

AUSTRALIND BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INC

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER 4

5TH NOVEMBER 2014

REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

GOOD LUCK to all our teams/coaches participating in the BSW carnivals commencing this weekend. Thank you to all our referees who will be accompanying these teams to either Bunbury or Busselton and to their parents for transporting them to these venues.

Through your "gold coin" donations over the two trial days, ABA collected \$220.50 which was forwarded by our Administrator Julie, to TELETHON last weekend. Great Effort Everyone!!.

SATURDAY MORNING SKILL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS for youngsters in school years 4, 5 & 6

On the Saturday of the Brunswick Show, 27 youngsters turned up for the first of our one hour ball skill sessions at LLC with Sharon Barrett.

This past Saturday 47 youngsters arrived for a further ball skill session with Dean Hart.

Whilst these "ball skill" sessions have the same name, the skills are new and different at each practice session so please don't think that the sessions are just repeats from a previous week. There is much to learn!

The Team Leaders for these sessions organize their own "helpers" and to date we have been fortunate with the enthusiastic assistance being offered.

This Saturday November 8th Trish Marsh will be doing a session on "shooting" skills.

This will be followed up with two further weekends under the direction of Graham Burrows and then Darrell Wilson.

REMEMBER THAT CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE NEED TO BRING THEIR OWN BASKETBALL. We do have just a few basketballs for kids who don't have their own ball.

Hopefully in the last two sessions a mentor coach can be included to help our current batch of coaches with teaching these skills as a continuation of the good work that has been started.

NEW P-PLATE REFEREES FOR 2014/2015

The ABA referee team (the largest team in the competition) welcome the following young people who have decided to offer some time to this Association and the sport they love.

Christina and Lucas Bennell, Kye Docker, Sophie Hart, Sammy Clancy-Taylor, Tasmin Birch and Liam Proudfoot.

COMPUTERIZED SCORING

You may have noticed Narelle and Sandy using a computer to score over the last two Fridays. Darren and Sandy have had a bit of assistance at a recent meeting with reps. from BWA and we are about ready to launch into this system. There will be some assistance given to you for a few weeks by these people and a few others who have had some experience doing WABL games over the winter season.

Managers will need to be at the courts early so that they can log in their players each week before tip-off time. There is a clock on the computer indicating 20 minute halves. Games will not be run off of the computer clock. **We will continue to work off of the central LLC timer as we have always done.** One action that will become very important is for the computer clock to be started at least 5 minutes before the actual game is to start. You will get more information on this from our helpers.

FORFEITS

If a team is unable to play at a fixtured time due to end of year school functions it may be possible to play at another time. However, the team in difficulty must understand that ABA's By-laws do not require the non-forfeiting team to play at another time and place. So in effect you will be very lucky if the non-forfeiting team choose to accommodate your proposal. Please read the By-laws and then communicate with the Court Manager (which is Leah for this season) for further instruction.

Team Managers Responsibilities

1. Contact Leah before 9.00am on the Thursday prior to the fixtured game.
Mob. 0427 261 119
2. Contact the Manager of the opposing team so that the team members can be advised.
3. Contact **ALL** of your own team members to advise that the team is forfeiting.
4. Do not phone the LLC – this competition has nothing to do with the staff at the centre.

Teams that forfeit will be required to pay a fine of \$25 **before** that team's next fixtured game.

BASKETBALL GRAPEVINE NEWS – CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE ABA REPRESENTATIVES

1. Kristan Boyle one of our very experienced referees has moved to Perth. Kristan has contributed a lot of time refereeing over the past seven years and ABA is already missing her Friday night contribution.
2. Sydney Lewis was a member of the WA school girls' basketball team that played in Queensland at the end of Term 3.
3. Sharon Barrett was Assistant Coach to the WA Country State Under 16 girls National Basketball Team that went to Geelong in July 2014.
4. Craig Kamocha made the WA Country State Under 16 boys team and Shaun King made the WA Country Under 18 boys team. Both are now playing in Bunbury.
5. Sharon Barrett has twice been the Chairperson on the scorebench for the National WA WNBL Waves team. One of these games was in Alice Springs.
6. Trish Marsh is the U14 girls Coach for a WA country team visiting Knox for 5 days in January.
7. Tayah Burrows is in the U15 WA girls team – also going to Knox.
8. Sydney Lewis is in the U14 WA girls team – going to Knox.
9. Rhyse Marsh, Tom Boyle, Jasmine Barrett and Stephen Fry are all involved this season with coaching ABA representative teams.
10. Paul Goff one of our local coaches was Games Operations Manager for the Men's & Women's SBL games at Eaton over the winter break.
11. Mark Worthington, who played his junior basketball here at Australind is now playing for the new NBL team Melbourne United.
12. In August 2014, BWA acknowledged Mark Grist (who learnt to referee here at Australind) for 10 years continuous service to refereeing in the SBL competition.
13. Darrell Wilson is Assistant Coach (2) to the 2015 Under 18 Boys WA Country State National Team.
14. If I have missed someone for their progress/development in the basketball arena I promise I will mention it in the next issue.

