



# Coffs Harbour Basketball

## REFEREE PROGRAM

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### Overview:

Coffs Harbour Basketball Association provides a development pathway for officials of all levels. Our program is designed to upskill referees and technical officials with expert tuition and development opportunities.

Experienced referee educators are available to provide on court training to all domestic referees whilst also being available to spectators, coaches and players for any questions or concerns about the rules of basketball.

We use the Basketball NSW grading framework through game assessments and development courses to ensure that our referees follow the pathway provided.

### Where do we start

Green Shirts (community referees) commence their games on junior domestic competitions running alongside an Association Development (Y3) referee.

### What do we wear

Summer - Black shorts no branding, green or striped shirt.

Winter – black track pants no branding, black long sleeve undershirt, green or striped shirt.

### Mentors

Mentors are those referees who have achieved at least Association Development level and they help guide our trainee/green shirt referees at junior domestic competitions.

- The role of the mentor is to:
- Set a good example
- Provide feedback
- Explain the rules
- Encourage
- Empower

### Benefits of refereeing

Becoming a Referee is a great first job for a young person and is proven to build the following skills:

- Confidence
- Decision Making
- Behavioural Management



- Conflict Resolution
- Communication Skills
- Public Speaking
- Deeper understanding of the game
- Leadership
- Resilience
- Emotional Intelligence
- Teamwork

## Community Referee Pathways

### Green Shirt Program

Once you have started high school you are eligible to become a Green Shirt referee. Our Green Shirt program provides beginner referees with a clear pathway in becoming an Association Community level referee. The program ensures that our beginner referees develop the most important skills to refereeing such as:

- The basic duties required of a basketball referee,
- 2-man refereeing mechanics (where to move on the court),
- Fouls and violations, and
- Refereeing signals
- Game control

The program framework includes

1. Complete Initial Online Training – this training covers the basics of refereeing and the game. We also provide all referees with a Game Rule Book. This will be provided upon completion of the course.
2. Trainee Level 1 – run a minimum of two games a week (more can be given depending on demand and availability) next to a fully qualified referee (minimum grade Association Development). After 10 games, the referee coaches will ask the referee to run some of the game by themselves with close supervision. The coaches will give constant feedback progressing them onto a game by themselves once they are satisfied they will be proficient.
3. Trainee Level 2 – run two games a week by themselves under supervision of the Green Shirt Referee Coach. After 3 weeks, this referee will be evaluated on two different games. If passed, they will move onto Association Community Referee (Y1 & Y2).
4. Community Course – this can be completed at any time in the above process and must be done before they can progress to the community level (black and white shirt).

Please note: this program aims to train a green shirt referee and move them to Association Community in one or two school terms (this timeline can differ depending on how regular you referee and how you are picking it up).

### Association Referee Program:

Upon graduation from the Green Shirt program, referees will enter the Association Community program. In this program referees wear a black and white striped referee shirt.

This program strives to train referees so they can referee at a representative level if they wish to do so. The training and grading we provide in our junior and senior competitions aims to develop referees to achieve a higher level and we encourage referees to be involved in the BNSW competitions and pathways.



Referees are paid according to their grade, which provides incentive to continue refereeing games in all junior and senior competitions. To move up a grade, a referee must pass two on court evaluations, attend and pass a training course and pass an online exam. Training courses are provided as required, and eligible referees will be contacted for all local courses.

#### **The grades are as follows:**

1. Association Community: At this level referees can only ref U12's & U14's junior domestic competition games only.
2. Association Development: This level includes referees who can referee under-12s, under-14s and under-16s. At 14 years of age, an Association Development Referee can also referee under-12 representative games in the Basketball NSW competitions.
3. Association Intermediate: An Association Intermediate Referee is able to referee all Junior domestic competition games. They are also able to referee Waratah Junior Representative up to U16. At this level, referees can also referee B grade and lower Senior League Competition competently and consistently and occasionally refereeing A Grade games with an Association Advanced Referee (min. age 15)
4. Association Advanced: Once at this level referees will be able to referee all levels of Junior Representative and all levels of Junior and Senior League (min. age 17)

## **What happens once you become a referee**

Communication is via the Coffs Harbour Basketball referees Facebook group.

