

Hornsby Kur-ring-gai Junior Representative Selection Guide

OVERVIEW - What is Representative Basketball?

Hornsby Kur-ring-gai Basketball Association (HKBA Spiders) is an association affiliated with Basketball NSW. We run competitions for boys and girls, men and women and promote the sport of basketball in the Hornsby and Kur-ring-gai Local Government Areas (LGA's).

Basketball NSW runs competitions between associations each year. HKBA play in the Junior Metropolitan League (MJL) and our senior teams play in the Waratah League or NBL1 East.

In the competitions run by BNSW we compete against other associations representing other LGA's.

These competitions typically occur April to September each year. With the MJL games being played on a home/away basis on Sundays. While the Waratah League and NBL1 East games normally on weekends.

BNSW MJL runs competitions for under 12,14,16 and 18s.

Athletes selected into representative basketball can compete against stronger players, have extra training sessions, learn from experienced coaches and hopefully follow a pathway into seniors, state or national selection.

Players selected for HKBA representative teams will be required to wear HKBA Spiders uniform and follow team requirements for early arrival at games, parent support on the day and follow BNSW codes of conduct surrounding behavior.

Court time:

When participating in representative basketball each team coach has the responsibility to determine who starts and finishes a game and when team substitutions occur. HKBA encourages coaches to use their full complement of players throughout the game. Coaches provide feedback and support to the players to develop their skills to the extent they can play more minutes in a game.

BNSW mandates that players in the under 12 age group must participate in both halves of each game and monitor this on the score sheet.

Team Trainings:

Part of the representative experience is the participation in team trainings. These occur 1-2 times per week and are organized around the coach's schedule and local competition times. Trainings times should be given to players parents in advance and diarized. Trainings are compulsory although some allowance is given for unavoidable absences.

Representative Selection:

HKBA will notify of upcoming selection trials via their web site and social media platforms. People interested in trialing for a representative team must submit their nomination as prescribed through the information provided on the website.

Trials occur towards the end of the year, typically November/December.

If you are unable to trial, you may still be eligible to be selected in a team depending on your circumstances.

The first phase of trials is for non-current representative players and representative player trialing from a different association. People trialing from a different association need to use the link for an Intent to Trial. <https://forms.gle/PaokP3zRmryXbQoo6> . It is important the link is used prior to attending as BNSW, the home association, and the trialling association are all informed.

After the non rep trials occur, successful participants will be invited to trial in the rep trials.

Selection Panel:

The selection panel has a minimum of 2 people and **can** consist of the following:

- HKBA Junior Representative Manager
- Head Coach of Premier League Team
- Age Group Mentor Coach
- Appointed representative of HKBA

Persons on the selection panel must be independent and not be related to anyone trialing.

If selectors cannot agree on a particular selection, the Head Coach of Premier League has final say. If the Head Coach is related to the trialing player, the HKBA Junior Representative Manager has final say.

Selection Criteria:

In the process of selecting junior teams the selectors must consider several factors:

1. The balance of the team in terms of age, size, position, skill and athleticism.
2. A player's ability to listen and follow instructions, demonstrate enthusiasm and effort, overall coachability.
3. The players ability to adapt to different circumstances, communicate and demonstrate physicality.
4. Players should show a good feel for the game and make good decisions.
5. Players need to show they can play effectively with others, are not selfish, and are good teammates.

Premier League Teams will be made up of the best players using the above criteria. When creating lower division teams, selectors need to account for the future development potential of younger

players. In circumstances where 3 teams happen in the same age group selectors are instructed to focus on bottom age candidates for the 3rd team.

The number of teams in each age group will be determined by availability of qualified coaches, training facilities, quality of participants and numbers of participants.

A minimum of 40 participants must trial in any age to consider 3 teams. This is except for under 12s where fewer than 40 will be allowed.

Each team is to have 10 players. At the discretion of the selectors additional players may be selected as “training partners”. These “training partners” participate in training sessions but do not play in the MJL.

Any athlete/parent who disputes the selectors’ final decision may appeal to Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Basketball Association Board in writing within 7 days of the decision being notified to them. Any appeal lodged after the 7-day period will not be considered. - hkbaboard@gmail.com

It is possible for Juniors to trial for a senior team. Selected Juniors have the following restrictions:

1. Juniors cannot play in competition until they reach 16 years of age.
2. Juniors cannot play in competition unless approved by their junior coach
3. In circumstances where Junior’s training or game time clashes with their senior training/game time the Junior player must fulfill their junior obligations first.
4. In determining the Juniors participation in Seniors, the Junior coach must consider the Junior players overall training load, which may include school basketball and State basketball.

Fees and costs:

There are several costs associated with Representative Basketball.

They include Representative Levy, Training fees and some uniform costs.

The current list is available under the Representative tab or in the Representative Booklet.

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