2 <sup>nd</sup> May exclusive 27 <sup>th</sup> June
Term 3 –	18 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> July

**SENIOR SEASON SCHEDULE 2024**

At the time of publication, the following has been scheduled:

<b>NBL1 EAST</b>			
<b>Men and Women</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Round/Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Round/Event</b>
18-Feb	Hornets Day	15-Jun	Round 10
TBC	Trial Games	22/23 Jun	Round 11
TBC	Trial Games	29-Jun	Round 12
6-Apr	Round 1	6/7 Jul	Round 13
13 Arp	Round 2	12/13 Jul	Round 14
20-Apr	Round 3	20/21 Jul	Quarter/Elimination Finals
26/27 May	Round 4	27/28 Jul	Semi Finals
4/5May	Round 5	3/4 Aug	Preliminary Finals
11-May	Round 6	10-Aug	NBL1 Grand Final
18-May	Round 7	16-18 Aug	National Finals
25-May	Round 8	8-Sep	Junior Presentation

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1/2 Jun	Round 9	14-Sep	Senior Presentation
8/10 Jun	NO GAMES – LONG WEEKEND		

## WARATAH SENIOR LEAGUE

### Waratah Men, Youth League Men & Women

Date	Round/Event	Date	Round/Event
18-Feb	Hornets Day	8/10 Jun	NO GAMES – LONG WEEKEND
TBC	Trial Games	15/16 Jun	Round 12
TBC	Trial Games	22/23 Jun	Round 13
16/17 Mar	Round 1	29/30 Jun	Round 14
23/24 Mar	Round 2	6/7 Jul	Round 15
30/31 Mar	NO GAMES – EASTER	13/14 Jul	Round 16
6/7 Apr	Round 3	20/21 Jul	Round 17
13/14 Apr	Round 4	27/28 Jul	Round 18
20/21 Apr	Round 5	3/4 Aug	Round 19
27/28 Apr	Round 6	10-Aug	NBL 1 - FINALS WEEKEND
4/5 May	Round 7	11-Aug	Quarter Final
11/12 May	Round 8	17/18 Aug	Round 20/Quarter Final
18/19 May	Round 9	24/25 Aug	Waratah Finals Weekend
25/26 May	Round 10	8-Sep	Junior Presentation Day
1/2 Jun	Round 11	14-Sep	Senior Presentation

## WARATAH WHEELCHAIR LEAGUE

Date	Round/Event
5-Feb	Hornets Day
24/25 Jun	Round 1 Central Venue
8/9 Jul	Round 2 Central Venue
29/30 Jul	Round 3 Central Venue
26/27 Aug	WARATAH FINALS WEEKEND
TBC	Senior Presentation



## **JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT VS WINNING PHILOSOPHY**

By all means, teach players to compete, to compete hard, to compete to win, but don't have winning be the only measure of success. It is not in the best interest of the players' development to have a schedule where the sole purpose for participation is 'winning'. Individual & team improvement & peak performance should be the measure of achievement, rather than winning or losing.

With sound fundamental, tactical, physical & psychological skills encouraged through a 'process' oriented philosophy, players will develop the necessary tools to maximize their potential. A thoughtful plan based on the level & needs of the players significantly increases the rate of retention, improvement, & enjoyment.

For U14 Division 1 & younger teams, the primary objective of game participation & training is to provide the players with learning opportunities. Teams should "strive to win," but this should not be the focus of any training sessions, half-time talks or player motivations. This philosophy does not necessarily mean equal court time for players, but Coaches should attempt to have players play for patches to allow them to solve their own problems & develop. It's hard but in the long term it should benefit both the player & the team.

At the age of 14 Premier & above, careful consideration needs to be placed on balancing instances where in addition to developing as individuals & a team, finding ways to 'win' also becomes part of the overall objective.

Lastly, player & parent education is vital. Although it may be challenging, coaches should try to communicate & explain long term goals & rewards to parents. The technical & tactical ability of the player, player & team improvement during the course of a season, player & team satisfaction, & player matriculation are the best yardsticks for success.

## **AGE GROUP SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

In general, Hills Basketball Association will enter three teams of each gender in each age group (U/12, U/14, U/16, & U/18). However, entries will depend on several factors including player availability, talent pool, coaching resources & training venue availability.

