

SPIDERS Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Basketball Association **ORGANISING A NEW TEAM**



“We are forming a NEW team and haven’t been involved in basketball before – what are the things we need to consider?”

How do we get players to make a team?

Have your child ask if any of their friends are already playing in a basketball, and/or the school sports-co-ordinator if they may know of any children who play basketball, so they can ask if there may be any places available in their teams for them to play in.

If not, ask if your school can form teams so your child can start playing as we (Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Basketball Association) can help establish teams and provide resources to assist (training, courses, coaching etc).

If your child is already participating in one of our skills programs, you can ask some of their friends if they would want to play in a team. When you need a few more players to fill your team ask us; as we are always taking enquiries from people wanting to play, and have a large database for you to use to recruit players.

Who is the team manager and what do they do

Before the competition starts parents get together and between them organize parents to take on the role of team manager(s). The team manager may also be the coach as both roles have organizing and managing functions.

The team manager is the main administrator for the team, ensuring players are financial, registered and available to play their game (and train) each week. They also organize parents for **bench duty** each game (either operating the game clock or completing the iPad/ score-sheet), and are the point of correspondence for HKBA (e.g. if there are any changes the team's game; players are unregistered and other issues); and they relay information to the team's players. It is also a good habit for the manager to text players the game time & venue as a reminder (one or two days before their game).

Who is going to be the coach?

The coach is **almost always a parent of one of the children in the team** – and is usually someone who has played the game; has been a team coach of another sport; has an interest in the sport; or they can be an older sibling who is/has played basketball.

A coach is needed to give the team **direction in how to play** so they can maximize their opportunities to be successful, **to manage children's behavior** and also substitute players during the course of the game. All junior teams need to have a coach/adult supervisor who is responsible for the team during their game. We conduct specific Game Coaching courses in the school holidays for new coaches (see our website under the **COACHES** tab).

When (and where) will we play?

Due to demand, we have to use multiple venues, with the main being **the Brickpit Sports Stadium**, with some games also played at **St.Leo's Catholic College**, Loreto Normanhurst, Barker college, Abbotsleigh and PCYC waitara

Our after school competitions consist of anywhere from 12 to 16 rounds (weeks), followed by a semi finals round and then a grand final round.

We conduct two major competitions each year - competition one runs during school terms 1 & 2 (breaking for holidays), with our second competition running during school terms 3 & 4 (breaking for holidays).

We cater for various levels of experience, for beginners and intermediates with our graded competitions. Competitions are for single school years.

Competition days for primary school teams (games are played from 5pm onwards)

Mondays - Year 1,2 boys & girls teams (may also be a mixed team i.e boys and girls)

Tuesdays - Year 3,4,5,6 girls teams

Wednesdays - Year 3,4,5,6 boys teams

Competition days for high school teams (games are played from 5pm onwards)

Mondays - Year 9,10 girls teams

Tuesdays - Year 9,10 boys teams

Thursdays - Year 7,8 boys & Year 7,8 girls teams

Fridays - Year 11/12 boys teams and those under 21 (U21 Boys competition)

Our under 21 boys competition is for players in school years 11 and 12 and also includes boys who have finished school and are up to 20 years of age. This U21 competition concludes at the end of school term 3, and then restarts at the beginning of term 4, going through to the end of term 1 the following year.

Your team's playing venue and game time is located under the tab

FIXTURES/RESULTS, which is the first menu under the **COMPETITIONS** tab (except for the beginning of competitions when grading games are played. In this instance your team manager will be emailed with game details until grading is completed and we have compiled a season draw).

When will we train for the game?

Generally most **school teams** and **club teams** have some form of weekly training for their teams, which can be before/after school or even on weekends (each team/club has their own schedule).

When available HKBA staff go to some of these schools and assist them; however there are also teams that do not train or practice - they just play their weekly game. Training varies from team to team and is usually dependent upon the availability of the coach, players, and finding a suitable venue (indoor/outdoor).

In many instances, players who do not have the opportunity to train with their team attend one of our many weekly skills classes, using this as a practice session to work on their game. For more information on these classes see the **TRAIN** tab and then **SKILLS** and or **CAMPS** submenus of our website.

What monies do we have to pay to play?

1. Player Registration

All players must be registered with BNSW and Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Basketball Association before playing their game. Player registration is valid for one year from purchase and must be renewed annually, unregistered players are not permitted to play in any competition games.

Primary school age (under 8): \$35 per annum **(turning 8-11 years of age):** \$85.00 per annum

High school age (12-17 years of age): \$100.00 per annum

Senior Players (18 and over years of age): \$115.00 per annum

For those under 18 the online registration form is set up to accept active kids vouchers

2. Team Entry Fees

All team entry forms must be accompanied with the relevant team entry fee before being accepted into competition (form available on website under the **COMPETITIONS** tab)

- Primary School Competitions - School Years 1,2,3,4,5,6 Teams - \$75.00
- High School Competitions - School Years 7,8,9,10 - \$80.00
- Senior Team Competitions - Men ,Women, Unisex and U21 - \$85.00

3. Game Fees

Each team is required to play a nightly game fee, which is payable prior to playing. During grading games at the beginning of competitions, game fees are paid on game night until we have compiled a season draw when you will be able to pay for the full season (in this situation of full season payment active kids vouchers can be used when they are presented in one transaction with the remainder of the total fee) You may choose to continue weekly payments (active kids vouchers can not be used for this option)

Game Fee amounts

Years 1,2 Primary School Teams: \$70.00 per game

Years 3,4,5,6 Primary School Teams: \$75.00 per game

Secondary School Teams and U21: \$80.00 per game

Senior Teams: \$85.00 per game

Forfeit fees apply

What do we do for playing uniforms?

Your team will need playing uniforms (playing singlets numbered back & front) for their game. Some Teams when they have played for a while decide to purchase a full kit (matching shorts and singlets) When starting, wearing black shorts (that you may already have) and buying the singlets is a good way to start.

What development pathways are available for players?

In addition to providing a range of skills programs, basketball camps and competitions; we also conduct a representative program called the "Spiders Representative Program".

This is a program whereby players trial to make a representative team for the Spiders, which leads to them playing games against teams from other basketball association's (usually from February to August) each Sunday, and training twice a week (in addition to their local competition games, if continue to play with their team).

This is considered to be a high level development and participation program with players receiving detailed training and game coaching whilst playing against experienced and talented players. More information about the Spiders representative program is available on our website under the **REPRESENTATIVE** tab on our website.

How can you start refereeing games?

The first way to start is to tell us, as we are always looking for referees. You can become a referee for many reasons - to earn an income, for a challenge, because your friends are involved or just to see a different side of the game.

No matter what the reason, you will give yourself the opportunity to gain confidence, courage, communication skills, knowledge and valuable experience from refereeing the game of basketball. We conduct specific entry level referees courses in the school holidays for new referees (see our website under the **OFFICIALS** tab).

What about coaching and officiating pathways?

Coaches can apply to coach a Spiders representative team (applications usually around August/September of each year) whilst gaining more experience and development. We conduct a **Club Coach Course** each year for coaches to gain their NCAS accreditation for coaches wishing to coach for the Spiders (see the **COACHES** tab on our website).

Referees can officiate representative games when they have sufficient experience, with the association having many referees officiating games in the representative program.