



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q. What are they looking for in the tryouts?**

A. Athlete's will be assessed on a number of different criteria such as:

- Game sense, competitiveness, & athletic ability (e.g. Speed, quick hands, etc.)
- Potential to be socially compatible and display a sense of team within a group.
- Being highly receptive to coaching feedback including the ability to transfer information into training and playing.
- Outstanding desire and commitment to improving their mental, physical and basketball skills

Coaches will strive to demonstrate an even-handed approach to every athlete.

### **Q. What if I am unable to attend due to other commitments?**

A. Please advise the Bullets committee and/or the coach if you are unable to attend a try out. It is important that we are aware that your son/daughter wants to be considered.

### **Q. Will my child get in a team? (How many are teams? Etc)**

A. We will do our best to accommodate every player into a team. The ideal number for a division 1 team is 8 players, we will need a minimum of 14 players to create 2 divisions. Failing to attract the minimum for two divisions will result in some players becoming reserves. It will be up to the head coach to decide how many players they play in the division 1 team. (Maximum 10)

### **Q. Can I talk to the coaches?**

A. During the sessions (Training or Try Outs) coaches will need to maintain focus on the players to properly evaluate each individual player. If it is a general question regarding Bullets you may speak to the President or any committee member. Before or after training is the best time to speak to the coach if required.

### **Q. What should my child expect to happen at tryouts?**

A. Athletes will warm up as a group, be exposed to a range of skill aspects and be asked to compete in various playing situations. The selection process recognises that some elements may be new or unfamiliar to some players. Players are asked to arrive prepared to concentrate hard and give their full effort and attention to the coaches.

### **Q. Are teams 'set' after they are first announced?**

A. Teams are not 'set in stone'. Some players may be moved between divisions due to a number of reasons such as someone is unable to go forward, struggling to compete at the required level, lack of training attendance, etc.

### **Q. How often do the teams train?**

A. The Bullets teams will normally train once week on the day of which the coach decides.



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**Q. If my child gets into a team will they be guaranteed of court time?**

A. Division 1 representative basketball is unlike local/domestic basketball where even court time is required and often the aim. Accordingly, even court time is not guaranteed for division 1 players. Players must earn their court by time their attitude, progress, attendance to training and the potential to contribute to the teams overall success. Division 2 coaches are encouraged to give even court time, but players may still earn more court time than others for similar reasons as a division 1 player.

If your child is not receiving the court time that you deem reasonable, please speak to the Head Coach and/or Bullets President to see what steps they may take to earn more court time. (*This must be done in a polite manner.*)

**Q. How are teams announced?**

A. Teams will be posted onto the Murray Bridge Basketball Association (MBBA) website the following Sunday after the last trial. They will also be printed and placed on the MBBA notice board at the stadium.

All parents and their children are able to speak to the President and/or Coach regarding the selection process at a respectable time and in a polite manner.

**Q. If my child gets into a team, what are the expectations regarding training -is it OK to miss some training sessions?**

A. Trainings are highly important for the team's success. Players who fail to attend training without a legitimate excuse may have restricted court time during games. We recommend notifying the coach as soon as you know you will be unavailable to attend training.

**Q. What about tournaments?**

A. Bullets have three compulsory tournaments, Murray Bridge Tournament which is held over the October long weekend, Mt Gambier Tournament held in mid November and SA Country State Championships is held on the March long weekend. Teams will normally attend one other Tournament throughout the season which is up to the coach to decide.

*(Please note that the U18 Championships have been moved to the Australia Day long weekend in January)*

**Q. What happens if my child does not get selected in his/her preferred team?**

A. Disappointments are inevitable once final teams have been announced. The Club is happy to provide feedback as outlined above. Please contact the President or a committee member if you would like to explore these issues.

**Q. I need to talk/More questions?!**

A. Please feel free to contact the Bullets president via email or phone at anytime. You may also speak to anyone on our committee regarding coaching, playing, or general matters.

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