In the case where there is sufficient quality of players, coaches & training venues HBA will select 3 teams in an age group. Preference will be given to U12 and U14 age groups to ensure more athletes have the opportunity to develop.

The philosophy behind selection of 3 teams:

- Premier Team: The best standard team in the age group.
- Division 1 Team: The next best standard team that can be fielded in the age group
- Division 2 Team: A development team where the focus is predominately on developing players' skills and knowledge of the game.



### **UNDER 12 OBJECTIVES**

- i. To give each player ample opportunity to enjoy basketball and develop their team and individual skills.
- ii. All players must play in every game for which they are suited up, unless they are ill, injured or for disciplinary reasons. Players must play in each half of the game to comply with BNSW Competition By-Laws.
- iii. Coaches should aim to play each individual at least 25% of the game to allow for development opportunities. Please note that the sport is not an exact science, and court time is ultimately at the discretion of the coach. We believe players only fully develop through game experience; the expectation is that coaches will find meaningful minutes for all players throughout the season. In Finals series games, court time is never guaranteed.
- iv. Reach age group curriculum benchmarks.

### **UNDER 14 OBJECTIVES**

- i. To give each player ample opportunity to enjoy basketball and develop their team and individual skills.
- ii. To prepare and qualify players for the National Championship level.
- iii. Coaches should aim to play each individual at least 25% of the game to allow for development opportunities. Please note that the sport is not an exact science, and court time is ultimately at the discretion of the coach. We believe players only fully develop through game experience; the expectation is that coaches will find meaningful minutes for all players throughout the season. In Finals series games, court time is never guaranteed.
- iv. Reach age group curriculum benchmarks.

### **UNDER 16 & 18 OBJECTIVES**

- i. To give each player ample opportunity to enjoy basketball and develop their team and individual skills.
- ii. To prepare players for state team selections. All Premier players are expected to trial for state team
- iii. Coaches should aim to play each individual at least 25% of the game to allow for development opportunities. Please note that the sport is not an exact science, and court time is ultimately at the discretion of the coach. We believe players only fully develop through game experience; the expectation is that coaches will find meaningful minutes for all players throughout the season. In Finals series games, court time is never guaranteed.
- iv. Reach age group curriculum benchmarks.

### **SENIOR OBJECTIVES**

- i. Strive to win where possible, develop when appropriate.
- ii. Playing time is not guaranteed during any game. Court time is allocated at the coach's discretion and players can gain additional minutes by following set rules of attendance, punctuality, and behavior or by demonstrating improved ability.



## **COMMITMENT**

There is an expectation that by agreeing to be involved in the Hills Hornets Representative Program you agree to our Terms and that you have read the Basketball Network Terms & Conditions, Basketball Australian National Integrity Framework, BNSW Representative/Representative Development Manager Agreement and Hills Basketball Association policies & procedures. All documents available at [hillshornets.com.au/policy-procedures](http://hillshornets.com.au/policy-procedures)

## **PLAYER COMMITMENT**

**Commitment** – Being a part of a team demands that you can carry out your commitment to others. This will mean that you will need to give up some personal wishes & make sacrifices for the group.

**Perseverance** – When things aren't going your way you must never give up when you are part of a team. Your team will need your total effort even when it is not your day.

**Teamwork** – It is crucial that in sport & life you are able to work in a team situation. Sometimes this means learning your role & doing what is best for everyone & not just yourself.

**Learning to Compete** – This does not mean to win at all costs but rather to compete to the best of your ability at all times. Competition is present in all aspects of life & it teaches us to value our victories & to be gracious in our defeats.

**Respecting Others** – In life we must learn to respect everybody regardless of their roles & differences. In basketball we expect respect to be given to opponents, teammates, coaches, referees, spectators & administrators.

### Player Disciplinary Action

*Technical Foul.* On receiving a technical foul, the player will be subbed off the court. The coach will decide whether this player will take any further part in this game depending on the severity of the incident. All incidents will be reported to the HBA Representative Manager.

