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GOLD COAST BASKETBALL REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM EXPLAINED

1. Overview

The purpose of this document is to provide information and guidelines for the Gold Coast Basketball Representative Program. Basketball Queensland have updated the season format from 2025. Teams will now have 4–5-week grading period and the competition divisions have increased from eight teams to ten in each division where possible. This means teams will play an additional four games in the regular season as well as additional grading games.

2. Selection process

As of the Under 14 trials for the 2026 season, the process for representative selections has been restructured based on an overview and parent feedback.

General Changes

- **All eligible players** can register for **Stage 1**, which will be held on a **weekday**.

Boys' Trial Process (3 Stages)

1. **Stage 1:** Fee \$50 - Open registration for all eligible players. 2 x 2-hour trials.
2. **Stage 2:** Fee \$50 - Invitation-only. Players selected from Stage 1 will be notified via email. 2 x 2-hour trials.
3. **Stage 3:** Fee \$50 Combine Day. Players who reach this stage have **secured a spot** on a representative team. 1 x 4-hour session.

Girls' Trial Process (2 Stages)

1. **Stage 1:** Fee \$75 Open registration for all eligible players. 3 x 2-hour trials.
2. **Stage 3:** Fee \$50 Players selected from Stage 1 will be notified via email. Reaching Stage 3 means they have **secured a spot** on a representative team. 1 x 4-hour session.

3. Age group Season Dates – Costs for each age group

U18's – Players born 2009/2010

Term 2 – Prep for Rep Program– Representative teams selected from this program

Term 3 – U18 teams start training, grading at the end of the term

Term 4 – U18 season is played

- To be eligible for a Gold Coast Basketball Representative team in this age group, players must be registered with a Gold Coast Basketball Club and have participated in 50% of regular season games in the Gold Coast Junior Basketball League Winter Competition in the 2024 and be registered for the 2025 competition. Grading and finals games do not count towards eligibility, nor does Summer League.
- Male athletes: players that participate in Divisions 1, and 2 competitions in the GCJBL are eligible to register for Prep for Rep and be eligible for rep team selections.
- Male athletes in all divisions lower are not eligible to trial, club delegates may apply for an exemption to the BDM on bdm@gccrba.com.au on a case-by-case basis.
- All girls in all divisions and age groups are eligible to trial

Key Dates

Trainings begin: Monday 7th July

Grading: Please see SQJBC Calendar

Regular season: September 7th-December 7th, 2025

State Championships: 7-11th January 2026 , hosted by Gold Coast Basketball

Prep for Rep Program – Term 2

11th May,

18th May

8th June

15th June

Season Fees

\$1350.00

Payment options:

Option 1:

Deposit of \$350.00 paid on player confirmation into their selected team.

An invoice for the balance of \$1000.00 paid within two weeks of selection.

Option 2:

Deposit of \$350.00 paid on player confirmation into their selected team

4 payments of \$250.00 paid on the following dates:

1st August 2025

1st September 2025

1st October 2025

1st November 2025

U16's – Players born 2011/2012

Term 3 – Prep for Rep Program – Representative teams selected from this program

Term 4 – U16 teams start training, grading at the end of the term

Term 1 - U16 season is played

April School Holidays – State Championships

- To be eligible for a Gold Coast Basketball Representative team in this age group, players must be registered with a Gold Coast Basketball Club and have participated in 50% of regular season games in the Gold Coast Junior Basketball League Winter Competition in the 2024 and be registered for the 2025 competition. Grading and finals games do not count towards eligibility, nor does Summer League.
- Male athletes: players that participate in Divisions 1 and 2 competitions in the GCJBL are eligible to register for Prep for Rep and be eligible for rep team selections.
- Male athletes in all divisions lower are not eligible to trial, club delegates may apply for an exemption to the BDM on bdm@gccrba.com.au on a case-by-case basis.
- All girls in all divisions and age groups are eligible to trial

Key Dates

Trainings begin: Monday 29th September 2025

Grading: Please see SQJBC Calendar

Regular season: December 7th-March 29th, 2026

State Championships: Boys Thursday 9 April-Sunday 12th April hosted by Logan Basketball

Girls: Tuesday 14th April-Friday 17th April hosted by Southern District Basketball and Brisbane Capitals Basketball.

