



2021 Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai Spiders Representative Basketball Trials

Representative Basketball takes your game to the next level. You could play against some of the best players in NSW and possibly Australia. You will have the opportunity to learn from experienced coaches and represent your district. Representative Basketball is fun, challenging and opens pathways to Basketball as a possible career through State, College and Australian representation. The Hornsby Spiders have several players who have followed this pathway from juniors, maybe one day it could be **YOU!**

Representative Basketball is potentially a 12-month commitment. Commencing at the trials in October, successful teams finishing with Australian Championships late September the following year.

Preparation for the season often begins soon after the trials with several regular team trainings scheduled.

Teams will train twice a week and will have trials matches and tournaments in preparation for the Metropolitan Junior League (MJL). Team trainings do not conflict with local competition games.

The MJL is played on a home and away basis. Teams are graded into Division 1, 2 or 3, with the top 4 teams progressing to the finals. The top 4 Division 1 teams also qualify for the NSW State Championships. The calendar of the 2021 season is provided in a separate attachment.

In accepting selection to a team, your child is committing themselves to games, tournaments and scheduled trainings. Your child is also committing to making representative basketball a priority over other sports and activities they may participate in during the year.

We understand circumstances may arise where a training might be missed. If this should occur the coach/manager needs to be informed prior to the training of the circumstances and the date.

Your child's acceptance of a place in the team means someone else is missing out. Be respectful of this and do not accept a place if you know you are unlikely to be able to fulfill the commitment.

Representative Basketball is a commitment of time. It also requires a financial commitment. Hiring courts for team practices and games, the cost of referees and the associated and admin costs of entering the MJL mean each player will be charged a participation levy. The **in-season** levy for 2021 is \$780. The club provides playing tops, players are however expected to purchase their own playing shorts, warm up top and training top in addition to the \$780 levy

We wish you a successful trial and look forward to seeing your child's growth and improvement over the season. For those that are unsuccessful on this occasion, embrace the experience, and look to build on areas where your success in next seasons trials becomes a step closer.

The calendar of the season is located on a separate document.

Please Note Games played first and last weekends of all school holidays