



Development Programme

Term 1 2018

The Programme consists of weekly coaching sessions led by experienced coaches where basic fundamentals are introduced in an age relevant manner within FUN activities and drills. Players need no experience to attend.

These squads do not play in a weekly competition – we encourage all participants to play for their own school teams.

The Junior Development Programme is designed to supplement/complement the Tauranga City Basketball Representative programme and school basketball programmes.

ENROLMENT PROCESS

Please follow the below link to register players
<http://taurangacitybasketball.co.nz/register>

If you have previously registered a player please use your existing login and password.

NAVIGATORS INFORMATION

SQUAD: Under 11 & 13 Combined
YEAR OF BIRTH: 2009 - 2005
DAY & VENUE: Wednesday at War Memorial Hall
TIME: 4pm to 5.30pm
DATES: Feb 14, 21, 28. Mar 14, 21, 28.
COST: \$30.00

SQUAD: Under 15 & 17 Combined
YEAR OF BIRTH: 2004 - 2001
DAY & VENUE: Friday at the War Memorial Hall
TIME: 4pm to 5.30pm
DATES: Feb 9, 16. Mar 2, 23, 30. Apr 13?
COST: \$50.00

Players will need to bring the following to each session:

- Drink Bottle
- Comfortable sports clothes to train in
- Sports Shoes (trainers)
- Warm clothes to wear after training

The Coaching Staff



Audz Abbot

EBOP Development Officer

Audz has played, coached and refereed basketball for 30 years. She was a member of the Tall Ferns (Women's National Team), played Women's First Division basketball for Auckland for just over a decade and played overseas in the States, UK and Asia.

Audz became Owner/Operator of Abbots Fitness since 2008 in Whakatane. Her personal training skills adds to her coaching tool kit considerably, as the knowledge of biomechanics, strength & conditioning and injury prevention / recovery are invaluable.

Since 2016, Audz has been a TCBA Representative Coach working with the Under 15 Boys, Assistant Coach WBC Coasters and U14 Boys Koru Tour.

Audz brings passion for youth, basketball and her home town to the role, with a top-notch basketball knowledge and second to none people interaction skills.



Rachel Gwerder –
Director of Development

Rachel has 25 years coaching experience, and has been in full-time employment in player development for the past 21 years working at the following associations; North Harbour, Waikato, Otago and Tauranga. She was employed by Basketball New Zealand as the South Island Coach and Player Development Officer. She has been the Mentor Coach on BBNZ Koru Tours for many years, she has coached within the BBNZ National Team Framework as Head Coach of U16, U18 and Junior Tall Ferns and has been an Assistant Coach with the NZ Women’s Team the Tall Fern’s.



Tony Webster
Senior Development Officer

Tony has had 30+ years as a coach. He has worked as a coach at the following levels; USA College – University of Hawaii, NBL – Auckland Stars, Harbour Heat, NZ National Age Group – U16’s to Junior Tall Blacks, North Harbour Representative Programme and Secondary School Programmes.



Luke Appel
Development Officer

Luke has had 12 years of coaching experience. Born in New Zealand but raised in America. He has coached semi-professional and representative teams in Australia, Secondary School basketball in New Zealand as well as coaching at a UAS Basketball Academy. Despite still having a very strong American accent he has lived in Australia / New Zealand for 9 of the past 10 years.



Gee Cooney
Development Officer

A proud local of Ngati-Ranginui & Ngati Kahungunu descent. Gee has both knowledge and passion for the game from her time as a player through Te Puna School, Otumoetai College and the representative programme. Gee attended the Koru tour as a player from 95-97 and for past two years has completed the circle and returned as a Coach



Cairyn Rogers
Junior Development Officer

Cairyn was three days old the first time she attended a North Harbour Representative Training, started playing at the age of 3 in Waikato, and has been actively involved in the game ever since. Plays WBC for Tauranga and key member of team that place second at TCBA U23 Nationals. Very technical and tactical with strong knowledge of the game.



Igor Cvjetkovic
Junior Development Officer

Raised in Serbia where was taught the importance of foot work, and having good fundamental skills. Moved to Tauranga in 2015. Member of the Tauranga Boys College Titans 2015-2017 and TCBA Reps 2017-2018. Enrolled in 2018 to do a bachelor of sport and recreation.



Kaatia Watene
Junior Development Officer / Administration

Raised in her early years in Waikato, is from a sporting passionate family. Attended Tauranga Intermediate and Tauranga Girls College has played basketball throughout. Played Basketball in the USA on scholarship at South East Community College. Member of the TCBA WBC Coasters and also key member of team that place second at TCBA U23 Nationals.