Prep for Rep Program – Term 3

Sundays – Coomera Indoor Sports Centre

August 17th, 31st, September 7th – 10:00am-1:30pm

September 14th – 9:30am-1:00pm

Season Fees

\$1380.00

Payment options:

Option 1:

Full payment of \$1380.00 made on confirmation to team registration form.

Option 2:

Deposit of \$380.00 paid on player confirmation into their selected team

4 payments of \$250.00 paid on the following dates:

1st November 2025

1st December 2025

1st February 2026

1st March 2026

U14s - Players born 2013/2014

- **Term 4, 2025** – *Representative Trials* Players from all GCJBL divisions are welcome to attend trials.
- **Term 1, 2026** – *Training & Grading* U14 teams begin training. Grading will take place at the end of the term.
- **Term 2, 2026** – *Regular Season* the U14 Representative season will be played during this term.
- **June/July School Holidays** – *State Championships*
 - **Boys:** July 2–5, hosted by *Cairns Basketball*
 - **Girls:** July 8–11, hosted by *Sunshine Coast Phoenix Basketball*

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for selection to a Gold Coast Basketball Representative team in this age group, players must:

- Be registered with a **Gold Coast Basketball Club**
- Have participated in **at least 50% of regular season games** in the **2025 Gold Coast Junior Basketball League (GCJBL) Winter Competition**
- Be **financial with Gold Coast Basketball**

Please note:

- **Grading and finals games do not count** toward the 50% participation requirement
- **Summer League games are also excluded** from eligibility calculations

Who Can Trial? Boys and girls from **all divisions** of the GCJBL are welcome to attend Representative Trials.

Key Dates – 2026 Season

- **Trainings Begin:** Monday, 26th January 2026
- **Grading:** Please refer to the SQJBC Calendar for specific grading dates
- **Regular Season:** March 29th – June 21st, 2026
- **State Championships:**
 - **Boys:** Thursday 2nd July – Sunday 5th July, hosted by *Cairns Basketball*
 - **Girls:** Wednesday 8th July – Saturday 11th July, hosted by *Sunshine Coast Phoenix Basketball*

Boys State Championships - Cairns

Starting in 2026 Gold Coast teams will no longer be required to travel or stay together during the State Championships. All travel arrangements, including flights and accommodation, will now be the responsibility of each player's parent or guardian. To assist with this transition, our Association travel agents will be available to help families with their bookings and ensure a smooth experience. Please note that boy's teams travelling to Cairns will still incur some additional fees. Business sponsorships will be available to assist with costs.

A detailed costing for State Championships will be available once teams are selected. Players will be invoiced separately for the tournaments.

Girls State Championships – Sunshine Coast

Starting in 2026 Gold Coast teams will no longer be required to travel or stay together during the State Championships. All travel arrangements, including flights and accommodation, will now be the responsibility of each player's parent or guardian. To assist with this transition, our Association travel agents will be available to help families with their bookings and ensure a smooth experience. Please note that girl's teams travelling to the Sunshine Coast will still incur some additional fees. Business sponsorships will be available to assist with costs.

A detailed costing for State Championships will be available once teams are selected. Players will be invoiced separately for the tournaments.

Under 14 Australian National Club Championships

In this age group the representative commitment may extend to attending the Australian National Club Championships in September 2026. Teams that place 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Division 1 at the Queensland State Championship will secure their inclusion in Australian National Club Championships. The additional cost of attending these Championships will be the responsibility of each player's parent or guardian.

14s Representative Trails – Term 4

BOYS - Stage 1 (open to all eligible players)

- **Fee:** \$50 per player
- **Venue:** Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre
- **Dates & Times:**
 - Thursday **16 October 2025**, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
 - Thursday **23 October 2025**, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- Players will be notified via email if selected to progress to **Stage 2 (invite only)**

BOYS - Stage 2 (invite only)

- **Fee:** \$50 per player
- **Venue:** Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre
- **Dates & Times:**
 - Tuesday 28 October 2025, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
 - Tuesday 4 November **2025**, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- Players will be notified via email if selected to progress to **Stage 3 (Combine Day)**

BOYS - Stage 3 (invite only)

- **Fee:** \$50 per player
- **Venue:** Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre
- **Date & Time:**
 - **Sunday 16 November 2025**, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Players will be notified via email of the team they have been selected into following Stage 3 of the Representative Trials.

