

## Bailey McNicholl – Basketball Bio

Local Club: Kadina Basketball Club (A-Men)

Association: Yorke Valley Basketball Association

Position: Point Guard/ Shooting Guard

I am 18 years old and living in Kadina South Australia. I recently completed my secondary school studies at Kadina Memorial School. I am currently taking a gap year before beginning my tertiary education at Flinders University in 2019.

I first began playing basketball competitively for Lemington School Basketball Team whilst living in New Zealand but have loved Basketball for longer than I can remember. I am currently playing A Grade Basketball for Kadina Basketball Club in the Yorke Valley Basketball Association. Throughout my junior basketball I was selected to represent the Yorke Valley on many occasions and most recently represented the A Men Yorke Valley Team at the 2018 SA Country Champs. During my junior basketball I also played for Centrals Basketball Club and was part of the local SA Country Development Network Squad Program.

My latest achievement in Basketball is my selection in the Australian U21 Deaf Basketball Team – The Dingoes. In March 2018 I was selected in the team and will represent Australia at the U21 World Deaf Basketball Championships to be held from 7th to 15th July 2018 in Washington DC, USA.

I myself was born with a severe to profound hearing loss. When I was 2 years old I received hearing aids and at 7 years of age I underwent surgery to receive a cochlear implant to help me to hear. I haven't let my deafness stop me from achieving my goals or participating in all aspects of life, particularly basketball.

I am extremely excited about representing Australia in July. Taking part in the champs will allow me to combine my love of basketball with the opportunity to meet and make friends with many Deaf individuals from Australia and around the world.