

# REPRESENTATIVE HANDBOOK 2023 / 2024

# WELCOME TO THE TUMUT BASKETBALL REP 2023 / 2024 PROGRAM

The following booklet is provided to inform players and parents of their obligations and roles as part of the Rep 2023 / 2024 Program.

Where a specific situation is not covered in this Handbook, Tumut Basketball will consider the matter in consultation with the Tumut Basketball Board of Directors.

It is important for ALL players and parents to read and understand the requirements and expectations of the players and their families who enter the Rep2023 / 2024 Program and only accept a team position if all expectations are understood and agreed to.

The player and their family should recognise that participation in this program is a major commitment of time, effort and money.

# TUMUT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION CLUB VALUES

- We encourage our members to compete in the spirit of good sportsmanship and to treat all participants with respect.
- We aim to develop our members as good citizens as well as good basketball players, coaches, team staff and officials.
- We are a Child Safe organization, and all Policy is aligned with BNSW.
- We deal with our members with honesty and integrity.
- We recognize the importance of each individual within the overall success of the Association.
- While individual cases will be dealt with on merits, we aim to have our teams consist of players that are fully representative of Tumut Basketball.

# WHAT IS JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE BASKETBALL

Junior Representative Basketball is the next level up from Junior Local competition. It brings together the better players of each town / city / region that compete at a higher and more competitive level over weekend tournaments. The season is made up weekend carnivals in NSW and VIC and the Southern Junior League which has three weekend rounds and finals round if successful.

# 2023 / 2024 REPRESENTATIVE JUNIOR FORMAT

## Country Carnivals

- Wangaratta U16 + U18 only 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023 approx. \$70
- Albury 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023 *approx. \$70*
- Wodonga 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 *approx. \$70*

Waratah Southern Junior League (SJL) Venues and Rounds for 2024

- SJL Round 1 Canberra 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- SJL Round 2 Location TBA  $6^{th}$  &  $7^{th}$  April 2024
- SJL Round 3 Location TBA  $4^{th}$  &  $5^{th}$  May 2024
- SJL Finals Location TBA  $18^{th} \& 19^{th}$  May 2024 approx. \$40

John Martin Country Tournament 2024 – Note: At Coaches / Team Discretion

• TBC - John Martin Country Tournament (June long weekend 2024) approx. \$120

# TRIAL SELECTION PROCESS FOR 2023 / 2024 - JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

A Selection Panel including the teams Coaches will be responsible for team selection in each representative age group across both trial sessions.

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U12/14 - \$370 last season U16/U18 - \$400 last season



The Selection Panel will either select the team or name a squad. If a squad is selected the final team may be chosen after a few training sessions and any players not selected for the team may be classed as a "Development Player".

The development players will be involved in training but will not attend carnivals unless there is an incident (injury or misconduct) which deems a team member unable to participate. If the "Development Player" participates in carnivals, fees would then apply. Being a "Development Player" is a wonderful opportunity to improve your game and gain more experience in a Representative environment.

In the case there are not enough nominated players for a team it will be at the discretion of the Rep Committee and team coach to invite Players from other associations to play and their requirements to attend training.

Once the teams have been selected, they will be notified via email.

To be selected for Tumut Representative Basketball Programs, athletes must display elements of the following:

- Skills in the areas of:
  - Ball Handling / Passing
  - $\circ$  Shooting
  - $\circ \quad \text{Offensive Movement} \\$
  - $\circ \quad \text{Defensive Movement}$
  - o Team Play
  - o General Game Understanding
- Athletic ability e.g. fitness, speed, height, quick hands and strength
- Desire to become a representative player
- Potential to be socially compatible and display a sense of "team ethic" within a group
- Demonstrated attitude to become a representative basketball player
- Be highly receptive to coaching
- Commitment to working hard at improving mental, physical and basketball skills

#### **ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS**

All players must:

- attend the Trials process as determined by Tumut Rep Basketball (any absences must be explained, communicated in advance & approved).
- Read and sign the players & parents code of conduct, media consent, medical and bench duty forms prior to taking the court for any games.

In addition, the following matters will be taken into account: -

- Player and/or Parent/Guardian's past and current acceptance and adherence to the Codes of Conduct.
- A Player's history of commitment to Tumut Rep Basketball Program and Local Competition

## WHAT IS REQUIRED OF THE PLAYER WHEN SELECTED?

A Players Pack will be emailed to all players upon selection. This includes overview of Representative program, Code of Conduct, Publication of Photos & Medical Information.

All selected representative players from U14 are encouraged attend a local TBA referee course/program and are encouraged to progress to referee local Competitions.

Players are expected to always conduct themselves appropriately. Our club is worthy of your best behavior.

#### TRAINING

The player will need to make themselves available for scheduled training sessions set out by the Coach. Training is compulsory and all players are expected to be at training 10 minutes prior to start time regardless of injury or illness as they can sit and observe. The only exception is in the case of having a contagious disease. Non-attendance or lateness to training without communication directly to the coach may result in a coach's decision to limit or reduce playing time.

Training will commence soon after trials and will continue until end of Competition.