GIRLS - Stage 1 (open to all eligible players)

- **Fee:** \$75 per player
- **Venue:** Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre
- **Dates & Times:**
 - Tuesday **14 October 2025**, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
 - Tuesday **21 October 2025**, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
 - Tuesday 28 October 2025, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- Players will be notified via email if selected to progress to **Stage 3 (Combine Day)**

GIRLS - Stage 3 (invite only)

- **Fee:** \$50 per player
- **Venue:** Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre
- **Date & Time:**
 - **Sunday 16 November 2025**, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Players will be notified via email of the team they have been selected into following Stage 3 of the Representative Trials.

Season Fees

- **Full Payment:** \$1,390.00
- **Instalment Plan:** \$1,490.00

Payment Options

Option 1 – Full Payment

- \$1,390.00 due upon confirmation of your child's selection into their team.

Option 2 – Instalment Plan

- Initial deposit of \$390.00 due upon team confirmation
- Followed by 4 instalments of \$275.00 on the following dates:
 - **1st March 2026**
 - **1st April 2026**
 - **1st May 2026**
 - **1st June 2026**

Please ensure payments are made on time to secure your child's place and avoid any disruptions to their participation.

U12's – Players born 2015/2016

Term 1 – Prep for Rep Program – Representative teams selected from this program

Term 2 – U12 teams start training, grading at the end of the term

Term 3 – U12 season is played September School Holidays – State Championships

- To be eligible for a Gold Coast Basketball Representative team in this age group, players must be registered with a Gold Coast Basketball Club and have participated in 50% of regular season games in the Gold Coast Junior Basketball League Winter Competition in the 2024 and be registered for the 2025 competition. Grading and finals games do not count towards eligibility, nor does Summer League.
- Boys and Girls from all divisions in the GCJBL are eligible for Prep for Rep and team selections

Key Dates

Trainings begin: Monday 20th April 2026

Grading: Please see SQJBC Calendar

Regular season: June 21st-September 13, 2026

State Championships: Boys and Girls Thursday 24th
September-Sunday 27th September hosted by Northside
Wizards Basketball.

Prep for Rep Program – Term 1

Proposed dates TBC, Registrations will open in January 2026.

February 8th, 15th, 22nd

March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Season Fees

Total Fees: \$1380.00

Payment options

Option 1:

Deposit of \$380.00 paid on player confirmation into their selected team.

An invoice for the balance of \$1000.00 paid within two weeks of selection.

Option 2:

Deposit of \$380.00 paid on player confirmation into their selected team

4 payments of \$250.00 paid on the following dates:

1st June 2026

1st July 2026

1st August 2026

1st September 2026

SQJBC 2025/26 Calendar

Dates	U18's	U16's	U14's	U12's
Grading Weekend 1	Aug 2 – 3	Oct 25 – 26	Feb 21 – 22	May 16 – 17
Grading Weekend 2	Aug 9 – 10	Nov 8 – 9	Feb 28 – Mar 1	May 23 – 24
Grading Weekend 3	Aug 16 – 17	Nov 15 – 16	Mar 7 – 8	May 30 – 31
Grading Weekend 4	Aug 23 – 24	Nov 22 – 23	Mar 14 – 15	Jun 6 – 7
Grading Weekend 5	Aug 30 – 31	Nov 29 – 30	Mar 21 – 22	Jun 13 – 14
Week 1	Sept 7	Dec 7	Mar 29	Jun 21
Week 2	Sept 14	Jan 31 – Feb 1*	Apr 26	Jul 18 – 19*
Week 3	Oct 12	Feb 8	May 2 – 3*	Jul 26
Week 4	Oct 26	Feb 15	May 10	Aug 2
Week 5	Nov 2	Feb 22	May 17	Aug 9
Week 6	Nov 8 – 9*	Mar 1	May 24	Aug 16
Week 7	Nov 16	Mar 8	May 31	Aug 23
Week 8	Nov 23	Mar 15	Jun 7	Aug 30
Mid Season Challenge	Nov 2	Feb 15	May 10	Aug 2
Semi Finals	Dec 6	Mar 28	Jun 20	Sep 12
Grand Finals	Dec 7	Mar 29	Jun 21	Sep 13

* Super Carnival Round

4. Additional Eligibility Requirement

To register for the Prep for Rep program to represent Gold Coast for the 2025/26 Southern Queensland Junior Basketball Competition and State Championships it is imperative that you read through this entire document before registering for the Representative Trials.