*Poor Sportsmanship.* The coach has the option to sub the player off the court. If there is a second offence, they will be left off for the rest of the game. Any further incidents will be reported to the HBA Representative Manager.

*Training.* Non-attendance or lateness to training without communication directly to the coach may result in a coach's decision to limit playing time in subsequent games. Ongoing non-attendance or lateness to training will be reported to the HBA Representative Manager.



*Off the Court Incidents.* If a player is found to be behaving in a manner that will negatively affect the reputation of the Hills Basketball Representative Program their coach will be informed. This may result in a coach's decision to limit playing time on subsequent games. Any further incidents will be reported to the HBA Representative Manager.

*Player Communication.* It is important that you communicate with others. If you have issues (negative or positive) with a teammate, then approach your coach or manager.

- You will not argue with referees during a game. If you have any problems tell your coach so that they may approach the referees if necessary.
- You will support your teammates at all times both on the court & on the bench. Negativity toward team members will not be tolerated.

A Player must attend any tournaments/carnivals that Hills Hornets enter into.

### **PARENT / CARER COMMITMENT**

Please support the whole team during games & trainings, not just your son or daughter. The coach is to be the only source of technical feedback to the players. Coaching from the sidelines is never appropriate regardless of your knowledge of the game. This practice confuses players.

Parents / Carers also need to be careful about discussing team issues in front of their children. If you speak negatively about a coach, player or referee, your child may adopt the same negative attitude. We are looking for **positive players & positive support** from parents.

We do encourage you to be vocal in your support for our teams. However, do not make negative comments to the opposition, the referees or other team members; as stated earlier in this document, all these parties are worthy of respect.

Parents / Carers must understand that all of our **coaches are volunteers**. Parents / Carers must also understand that coaches are given the task of making objective decisions in regard to your son or daughter with respect to what is best for the team & club. We do understand that there will be some contentious decisions. Effective communication between yourself & the coach is the key to addressing any issues you may have with the coach's decision.

If you have positive feedback this may be brought up at any time. However, if you have issues that need resolving then please follow the appropriate process (refer to Complaint Procedure).

### **TEAM OFFICIALS COMMITMENT**

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Officials Terms & Conditions and Hills Basketball Association policies & procedures. All documents available at [hillshornets.com.au/policy-procedures](http://hillshornets.com.au/policy-procedures)

HBA recognises the time & effort contributed by our volunteers. Our volunteers are the foundation of our program. HBA calls for open & transparent processes & for loyalty to & support for our program & those who make it happen. It is generally not appropriate for members of our program to be involved with another Association's representative program however the Representative Manager may consider such involvement on a case-by-case basis.

HBA recognises the difficulty in meeting the expectations of all participants in the program & that much of this responsibility falls to our volunteer coaches. In the event of an issue arising, players or parents should in the first instance discuss the matter with team management. The approach HBA will adopt to any issue which might arise will be to support & assist participants in our program by way of mentoring advice, additional training & other similar approaches with the intention of finding ways to improve our program.

### Support

- HBA will make available training in child protection issue management.
- HBA will endeavor to make available such assistance as it can in the development of coaches through training programs & support from the Curriculum Coaches.
- HBA provides insurance for its appointees.
- HBA will waive representative fees to any senior player who acts as a Head Coach within the junior representative program.
- HBA will reduce representative fees to any senior player who acts as an assistant coach within the junior representative program.
- HBA will provide an honorarium to all Junior and Senior Head Coaches at the conclusion of the season.
- HBA will provide an honorarium to Junior Head Coaches who participate in June long weekend tournaments.
- HBA will provide a Hills Hornets Officials polo shirt to Head Coach, Assistant Coach and Manager at the beginning of the season.
- HBA will provide a Hills Hornets Representative Jacket to any newly appointed Head Coach at the beginning of the season.

### Professional Conduct

All coaches should be aware of the Coaches Code of Ethics that has been adopted & endorsed by the Australian Sports Commission. In addition to the Coaches Code of Ethics, HBA has opted to emphasise a number of other points of note in the interests of striving for professionalism in our Representative Program.