#### CLOTHING

All singlets are provided by the association to players for the season and are to be returned at the end of the season. These items are the responsibility of the player and any costs to replace damaged or lost items will be paid for by the player. The singlets are not to be used by any domestic teams in any competitions, unless the representative team is entered into the competition by the program coordinator

Players will be required to purchase the following items which the player will retain ownership of:

- Playing Shorts \$35.00
- Warm Up Top \$40.00
- Reversible Training Singlet \$40.00
- Timberwolves Socks \$15.00
- Timberwolves Water Bottle \$15.00

#### Prices are valid until 28/2/2024

Any other Team merchandise can be purchased by the players and parents. Orders are to be placed directly online with HUNTERS 1866 in Wagga Wagga our nominated representative uniform provider. https://www.hunters1866.com.au/collections/tumut-timberwolves

#### COURT TIME

Representative basketball is an elite program and playing time is a privilege. Some players will play more than others and coaches will have different philosophies on rotating their players. While coaches should be willing to discuss court time and how players may be able to increase their playing time, the bottom line is playing time is at the Coaches discretion.

The Coach has final decision on how they play the game and distribute players court time. Games are played to win.

#### SCORETABLE DUTY

Teams will be required to provide 2 people for scoreable duty per game. There are courses online for Beginner Bench courses. It will be compulsory for at least one parent or guardian to assist with bench.

This is not a duty required to be performed by coaches or managers.

#### FUNDRAISING

Tumut Rep Basketball will be running a number of fundraisers throughout the season. Fundraising will assist in keeping costs down for the rep program. Without the help of players and parents the task of raising funds becomes increasingly difficult each year. Players and parents will be expected to contribute to fundraising events to support the club and reduce costs on families.

Fundraising is calculated at an individual player level with all net proceeds raised by the individual recorded individually. It is anticipated that fundraising monies raised by an individual will be used to offset competition fees or reduce amounts owing for any clothing that has been purchased.

Players will only be able to raise enough funds to cover the costs of competition fees, any additional funds raised by players above competition fees, will be retained by the club and not refunded. Funds that are raised through skill sessions / BBQ's or of a whole club nature eg Anzac Day BBQ, will be retained by the club as a whole and utilized by the club.

The season consists of 4 major fundraising events listed below as well as some other opportunities that may arise during the season which will be of a whole club nature:

- Fundraising Event # 1 TBA
- Fundraising Event # 2 TBA
- Fundraising Event # 3 TBA
- Fundraising Event # 4 TBA

## WHAT ARE THE COSTS INVOLVED IN REPRESENTATIVE BASKETBALL?

Dependent on the path chosen by the team, costs can vary. One path is to compete in Rep Carnivals only, the other path is to participate in the SJL as well as some carnivals.

Actual costs are unknown until each organizer release their nominations, but an approximation of anticipated costs is displayed on page 2 & 3 of the handbook.

SJL and John Martin Country Tournament are generally more expensive than standard carnivals as there are additional requirements that need to be provided by each team, which comes at some additional expense.

#### HOW DOES THE LEVY SYSTEM WORK?

SJL levies are NON-REFUNDABLE. If there is a situation where the player is injured whilst playing basketball a consideration may be made. This must be put in writing to the Executive Officer and a partial refund may be granted.

Hardship: Please contact the Rep Committee if you're having any difficulty making payments. Any requests for relief will be dealt with in confidence and on a case-by-case basis.

An invoice will be issued to all players via Parent email for all carnivals and SJL competitions. Date for payment will be advised and can be paid by Direct deposit (using invoice number as reference). All levies are to be paid on receipt of invoice and players may be excluded from participating if levies are not paid to start of competitions.

### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED IN THE REP LEVY

- Accommodation when overnight stays are required, the accommodation bookings are to be made by parents.
- No meals are included in the Levy. Managers may sometimes collect money for food or groceries for breakfast lunch or dinner.
- Travel by private vehicle to all venues

## PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

The way we play the game and conduct ourselves on and off the court reflects who we are as people and affects the way other people see and treat us. If we treat people with respect, courtesy and consideration, then we will be more likely to receive the same treatment in return.

Our team is part of a much bigger team, Tumut Timberwolves and the wider basketball community Expectations of the players are as follows:

- Commitment by a player is for the entire season.
- Understand and play by the rules.
- Respect referees and other officials. If you disagree with any decision, ruling or official call, speak to your coach at an appropriate time and allow the coach to make the decision about speaking with the game official at a reasonable time.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent will not be tolerated.
- Work equally hard for yourself and for your team.
- Basketball is a team sport.
- Be a good sport. Acknowledge good play whether it be by your team or the opposition.

- Treat all players, on and off the court, as you would like to be treated.
- Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Do not take personal issues onto the court.
- Playing basketball should be fun!
- Be prepared to lose sometimes. Be a fair winner and a good loser.
- Listen to the advice of your coach and try to apply it at practice and in games.
- Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

If a player is found to be behaving in a manner that will negatively affect the reputation of the Tumut Rep Basketball. It may result in a coach's decision to limit playing time on subsequent games, or the TBA Executive Officer may decide to remove the player from the program.

# PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

- Encourage your children to participate for their own interest and enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to always play by the rules
- Teach children that an honest effort is always as important as a victory.
- Focus on developing skills and playing the game. Reduce the emphasis on winning.
- A child learns best by example. Applaud good play by all teams. Acknowledge all good plays whether they are by your children's team or the other team.
- Do not criticise your or others' children in front of others.
- Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
- Set a good example by your own conduct, behaviour and appearance.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators.
- It's expected that parent's behave appropriately while attending Basketball events.

## CHILD PROTECTION, COMPLAINTS & GRIEVANCES

Basketball NSW is committed to safeguarding children and young people in sport. We work with the sector, <u>NSW Office</u> of <u>Sport</u>, <u>NSW Office of the Children's Guardian</u> and <u>Play by the Rules</u> plus other child safety agencies to help create child safety in basketball in NSW.

www.bnsw.com.au/about/child-safety-and-basketball/