5. Representative Trials Pre-Registration check list

- Confirm that your child has participated in 50% of games in the 2025 Winter GCJBL Season.
- Confirm that you have no outstanding fees owing to Gold Coast Basketball – your registration will not be accepted with outstanding fees
- Confirm that you have no outstanding fees owing to your child's Club, your registration will not be accepted with outstanding fees
- Read and accept the terms of the Parent Player Agreement within this document.
- Read and accept the rep season payment terms within this document.
- If applicable, confirm that you have processed a transfer through Basketball Queensland (if your primary association is NOT Gold Coast). Transfers must be listed on the trial registration form.
- Confirm that your child is available to attend all trainings from the training schedule. If your child is not available for training sessions, please do not register to attend the program.
- Confirm that your child will make Basketball their priority sport throughout the season, if your child is playing multiple sports, to register for the prep for rep program you must confirm that your child will attend rep training/games as opposed to other sports that are scheduled on the same times as trainings or games.
- Understand that games will be played on a Saturday and Sunday and your child will be committed to all games for the season. If your child is not available to play both Saturday and Sunday games, they are not eligible to register.
- Understand that State Championships is a compulsory component of the rep season and acknowledge that by registering your child to trial, they will be participating in the SQJBC season and State Championships.
- Understand that if you withdraw your child post selection, they will be ineligible to play in the 2025/2026 season and will be ineligible to attend any prep for rep program in the 2026/2027 season.

If your child meets the above criteria, please proceed through the rest of this document BEFORE registering for our prep for rep program. If your child does NOT meet one of the requirements, please email gcrep@gccrba.com.au before registering to discuss.

6. Associated Costs

All costings are based on the following:

- Trainings- Court Hire
- All games for the SQJBC season (18 games including semis and finals)
- Team equipment/Coach Polos, coaching boards
- End of season Function, Coaches and players tickets
- GC Basketball Administration Fee
- SQJBC Team nomination fees
- Grading nomination fees and game fees
- State Championship Nomination and game fees (minimum 7 games)
- Referee costs for State championships
- This does not include Basketball Queensland and Gold Coast Basketball registration fees
- This does not include additional costs for State Championships accommodation, travel expenses etc

7. 2025/2026 PLAYER & PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

Upon accepting this agreement, you are fully aware of your obligations for the 2025/2026 representative season. By accepting this form, you understand and agree with the terms set out within this registration form and the Parent Player Handbook.

7.1 Objective

To inform parents and players of GCCRBA's terms, conditions, and obligations. Disclosure of this information is made to preserve the well-being of the Association.

7.2 Team Requirements

Teams will consist of:

- a) 10-12 players, per team
- b) 1 Head Coach
- c) 1 Assistant Coach (if possible)
- d) 1 Team Manager

7.3 Team Selection and Expectations Post Selection

GCCRBA will nominate 1 to 5 teams (per age group) to compete in the representative season, consisting of SQJBC and State Championships, depending on meeting the Basketball Queensland requirements for nominating teams based on the number of junior players currently registered with GCCRBA and the quality of teams/ coaching staff.

- a) Rollers: First team
- b) Waves: Second team
- c) Breakers: Third team
- d) Tides: Fourth team
- e) Combers: Fifth Team (only if the standard is met)

- 7.4 Teams will be selected based on several factors, including but not limited to, ability, attitude, and commitment.
- 7.5 Final decisions on team selections are made by the GCCRBA Independent Coaches panel.
- 7.6 All players and parents must understand that equal court time is not expected. Playing time will be determined by the coaching staff.
- 7.7 All players and parents must understand that trainings and games are not optional, they are a part of being selected into a team. Acceptance of this agreement is that players attend all trainings and games for the season including State Championships.
- 7.8 The Gold Coast Representative program tries to keep a balance between being competitive and developing our players for the future.
- 7.9 Each team has its own distinct make-up and coaches have a lot of factors in place when deciding minutes. Attitude, attendance to trainings and games, parental behaviour all plays a part in deciding who plays. NOTE: If your child does not attend/participate in training (especially the week leading into games) do not expect them to have playing time at all.