Social Media policy exists for this group page as it is owned by CHBA and not a private individual.

Availability is requested on a Sunday for the following week. Please indicate what time you play if you are a playing referee.

All effort is made to ensure games are spread equally where possible and every attempt to give people breaks is also a priority (not always possible).

Being placed on the senior roster is not automatic. The senior roster is also used for those that are undergoing training with CHBA/BNSW for upgrades and learning techniques and management beyond juniors. It is also used as a reward for those that are officiating regularly and going above and beyond.

## **Refereeing at Representative Levels on behalf of CHBA**

Like representative basketball teams our referees travel as a team with a referee manager. (unless circumstances do not allow for it)

Rep Refs have to attend the Action Day and pass the fitness test.

Referees who attended the Action Day and pass the required level are eligible to referee North Eastern Junior League (NEJL) representative games.

Complete the google form sent out for availability.



As a ref at rep rounds you can ref up to 5 games over the course of a weekend. If you are a playing referee you can only play/ref up to 5 games combined.

There are expectations that referees who referee representative level that they are refereeing on a regular basis in a domestic competition.

If you are a member of Coffs Harbour Basketball Association, you must referee for our association and no other, unless prior permission is granted.

### **CHBA Representative Referee Expectations:**

Those who referee representative level must be refereeing on a regular basis in a domestic competition.

Referees will abide by the policies endorsed by CHBA.

When representing CHBA referees will act in a professional manner both on the court and off the court.

Treat fellow officials with dignity when refereeing, playing, coaching or spectating. This applies to comments made at any time either verbally or through social media.

All officials must abide by the officials code of conduct as adopted by CHBA.

Any breach of the Code of Conduct will result in sanctions imposed by CHBA and/or Basketball NSW.

Referees will be nominated by the association for representative honours in line with this pathway, their involvement in the local competitions, their experience or the priority of the CHBA to develop that referee in a certain age group or division.

### **Opportunities to grow and learn outside of CHBA domestic competitions:**

Referees can participate in events such as below, expressions of interests are via email to the referee director / CHBA admin or directly via EOI sent out from Basketball NSW.

- Seaside Classic
- Coastal Classic
- Jamboree
- Shoot out
- NSW Country Tournament
- BNSW endorsed events
- Being invited to referee at tournaments
- Being nominated by the association to undertake Junior Referee Development Programs through BNSW



## How to Apply to become a referee

To apply to become a referee please email your name and age to the referee director.  
Admin@coffsharbourbasketball.com.au

## Resources

- Basketball NSW Website <https://www.bnsw.com.au/about/resource-directory/>
- Referee Training Sheets
- FIBA IOTs
- FIBA Summary of Rules
- BNSW Rules for beginners
- Facebook - Coffs Harbour Basketball Referees
- Files- training sheets, rules for beginners, participant sponsorship policy.
- Facebook – Country League Referees group
- FIBA iRef App
- Ref Room (Sports Central) – hard copies available.
- Officials Code of Behaviour
- CHBA Social Media Policy
- Zero Tolerance and Sports Rage Policy.



# BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA REFEREE PATHWAY MATRIX



This table show the referee accreditation structure for basketball referees in Australia in NSW. The following information is a guide for referees to understand how to advance.

