

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR REPRESENTATIVE TRIALS



ELIGIBILITY

Players participating in all representative teams must be active members of the Tauranga City Basketball Association (TCBA).

- a) A player is deemed an active member of TCBA if they participate in one of the following programmes:
 - TCBA School Leagues
 - TCBA Mixed Social Leagues
 - TCBA Men and Women's Premier Competitions.
- b) Players must be fully financial members of TCBA (all fees must be up to date).
- c) Must reside or attend school in the TCBA geographic boundary as set by BBNZ. Waihi through to Opotiki.
- d) BBNZ & FIBA rules stipulate that all players must play in their own age-group and there is no ability for dispensation to play in a lower age-group.

RESTRICTIONS ON ELIGIBILITY

Please see 2.6 on BBNZ Website:

<https://nz.basketball/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/BB-NZ-Regs-Bk-4-Players-and-Officials-as-at-26-Sep-18.pdf>

- a) In line with BBNZ regulations a player may play in only one of the U13, U15, U17 and U19 age groups, but may also play in the U23 Age Group. Players must be a minimum of 15 years of age at the tournament to play U23's.
- b) Players are required to play in their own age-group, (apart from U23, please see above) it is important that TCBA field the best team they are capable of in the elite seasons. Younger players who do not make themselves available for their own age-group teams are not eligible to be selected for U23 or Adult Team.

LOAN PLAYERS

Please see 2.4 on BBNZ Website:

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Players may only play for one Association in a year. The exceptions to this rule are:

- a) TCBA team does not qualify for Nationals and TCBA organizes player to play for another association as a "loan" player.
- b) TCBA does not field a team in an age-group and TCBA organizes player to play for another association as a "loan" player.
- c) A player has actively sought to gain a place in TCBA team, but has failed to be selected.

SELECTION

- a) The Director of Development selects teams, with the assistance of a selection panel.
- b) The selection panel is constructed by the Director of Development and will have a minimum of three coaches including the Director of Development.

SELECTION - NON-ATTENDANCE AT TRIALS

Players **MUST** attend the trial to be considered **UNLESS** the following has occurred:

- a) The player has contacted the Director of Development **PRIOR** to trial to inform keen for consideration but due to illness/injury unable to trial.
- b) The player has contacted the Director of Development **PRIOR** to trial to inform keen to for consideration but due to prearranged commitment is unable to trial. Examples of this would be overseas travel, prior sporting commitment of representative nature.

TEAM DESIGN

- a) Teams will have 12 players. This is to ensure more players are involved and developed.
- b) If numbers at the trial dictate less or more players should be selected, the Director of Development has the ability to make judgement on the day of the trials.
 - Example 1- twenty players of ability and potential attend Trial, therefore it would be common sense that two teams of ten players be selected.
 - Example 2 – twelve players attend Trial, two are not of ability to play representative basketball, therefore it would be common sense that ten players be selected.
- c) Minimum player numbers to field a team for Qualifying Tournament is 8
- d) Minimum player numbers to field a team for National Tournament is 10.

WITHDRAWAL / REPLACEMENT

- a) If a player officially withdraws from the Representative Programme, they are unable to re-join in the same year, unless there are extra-ordinary circumstances.
- b) Where a team member withdraws from a team after the final selection, a replacement shall be found from the original squad of trialists. If trialist list exhausted, and numbers allow, an additional player can then be added to the programme, but this player must start in the team agreed to by Director of Development. Like all other players, they can be promoted over time as to discretion of Director of Development.