7.10 Complaints

All complaints/grievances must be lodged via this [LINK](#) , no action will be considered without a completed form.

Please note if you have a complaint regarding an incident that occurred at an away venue, please ensure you report this to your Team Manager who may report it to the Court Controller if necessary.

7.11 Player Obligations

Players must:

- a) Meet the eligibility requirements.
- b) Stay committed and maintain a positive attitude to the best of their ability.
- c) Represent the GCCRBA in a professional and sportsmanlike manner.
- d) Abide by all GCCRBA rules, policies, regulations, procedures, and respective code of conduct/ethics.
- e) Respect the Coaches, Managers, Referees, Officials at all times.
- f) Respect hosts and staff of the respected tournament locations.
- g) Attend all trainings and games. (If they cannot attend prior notice must be given to the team manager along with a valid excuse to why the player cannot attend). If a player is continually absent from training/and or games GCCRBA will remove the player from the team. Please note all fees would remain payable.
- h) Understand that games are played on a Saturday (gradings, Super carnivals, Semi Finals) and Sundays (regular season carnival rounds).
- i) Be a team member and respect other team players.
- j) Understand that if they have a complaint about Gold Coast Representative teams, SQJBC competition or State Championships then they should contact the appropriate person at GCCRBA as outlined in the Parent and Player Handbook and should not air any grievances on social media.

- k) Uphold the Gold Coast Basketball Codes of Conduct always.
- l) If travelling and staying as a team for State Championships, players must behave in a manner that is expected while representing Gold Coast Basketball. If players are found to be in breach of any rules within the code of conduct, they can be removed from the team and sent home at the parent's expense.
- m) Understand that if you are to receive more than two behavioural technical fouls in a season, you will be removed from the team.

7.12 Parent Obligations

Parents must:

- a) Maintain a positive attitude to the Association, coaching staff, and players.
- b) Understand that games are played on a Saturday (gradings, Super carnivals, Semi Finals) and Sundays (regular season carnival rounds).
- c) Understand that it is their responsibility to provide transport for their player to all games and trainings. Furthermore, they must understand that games may be as far north as the Sunshine Coast and as far west as Toowoomba.
- d) Understand that they will be responsible to perform the score table tasks during the season
- e) Understand that if they have a complaint about Gold Coast Representative teams, SQJBC competition or State Championships then they should contact the appropriate person at GCCRBA as outlined in the Parent and Player Handbook and should not air any grievances on social media.
- f) Not videotape any games or trainings without the consent of the coaching staff and other parents and players. Parents must sign in at each venue.
- g) Understand that if your child does not attend training, their court time may be affected.
- h) Understand that as soon as your child is selected into a team that you are responsible for all season fees, including state championships.
- i) Understand that if teams are travelling to State Championships and staying as a team, all costs related to accommodation, travel, food etc will be covered by the team for a maximum of three staff (Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager)

7.13 Payment and Additional Costs

- a) Parents must pay fees upon invoicing from the association on the payment schedule.
- b) Any additional training outside the set weeks will be at an additional cost to the team and must be approved by the Basketball Development Manager. This additional commitment must be disclosed to players and parents and consent must be received before proceeding.
- c) Additional training games may be scheduled by coaches. Games of this nature must be approved by the Basketball Development Manager and any additional monies must be paid by the team collectively.
- d) Understand that player registration for representative players must be renewed each year. This payment is not covered by the season costs and must be made online via the registration form on the GCCRBA website. Failure to pay and register online by the expiration date of your child/ren registration will result in the player being ineligible to play.
- e) Parents understand that State Championships are a compulsory part of the season.
- f) There is an additional cost for travelling to teams participating in State Championship Tournaments North of Brisbane, Ipswich etc. By signing this agreement, you understand that you are responsible for this payment.
- g) Parents understand that if their child incurs an injury/illness during the season, they remain responsible for their season fees, including the State Championships

(for teams travelling to North Qld). In the instance that a replacement player is found, the departing player will be responsible for fees up to the time the replacement player joins the team.