### Communication - email & telephone

- All coaches & managers will be supplied with team contact details collated from trials. Details include, phone numbers, email addresses for both player & parent/guardian.
- From time to time, the need to communicate with players' outside of training & games will arise & to ensure transparency with all involved in the program, coaches & managers **MUST** cc parents in all email correspondence. This will alleviate breakdowns in communication. Contact by mobile phone is up to team management discretion as determined by necessity. However, contact with minors should be avoided.

### Social Media (additional to HBA Social Media Policy)

- Coaches & other team officials are **not** friends & or followers with junior players on social media sites. Should a participant request an exemption to this policy it must be in writing from a parent/carer & be approved by the Representative Manager. Where a team official is a parent/carer of a child in the program they will be deemed exempt for their child.

### Language

- This is covered in the Coaches Code of Ethics but specifically, coaches must refrain from swearing & the use of inappropriate or suggestive language. The Association has adopted a vigilant stance on this issue due to the fact that team management is in charge of the care of minors & young impressionable players. **Any form of foul or derogatory language will not be tolerated.** It has no place in training, games, social activities organised by individual teams & even in an environment where team management may find themselves in the presence of junior players outside of team commitments. E.g. Elite camps, watching other basketball games in the stadium.
- All involved will need to be acutely aware of their environment & the appropriate behaviour warranted by virtue of their position of seniority.

### Transport

Manager to ensure all junior players are collected by their parent (or appointed carer) from each training session. At no point should a player be left at a training/playing venue without adult supervision.

Written permission must be provided by a minor(s) parent/guardian for a coach or manager to provide transport to &/or from training or game.

### Supervision

Manager to ensure they (or a suitable adult) are present at each training session. It is essential that at least two adults are present. Should a player require immediate medical attention, the Manager (or suitable adult) may be required to escort the player to an appropriate medical centre.



Under no circumstance is a minor to be left at a training venue, team function or playing venue without adult supervision. The Manager is required to supervise or arrange suitable supervision until minor can be collected.

### Professional Attire

HBA desires to project an image of professionalism & excellence. All team management (Coach, Assistant Coach & Manager) are required to wear the following attire at all scheduled representative games:

- HBA Polo top (supplied by HBA)
- Enclosed footwear i.e. no thongs, slip ons are acceptable for female coaches
- Black - pants, shorts, or skirt.
- No hats
- Head Coaches are asked to wear the Hills Hornets Representative Jacket (can be purchased at HBA) in colder weather.

While the association is mindful of personal tastes & identity in relation to personal grooming, team management are asked to consider their image portrayal with the club in mind on matters relating to personal presentation.



**FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES 2024**

Representative fees do not cover all costs associated with the Representative season. Hills Basketball Association heavily subsidises the program to ensure fees are kept to an affordable level. Please note Representative fees do not cover uniforms other than the playing top which is provided. Fees should be paid through the website at [www.hillshornets.com.au](http://www.hillshornets.com.au) or alternatively paid by cheque & sent to Hills Basketball Association.

2024 Representative Fees include the following:

\* All Elite Camps, Boost, Ball & Bond Camps, Hornets Day, HITP Tuesday Early Morning Session, HITP Pre-Trial sessions, Tournament costs as per schedule and

\*2 Entries –

1 x Player/Coach Staff – Can wear their hornets gear to get in free.

1 x keyring which includes the below:

- Allocated area for every NBL1 EAST home game, including final series games held in the HIVE (22 games). First in best seated in the Season Ticket Zone at THE HIVE.
- Entry to all Hornets Senior Waratah League home games, including final series games held at the HIVE.
- Entry to all Hornets Waratah Wheelchair League home games, including final series games held at the HIVE.

Entry to all Hornets JPL & Waratah Junior home games, including final series games held at the HIVE

**Junior Representative Player**

Position Acceptance fee \$200 (paid by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023)..... \$200

**Please note that Position Acceptance FEE is NON REFUNDABLE**

Player Levy \$200 (paid by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024)..... \$200

Player Levy \$200 (paid by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024)..... \$200

Player Levy \$200 (paid by 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024)..... \$200

TOTAL:..... **\$800 \***

**Junior DEVELOPMENT Representative Player**

Position Acceptance fee \$200 (paid by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023)..... \$200