	REFEREE GRADE	NSW	MATCHES	REQUIREMENTS	COMPETENCIES
FIBA	FIBA	LEVEL 5	FIBA INTERNATIONAL MATCHES WORLD CHAMPS / OLYMPICS	INTERNATIONAL COURSE DEMONSTRATE COMPETENCIES	- OUTSTANDING JUDGEMENT OF ALL SITUATIONS - OUTSTANDING RULE KNOWLEDGE AND APPLICATION - OUTSTANDING 3 PERSON OFFICIATING PRINCIPLES
BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA	NATIONAL	NATIONAL PANEL	WNBL OR NBL MATCHES	ONLINE EXAM NATIONAL COURSE DEMONSTRATE COMPETENCIES SELECTION PANEL	- EXCELLENT JUDGEMENT OF ALL SITUATIONS - EXCELLENT RULE KNOWLEDGE AND APPLICATION - EXCELLENT 3 PERSON OFFICIATING PRINCIPLES
	NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT	LEVEL 3	SEABL MATCHES WARATAH CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION	ONLINE EXAM NATIONAL COURSE DEMONSTRATE COMPETENCIES PASS FITNESS TEST	- EXCELLENT JUDGEMENT OF ALL SITUATIONS - EXCELLENT RULE KNOWLEDGE AND APPLICATION - SOUND 3 PERSON OFFICIATING PRINCIPLES
NSW	STATE	LEVEL 2	WARATAH SENIOR LEAGUE FULL REFEREE UNIFORM	ONLINE EXAM STATE COURSE DEMONSTRATE COMPETENCIES PASS FITNESS TEST	- HIGH JUDGEMENT OF ALL SITUATIONS - EXCELLENT RULE KNOWLEDGE AND APPLICATION - A SOUND UNDERSTANDING OF TEAM INTENT
	STATE DEVELOPMENT	1A	WARATAH SENIOR LEAGUE JUNIOR REP MATCHES FULL REFEREE UNIFORM	ONLINE EXAM PASS FITNESS TEST ( SNR REPS ) DEMONSTRATE COMPETENCIES ATTEND WORKSHOP	* MIN AGE 18 YEARS OLD - GOOD JUDGEMENT OF ALL SITUATIONS - EXCELLENT RULE KNOWLEDGE AND APPLICATION - STRONG PLAYER/COACH COMMUNICATION
LOCAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION	ASSOCIATION ADVANCED	LEVEL 1B / Y5	WARATAH JUNIOR LEAGUE MATCHES FULL REFEREE UNIFORM	ONLINE EXAM ASSOCIATION ADVANCED COURSE DEMONSTRATE COMPETENCIES FITNESS TEST ( JNR REPS )	- JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE GAMES - CONTROLS ALL LOCAL SENIOR GAMES - AWARENESS OF TEMPO AND MATCH-UPS - HIGH CONSISTENT ACCURACY OF ALL CALLS
	ASSOCIATION INTERMEDIATE	LEVEL 1C / Y4	JUNIOR REPS - FULL UNIFORM ANY LOCAL MATCHES WEARS A STRIPED SHIRT	ONLINE EXAM ASSOCIATION INTERMEDIATE COURSE DEMONSTRATE COMPETENCIES FITNESS TEST IF REQUIRED( JNR REPS )	* MIN AGE 15 YEARS OLD - UNDER 14's & 16's REPRESENTATIVE - BEGINS USING PREVENTATIVE VOICE - ABILITY TO LOOK AND CALL OFF THE BALL - PROTECTS DRIBBLER/SHOOTER WELL
	ASSOCIATION DEVELOPMENT	Y3	JUNIOR REPS - FULL UNIFORM U8 - U18 LOCAL MATCHES WEARS A STRIPED SHIRT	ONLINE EXAM ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY COURSE DEMONSTRATE COMPETENCIES	* MIN AGE 13 YEARS OLD - UNDER 12'S REPRESENTATIVE INDEPENDENTLY: - MAKES BASIC CALLS AND SIGNALS - SHOWS BASIC MECHANICS
	ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY	Y1 / Y2	U8 - U14 LOCAL MATCHES RUNNING OPPOSITE MENTOR WEARS A GREEN SHIRT	ONLINE EXAM ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY COURSE DEMONSTRATE COMPETENCIES	WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A MENTOR: - MAKES BASIC CALLS AND SIGNALS - SHOWS BASIC MECHANICS
	TRAINEE	GREEN SHIRT / BEGINNER	U8 - U14 LOCAL MATCHES RUNNING NEXT TO MENTOR WEARS A GREEN SHIRT	MIN 12 YEARS OF AGE	DOMESTIC JUNIORS / MINIBALL