7.14 Cancellation Fee and Removal

- a) GCCRBA may at its discretion charge a cancellation fee for withdrawing part way through the season. The Player/Parent will be liable for all costs incurred for the team during the season including State Championships.
- b) GCCRBA may at its discretion remove a player from a team anytime during the season due to lack of commitment, poor attitude, bad behaviour.
Final decision for withdrawal will be made by the General Manager of GCCRBA.
- c) Failure to make full payment of fees or registration fees by the due dates will result in the player being deemed unfinancial. Players who are unfinancial are ineligible to compete in all games in Queensland run by Basketball Queensland.
- d) Gold Coast Basketball understands that to play representative basketball comes at a cost, we are more than willing to undergo separate payment plans to meet your needs if payments are followed through. We believe that no financial restraints should inhibit any child from playing. Business sponsorship arrangements are available.

7.15 Player Withdrawal

- a) Any player that withdraws from a team after selections have been completed will be deemed ineligible from Gold Coast Representative Basketball for the current and following full representative season including the State Championships. An example of this would be if the player withdraws after the 2025/26 selections at any stage they will not be eligible to play representative basketball for Gold Coast Basketball in the 2025/2026 season and the 2026/27 season.
- b) Any player that withdraws from a team after selections have been completed are still responsible for all fees (including state championships when teams are travelling North, and the association is making the bookings) unless a replacement player is found.
The fees payable will then be worked out on a pro rata basis with the fees being split from the day the replacement player joins the team.
- c) It is not the responsibility of the association to find the replacement player

7.16 Personal Injury Liability

- a) GCCRBA shall not be liable for any loss suffered.
- b) GCCRBA shall not be liable for any damage to property.
- c) Basketball is a dangerous recreational activity that involves obvious risk. It can be assumed that Personal Injury may occur and GCCRBA shall not be liable for any personal injury suffered subject to a GCCRBA registration form.
- d) The Civil Liability Act Qld 2003 may be applicable for personal injury claims.
- e) The SQJBC is covered by Basketball Queensland's Insurance company V-Insurance Group. Information on Player Injury Insurance Cover along with the how to Process Claims can be found on the Basketball Queensland Website under About Us – Resources & Policies - Forms. The Gold Coast Basketball Office does not handle insurance issues, if there is an injury at a GCCRBA hosted game then an injury report must be filled out (available from the court controller/sports med) at the time the injury occurred and signed by the Court controller.

7.17 Parent/Player Expectations

a) Attendance at training when your child is injured/sick

All players are expected to attend training regardless of being injured, if your child has an injury (please make sure this is communicated early).

Unless your child is bedridden or has a contagious disease, if they can walk, then they are expected to attend all training sessions, failure to attend a training session will affect your child's court time.

If your child is injured or has an illness, they are expected to attend all games in appropriate attire, (e.g., Gold Coast Warm up t-shirt and team shorts).

If your child participates in a club game and does not attend/participate in representative training that week, they will be removed from their representative team.

The Team Manager is the first point of contact if a player is unable to attend trainings or games. The team training times and venues are set for the season. Any changes that need to be made will only be done so in extreme circumstances, or if venues are not available.

- i. At times teams will share courts where courts are unavailable

b) Time Management

All players will have schoolwork (perhaps some with work commitments) during the season. We understand that schoolwork is paramount, however all players attending school are given their due dates for assignments and exam dates ahead of time, as well as the season training schedule.

There are 168 hours in a week and team training is taking 3 of those hours, plan your time wisely.

c) Respecting Coaches Time

Many of our coaches have families of their own, I'm sure there are times during the season that they would much rather skip training and opt to spend time with their own families; however, they have made a commitment to your children for the season if they must attend training so should the rest of the team.

Coaches also spend a considerable number of hours on formatting team training plans each week. Understand that if you call an hour before training to advise that your child will not be there, that has now affected the entire planned training session and wasted valuable hours of your coach's time.

