



## *Welcome to CHBA Primary School basketball.*

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We recognise that this may be your first introduction to our sport and we'd like to take this opportunity to answer some of the questions you might be asking, to fill some of the gaps in your knowledge of how it all works, or just to remind you of some of the principles under which we operate.

We hope your child, or in many cases, your children are enjoying their Saturday mornings at basketball.

In reviewing our *Codes of Behaviour* document recently (see below) a phrase jumped out of the page "children play sport for fun and winning is only part of it". I do hope we are being successful and I thank you as parents and carers for making the effort to give our young players a chance to have fun while playing our sport.

*We would especially like to thank* the (mostly) parents who take on the added responsibility of managing/coaching the teams in our competitions. Without you, we would not be able to run our competitions.

We believe your children are in safe hands in our Primary School competition. Vicki Robertson our Competition Supervisor has vast basketball experience as a player, coach, referee, administrator and most importantly a parent and shares the association's ambitions to make our competition an enjoyable experience for all involved.

Vicki, who will always be in a CHBA uniform and will always wear a name tag is your "go to" person whenever you have questions or matters you would like clarified.

Vicki is assisted each week by a Referee's Supervisor whose job it is to move around the courts monitoring and supervising the work of our young referees and providing education and in rare cases intervention, when needed.

For your assurance, all of the people working for CHBA have submitted themselves to a "Working with Children" check and are approved persons.

*Enjoy your Game!*

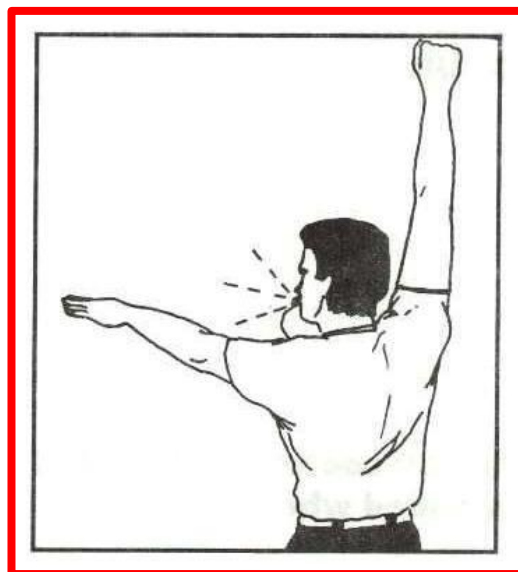
*Steve Smith, General Manager*



## *Rules, Rulz and more rules!*

All of our Primary School Competitions are played using modified rules which recognise that children are not adults and therefore do not have the same physical abilities or maturity to be able to play according to the official rules. Our modified rules also recognise that even in year 6, our players are still learning the game.

Within our competition we have three different sets of playing rules, which likewise recognise the very different abilities of year 2 or 3 players compared to the “oldies” in year 6.



A full list of the Primary School Competition Rules is on display on the noticeboard on court 5 and also is downloadable from our website (see below). Unfortunately the rules stretch to 6 pages, so take some time to wade through.

Recently we created a **one page summary** of the unique rules in our FUNBall, Year3/4 and Year 5/6 competitions and these are also on display on the noticeboard and on our website. I encourage you to seek these out if everything is a confusing blur. Please contact our office if you would like us to send you a copy of the full or summary rules.

## *Contacting Coffs Harbour Basketball*

Our contact details are on the top of this newsletter (phone, email, website and postal address).



We are a small organisation which operates through the efforts of volunteers, supported by several part time employees.

In addition to Vicki our Competition Supervisor we have a part time administration staff who ‘(wo)man’ our office Tuesday to Friday 9.00 am to 6.00 pm.

We welcome your comments and feedback via phone, email or in person. One of our volunteers has very

recently installed a suggestions box for us and this will be operational from next week for your *anonymous* commentary.