**Please note that Position Acceptance FEE is NON REFUNDABLE**

Player Levy \$200 (paid by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024)..... \$200

Player Levy \$200 (paid by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024) ..... \$200

TOTAL:..... **\$600\***

**Rep Rookies Player Fees**

Position Acceptance fee \$200 (paid by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 ..... \$200

**Please note that Position Acceptance FEE is NON REFUNDABLE**

Player Levy \$ 200 (paid by the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024) ----- \$200

Player Levy \$200 (paid by the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024) ..... \$200

TOTAL:..... **\$600\***



**Youth League Player (U22) / Waratah Men Player**

Position Acceptance fee \$200 (paid by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023)..... \$200

**Please note that Position Acceptance FEE is NON REFUNDABLE**

Player Levy \$200 (paid by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024)..... \$200

Player Levy \$200 (paid by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024)..... \$200

Player Levy \$200 (paid by 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024)..... \$200

TOTAL:..... **\$800 \***

**Senior DEVELOPMENT Representative Player**

Position Acceptance fee \$200 (paid by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023)..... \$200

**Please note that Position Acceptance FEE is NON REFUNDABLE**

Player Levy \$200 (paid by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024)..... \$200

Player Levy \$200 (paid by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024) ..... \$200

TOTAL:..... **\$600\***

Please note that Position Acceptance Fees are **NON REFUNDABLE**

Failure to comply with these requirements will see you forfeit your Position Acceptance Fee & you will be required to pay the fee of \$750.

**Sibling Discount**

A sibling discount is now available to families with 2 or more representative players. A reduction of \$50 per person will be applied to the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or subsequent siblings. Those eligible must submit a written request to the HBA Representative Manager.

**Non-payment**

The assumption is that all fees will be paid by the allotted time. A ‘no pay – no play’ policy will apply. Should payment not be received by the specified date, HBA will remind the individual by emailing a statement to the nominated email address of the individual. If payment is not received within 14 days, the player shall be deemed ‘unfinancial’ & may be suspended from all local & representative fixtures.

Commitment by a player is for the ENTIRE season irrespective of later motivation. While fee reduction may be considered on a case-by-case basis in the event of serious injury, relocation, etc. full fees are assessed upon application.



### **Hardship**

Cases of genuine financial hardship can be brought to the attention of HBA. Requests for fee relief should be sent to the Representative Manager by the participant (if under 18 years of age – the parent of the participant). Any requests for fee relief will be dealt with in confidence & on a case-by-case basis.

### **Uniform**

It is mandatory for all Players and Development Players to purchase Hornets shorts, Hornets Warm-up top (t-shirt &/or long-sleeve t-shirt), Hornets socks (black OR white) & Hornets reversible singlet (to be worn at all training sessions). All other uniform items are optional. Players entering any basketball stadium to represent the Club must be wearing the approved Hornets uniform.

### **Player Registration/Affiliation**

All players must be registered with Hills Basketball Association. Players with other Association primary registration will be expected to affiliate with Hills & then transfer their primary registration to HBA once their existing registration has expired.

It is the responsibility of the player &/or their parents/carer to ensure their registration is current.

Registration/affiliation is not covered under representative fees & is an additional cost to participants. All registration & affiliations costs can be found at [www.hillshornets.com.au/fees](http://www.hillshornets.com.au/fees)

### **HBA Funding Assistance**

Hills Basketball Association will assist State Players & Coaches with costs involved in attending their respective National Championships. Where the following conditions are met:

- a) the player/coach has been a Representative of HBA for a minimum of 1 season prior to selection.
- b) the player has fulfilled all financial & local competition requirements.

State Players | \$250 Grant to offset travel/accommodation costs associated in attending the National Championships will be paid directly to the individual. Those eligible must submit a written request to the HBA Representative Manager.

U14 Nationals | \$2500 Grant provided to any Hills Hornets U14 team successful in their entry into the U14 National Championships. Those eligible must submit a written request to the HBA Representative Manager.

MELBOURNE TOURNAMENT | \$300 Grant provided to all Hills Hornets Representative Head Coaches attending VJBL Classic or Nunawading Tournament.



## **TOURNAMENTS**

There are several opportunities for players to travel and compete in tournaments throughout the season.