Please be respectful and give ample notice of nonattendance at trainings/games. Advising the coach that you will be absent from training on the same day as a scheduled training for any reason other than injury or illness is not ok.

d) Attitude -Players and Parents

On and off the court, we want our players to be seen to be positive and supportive. Parents should try to be the same when supporting and not being critical of their child/other players/refs/coaches. We understand that parents do have passion and want the best for their children, but there needs to be a realistic approach to how this is done. Parents that are reported on any occasion throughout the season

and found guilty of any infringements will receive a season ban from all competitions and games.

Players body language is a big part of their projected attitude. Petulant displays will not be tolerated at representative level. Players who roll their eyes and constantly look to their parents in the crowd and not listening to their coaches will be penalised and can be sat for the game.

Geno Auriemma (Head Coach University of Connecticut Women's Basketball Team) on Body Language and Recruiting Enthusiastic Kids

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-3_wgb3OREQ

e) Parents Coaching from the Sidelines

The following article sums up the message we are trying to get across to all parents. Read it, understand it, it will not be tolerated, in fact your child may not be selected as a result of parent behaviour, please see (f) Players entourage.

<https://www.basketballforcoaches.com/parents-coaching-sidelines/>

f) Players Entourage

A player is deemed to be responsible for the behaviour and conduct of their entourage who attend events in which the athlete participates. The expression "entourage" includes parents, family members, coaches, trainers, friends, and any other person associated with the player.

If it is determined that a Code of Conduct breach has occurred by a member of the entourage, then it is open to Gold Coast Basketball to impose a penalty on the athlete as follows:

A determination that Gold Coast basketball will not accept nominations from that player for a specified period for future teams and may suspend the player from participating in all Gold Coast Basketball Programs for a specific period. This information will also be shared with Basketball Queensland.

It is to be noted that imposing a penalty on an athlete for the behaviour of their entourage is to be seen as a last resort and disciplinary action, except in extreme cases, such action would not be taken without first having sought to engage with and counsel the offending person and the athlete in relation to the unacceptable conduct.

g) Players based outside of the Gold Coast

If your child is not based on the Gold Coast, Eg Logan, Brisbane or NSW they must still attend all trainings/games. There are no considerations given here.

Additionally, SQJBC must take precedence over any NSW program, if players from these areas are not available for any games/tournaments as a result of a NSW program they are not eligible to represent Gold Coast.

h) Team Communication

The primary source of communication for all teams is via a closed Team Facebook page. All team correspondence for the season will be communicated via this page. To access the page all parents will need to have access to a Facebook account. Team managers are not expected to text or email families individually outside of this communication page.

If you are not willing to have a Facebook account and register to the page, your child is not eligible to register for a team.

8. 2025/2026 SQJBC SEASON OVERVIEW

Overview of Southern Queensland Junior Basketball Competition (SQJBC)

The Southern Queensland Junior Basketball Competition (SQJBC) is a representative competition conducted in the Southeast Region of Queensland. The Competition consists of seven grades: (Note GC Basketball will only be entering 5 teams maximum per age group, U18's only 4 teams, if the level of players ability is an acceptable representative level to be competitive.

- Premier League (Division 1),
- League 2 (Division 2)
- League 3 (Division 3),
- League 4 (Division 4)
- League 5 (Division 5)
- League 6 (Division 6)
- League 7 (Division 7)

The purpose of the SQJBC is to provide competition pathways for the elite junior players in Southeast Queensland.

The SQJBC is open for entry from all Basketball Queensland's affiliated Associations in the Southeast Queensland Region. The number of teams that each Association can submit is based on the number of registered juniors that they have registered as at the date of the nomination forms being issued.

The Governing body of the SQJBC is Basketball Queensland (BQ).

Basketball Queensland Website

The Basketball Queensland Website is

<https://www.queensland.basketball/competitions/junior-representative>
and contains information regarding venues, seasons, results, and fixtures.

Venue Lists

Please see [LINK](#) for venue addresses for the SQJBC Season

Season Structure

The 2025/2026 season has 5 stages as follows:

Stage 1 – Prep for Rep Program

Stage 2 – Teams are selected from the Prep for Rep Program

Stage 3 – SQJBC Grading.

Stage 4 – SQJBC Season

Stage 5 – State Championships

Grading

The aim of the Grading Competitions is to grade teams into divisions for their relevant age group and gender where they will compete against teams of equal calibre. Grading Competitions are generally held for all divisions. Teams will grade over a four to five weekends.