We strongly encourage you to make *liberal and frequent* use of our Website [www.coffsharbourbasketball.com.au](http://www.coffsharbourbasketball.com.au) which for us is an important communication tool with the members of our basketball family. Every week, fresh content is loaded. More often, news and information is posted daily.

Coffs Harbour Basketball also has a facebook page which we use for sharing basketball events and happenings – we recommend you access this via our website and then “like” us to be kept in the communication loop.

## *Codes of Behaviour*

Occasionally, we need to remind some of our participants about appropriate and inappropriate behaviour in a child focussed sporting environment. The purpose of our Codes of Behaviour document is to establish the agreed ground rules under which we conduct our activities. I do hope you won't find anything objectionable or unreasonable in the “Codes”.

Our competition supervisor has freely distributed these at this week's competition. They are also on the noticeboard and on our website.

We seek your support for our Codes of Behaviour and that you take some time to teach your children the appropriate way to participate in our sport.

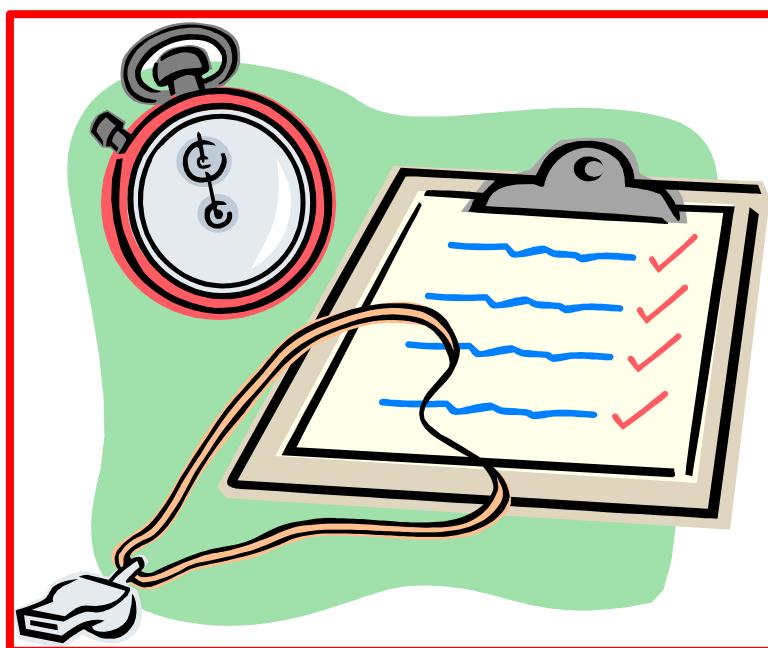
## *Need some help? Coaching Clinics?*

We understand that Primary School Basketball is the foundation program for CHBA and that the majority of people involved in it are on an upward learning curve.

Very obviously most of our players are learning to play the game and learning the rules.

Our young referees are still learning their craft.

Some of our coaches/managers have been thrown in at the deep end because no one else would take on the job.



**Next Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September** we will be conducting two coaching courses for beginner coaches which we hope might help first time coaches survive the experience.

**The 1 hour sessions will be conducted at 10.00 am and 12.00 noon.**

The first session is primarily targeted at coaches in our 5/6 competition while the 12.00 noon session is for FUNball and 3/4 coaches.

Of course we will not prevent any coach from attending either session.

The course are free of charge and are designed to be a 'survival guide' for coaches – giving the information we think you need to coach a Saturday team and train them if time and circumstances permit.

### *Yoghurtland, Red Rooster and Donut King Vouchers*

These three businesses recently came on board as supporters of the CHBA Primary School competition with the supply of vouchers distributed to coaches/managers over the last 2 weeks. We hope that over the course of this competition the coach will find a way to ensure that every player in your team wins an achievement award.

To provide extra recognition we would like each week to list the award winners from each team. To help us do that we request that the coach complete and submit their list of weekly winners to Vicki our Competition supervisor.

### *Who is CHBA?*

President:	Justin Baldwin
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Board Member:	Rob Hoy
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