*JPL Finals weekend will replace the old State Championships venue will be Country and games will take place over Friday, Saturday & Sunday. The venue and draw format will be released after JPL regular season. Venues may be in a country or regional area.*

*State Cup – Division 1 winners progress through. The venue and draw format will be released after the MJL regular season. Venues may be in a country or regional area and games will be played Saturday and Sunday.*

*VJBL Classic: Premier teams only. Teams are invited by the VJBL if they are in the top 2-4 (depends on number of entries) of their Waratah JPL.*

*Nunawading Tournament: One of the largest invitational junior basketball tournaments in Australia and attracts teams from Victoria, South Australia and NSW. The tournament is played in various venues in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne over the June long weekend.*

All Division 1 teams are encouraged to participate in either the VJBL Classic or Nunawading Tournament. Participation by Division 2 & 3 teams will be considered by HBA on a case-by-case basis. Participation in these tournaments is not a requirement of Hills Basketball & decisions to attend/compete in the tournaments are made by individual teams in consultation with parents / carer, coaches & managers.

### *Tournament Administration:*

- HBA will administer the entry of teams and the dissemination of information such as update draws and other tournament related administration.
- All players in Hills Hornets teams must be registered, actively participating in Local Competition and up to date with their fees to participate in a tournament.
- Coaches may wish to enter their team into additional tournaments. This will be done only after consideration by HBA, team staff & parents / carer. All fees will remain the responsibility of team members.



## **HBA TRAVEL POLICY**

Whilst all teams are different, HBA have found most success with the following set up when travelling/touring with sporting teams.

### **Representing the Club:**

- As players, supporters, and officials, you represent the Hills Basketball Association and thus, our Code of Conduct must be always upheld.
- Disruptive behaviour will not be tolerated at any stage, both on & off the court.
- Hills officials (Coaches & Managers) are instructed to be firm but fair to all members in the touring party & report any problems back to Hills Basketball Association &/or parents / carer (minors).
- Hills officials will decide on the course of action if any disruptive behaviour occurs. This may range from game suspensions & notification of parents /carer (minors), through to being sent home. However, consultation must take place with Hills Basketball Management before the final decision is imposed.
- The Team Coaches are responsible for all basketball decisions involving the group or teams at each competition or training venue.
- Where possible, we encourage group support for each of our competing teams. This may mean watching & supporting your fellow touring party members before or after your games.
- It is also important that Coaches, Players & Parents / Carer conduct themselves in a professional & sportsmanlike manner at all competition venues & are not to bring the game or Hills Basketball into disrepute.

### **Uniforms:**

- All tour members are required to wear the tour clothing at the competition venues, official functions, & on flights to & from the destination. As a group we need to look & act in a professional manner. Players & officials will be required to wear tour polo shirts in the venue & any further clothing that the Hills officials decide is appropriate.

### **Accommodation:**

- If possible, teams book individual rooms for families and coaching staff at the same hotel.
- Junior Team members should be accommodated with their parents / carer.
- Should a parent / carer of a junior member be unable to attend, another parent / carer within the team can act as guardian. Each player must have their own bed.
- Team management may set room curfews at night. Juniors will be required to stay in their rooms after this time.
- For mixed gender tours, boys & girls are encouraged to mix but must do so only in the common room areas of the hotels. Boys & girls are not permitted in each other's rooms at any times.





- Any damages or charges incurred at the accommodation will need to be paid for by the person or people responsible.
- Senior Team accommodation will be allocated on a share basis. You will be allocated a room upon arrival. It is imperative that you do not swap rooms, to ensure the Manager knows which room you are located. The Managers may check rooms randomly prior to departure.

#### **Transport:**

- Teams rent a bus for the players to travel to and from games together. Players often decorate the buses with Hills colours, and it is an excellent way for the team to focus before a game. Please ensure decorations are legal and do not obstruct the driver's view.
- Parents / Carer and supporters travel separately to players when going to games.

#### **Expectations:**

- It is important for each participant to acknowledge the individual team goals prior to the tournament. Many teams travel for the experience, a placing goal or with the full intention to be highly competitive during the competition. Managing these expectations will ensure that the coaches, players and parents / carer are all attending with the exact same plan and goals.
- At times, a player may not receive as much court time as family members and supporters expect. Whilst we encourage court time that reflects our development over winning philosophy, this is the nature of basketball at a representative level. All players, parents / carer should be aware of this before the tournament and understand the individual role in a Hills Hornets team.

#### **The Law:**

- Players or guests under the age of 18 are not to consume alcohol.
- No players or guests are to supply alcohol to minors under any circumstances.
- Taking or supplying illegal substances is not permitted under any circumstances.
- If you break the law be prepared to be sent home. NB the law in a foreign country may be different to Australia.

#### **Costs:**

- HBA approved event/tournament game fees will be met by HBA. All other costs (travel, accommodation & food) remain the responsibility of team members.
- HBA will provide funding assistance for each Head Coach of \$300 attending either Melbourne tournaments. Parents / Carer will also be asked to contribute towards the cost of travel & accommodation of the volunteer coach. Team managers will liaise with parents / carer on costs & provide a breakdown of the per participant costs.



## FUNDRAISING

All fundraising which involves the Hills Hornets Representative Program in any way must be approved by the Representative Manager. This is not designed to discourage members from raising funds for players or teams, but rather to ensure that the interests of the Association & all its members are protected.

For fundraising, the Representative Manager must approve the activity & location as being appropriate & in the best interests of the Association & ensure that there are no potential conflicts / issues which might impact on the Association or its representatives including sponsors. Approval will also ensure that members are covered by the Association's insurance (through Basketball NSW) while fundraising, whether at HBA or other locations.

For **fundraising** activities, the following conditions must be observed:

- The activity must be for the purpose of raising funds for team support & is usually to support attendance at a tournament.
- Any sale items at any fundraising event must be approved by the Representative Manager.
- The purpose for & beneficiary of all fundraising activities must be clearly displayed, including use of the Hills Basketball Association logo on flyers, which can be obtained through the Representative Manager.
- Lottery & Gaming Regulations for Minor Lotteries (including raffles) must be understood & adhered to before running a raffle/lottery.
- Children <15 years old are not permitted to sell raffle tickets or do any door to door selling unless accompanied by an adult.
- Please note that **merchandise sales (clothing, bags etc) are not an approved fundraising activity**. All merchandise sales are done by the Association exclusively.

## SPONSORSHIP

All sponsorship enquiries should be referred to the HBA Sponsorship Coordinator in the first instance. In the case of sponsorship for representative tournaments, all arrangements should be covered by a written agreement outlining the agreed provisions by the sponsor & the Association. The HBA Sponsorship Coordinator will ensure that all sponsors / sponsorship deals are appropriate to the parts of the Association being sponsored & that there is no conflict with any existing Hills Basketball Association agreements, policies, or philosophies.

Our sponsorship packages can be found at [www.hillshornets.com.au](http://www.hillshornets.com.au)



#### **U14 NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS POLICY**

Under 14 Premier teams may be eligible to attend the U14 National Club Championships. Information regarding this event will be provided at the initial team meeting with the Representative Manager. Once qualified, all players and parents/carer are required to attend an information session with HBA staff and team officials.

1. Whilst the competition is governed by Basketball Australia rules, all Hills Hornets participants must abide by the HBA Travel Policy and this U14 National Policy.
2. The team is encouraged to select a Tour Manager to manage accommodation, transport, finances, fundraising & sponsorship for Nationals. While this person can be the Team Manager, teams are encouraged to appoint an alternate person to distribute workload.
3. All players must reside at the same accommodation during the duration of the tournament.
  - Special circumstances must receive permission from Representative Manager.
  - Recommended that families stay in individual rooms at the same accommodation.
4. Team members must travel to and from games together.
  - Managers are expected to organise a team bus and driver prior to tournament.
  - Parents / Carer and supporters are expected to travel separately.
5. All team officials, players and parents/carer must act in accordance with our policies regarding behaviour as outlined in this document, BNSW Policies and By-Laws and HBA Policies and Procedures.
6. Each player involved in qualifying the team for Nationals is expected to participate in the tournament.
  - in the event of illness, injury or for disciplinary reasons, a replacement of a qualified player should be selected. The Coach & age group Curriculum Coach will meet with Representative Manager and U14 Division 2 Coach to discuss potential player(s) from within the U14 program.
  - The most appropriate (position & strength) player in the age group will be selected. Once confirmed, the Representative manager will approach parent/carer to discuss.
7. While an U14 National Club Championship roster can consist of 12 players, HBA encourages teams to travel with 10 players. The following exceptions apply:-
  - should a Coach feel that 12 players may be required due to athletes carrying injuries, a meeting with Coach, Curriculum Coach, U14 Division 2 Coach, Representative Manager will be held to discuss potential player(s) from within the U14 program.
  - The most appropriate (position & strength) player in the age group will be selected. Once confirmed, the Representative manager will approach parent/carer to discuss.
8. The Tour Manager will manage the finances for the tournament.
  - The total cost of the tournament is to be spread equally between parent / carer of players and non-parent / carer team officials.
    - The head coach's costs of travel and accommodation will be covered by the team members.
  - Parents / Carer and Coaches are to be strongly encouraged to participate in fundraising activities for the benefit of the whole touring party.



- The proceeds from fundraising activities are to be used to reduce the total net budget amount and reduce the cost to players' families who choose to participate in fundraising activities.
  - Parents/ Carer who choose not to participate in any fundraising activities will be required to pay the indicative total cost per player (prior to the calculation of a fundraising budget). Any variation to this indicative amount will be advised at the completion of the tournament where a further payment may be required. These parents / carer are not entitled to any surplus fundraising monies which are distributed at the conclusion of the tournament.
  - Sponsorship is to be treated as 'fundraising income'.
  - Association Grant of \$2500 (see HBA Funding Assistance) is not considered as 'fundraising income' and should be spread equally between parents /carer of players and non-parent officials.
  - The Team Manager is not required to use personal funds to pay deposits. Parents / carer who participate in fundraising activities may be required to pay deposits etc prior to fundraising monies being available. They will be given reasonable notice by the Team Manager if this is required.
  - Any surplus funds at the end of the tournament, and when all commitments are met, are to be equally distributed to the parents / carer who participated in fundraising activities.
  - 3 items of team clothing only.
  - HBA must endorse all use of Logos, Clothing & Merchandise.
9. The Association will make a contribution to assist with the costs of team members travel & accommodation (Association grant).
10. All players must sign a Consent Form to attend the tournament.
- This will be distributed at the information session.
11. All parents / carer, players and officials must sign a Code of Conduct before attending the tournament.
- This will be distributed at the information session.
12. All parents/ carer must sign a medical form on behalf of their child.
13. Where travel is required a travel authority form must be completed by parents / carer on behalf of their child.
14. All fundraising efforts and sponsorship contributions must be approved by Representative Manager.



## **COMPLAINT PROCEDURE**

- Wait 24 hours before talking, calling or facebook messaging to the coach or manager. Most problems will seem lesser after some time to think through the issues first.
- Do not approach Coach or Manager in front of other players / carers, parents or supporters, please request a meeting at a suitable time to discuss issue with both Coach and Team Manager.
- If a parent / carer, please ensure you do not discuss complaints or issues in front of your child(ren).
- If a solution can is not reached at the meeting, then the matter should be referred to the HBA Representative Manager. Should a suitable outcome not be reached, the issues will be heard by the HBA CEO.
- Please follow the above process. It will ensure that everyone communicates with each other honestly & openly. HBA are unlikely to look favorably on your situation if you have not attempted to follow the correct procedure.
- If a complaint is of a more serious nature, it should always be directed to the Representative Manager.
- Issues directed to the Representative Manager may then be referred to the CEO, or further to the CoM.
- All complaints must be in writing and include the name of the author.
- HBA would prefer to hear about issues as they arise, and therefore encourage constant communication and constructive criticism from patrons.
- **The Representative Manager will express complaints to our governing body should they be required. Parents, carer, players, or officials are not to contact Basketball NSW or Basketball Australia directly.**

**Member Protection and/or Child Protection issues should be directed to HBA Chief Executive Officer. All matters are confidential.**

## **ASSOCIATION CONTACT DETAILS**

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