Wildcard Challenge – Mid Season Challenge

The Wildcard Challenge format is as follows:

The bottom two placed teams in a higher division can be challenged for their position in the higher division by the 1st and 2nd placed teams in a lower division in the Wildcard Challenge after the competition of eight (8) regular season games.

The Wildcard Challenge format is as follows:

- Second lowest placed higher division v 2nd lower division
- Lowest placed higher division v 1st lower division
- If the 2nd placed team wants to challenge however the 1st placed team does not, the 2nd placed team will instead play the lowest placed team from the higher division. The second lowest placed team from the higher division will not be challenged
- Teams from a higher seed may relinquish their position to a team from a lower seed if the team from the lower seed wishes to challenge.
- The Wildcard Challenge draw will reflect the above formats during creation of the draw. If a challenging team withdraws prior to 10am of the Thursday before scheduled games, team matchups will be adjusted to be consistent with Wildcard Challenge format.
- Wildcard Challenge format will not be altered for any team withdrawal following 10am of the Thursday before scheduled games.

8.6 Finals Eligibility

Players must play a minimum of 40% of games in a team to qualify to play finals for that team. In the case that 40% would not be a round number then the total will be rounded up (i.e., 5.6 games become 6 games).

Applications for Exemption to Eligibility Rule

Teams may apply for an exemption to the final's eligibility rules only under the below circumstances:

- If a player does not qualify due to an injury.
- If a player misses SQJBC games whilst representing their State in National Junior Championships, or Australia on official national duties at national camps or playing for Australia.
- If a team is reduced to 8 or less players for finals an application can be made to bring an additional player into the team.
- If a player has moved more than 100km and joined an Association Rep team in the new year (2024/2025) they will be required to play more than half of the remaining games to be eligible for finals (i.e., with 7 games remaining they will be required to play 4).
- The Finals Weekend will take place one week after the Wildcard Challenge. Semi Finals will be played on Saturday followed by the Grand Finals on Sunday.

8.7 Queensland State Championships

The Queensland State Championships are a culmination of the representative season, all team members are expected to play at this tournament as part of the season.

8.8 Gold Coast Basketball Website

The Gold Coast Basketball website is www.goldcoastbasketball.com.au All information pertaining to Representative basketball can be found under the heading 2025/2026 Junior Rep Season.

8.9 Season ending Injury/Illness

Any player that incurs an injury/illness during the season remain responsible for their season fees, including State Championships (for teams travelling to central/North Qld). In the instance that a replacement player is found, the departing player will be responsible for fees up to the time the replacement player joins the team. It is essential that coaches advise the association of any player that cannot continue with the season.

8.10. Player Injury and Insurance

The SQJBC is covered by Basketball Queensland's Insurance company V-Insurance Group. Information on Player Injury Insurance Cover along with the how to Process Claims can be found on the Basketball Queensland Website under About Us – Resources & Policies - Forms. The Gold Coast Basketball Office does not handle insurance issues, if there is an injury at a GCCRBA hosted game then an injury report must be filled out (available from the court controller/sports med) at the time the injury occurred and signed by the Court controller.

8.11. Trainings

It is expected that all players attend every scheduled training, even if they are injured, they are still expected to attend training sessions as they may be missing important information. Unless they have a contagious disease or can produce a medical certificate, they are expected to attend all team trainings, failure to attend a training session may affect court time. If they are injured or have an illness, they are also expected to attend all games in appropriate attire, (e.g., Gold Coast Warm up t-shirt and team shorts). The Team Manager is the first point of contact if a player is unable to attend trainings or games. The team training times and venues are set for the season. Any changes that need to be made will only be done so in extreme circumstances.

8.12. Uniforms

From 2025 all players will need to purchase a new playing singlet (will cover the next three seasons) as we have a new sponsor. The current representative singlets feature the McDonalds logo on the back.

Compulsory items for all players

- Reversible playing Singlet
- Shorts
- Warm up Shirt
- Training Singlet

Uniform Clashes

In the event of two teams having the same colour uniform in SQJBC for home games our teams will wear their blue uniform and for away games our teams will wear their white Singlets.

Blood Uniforms

Each team will be provided with a Blood uniform numbered 55.

8.13 Score table

There are four job assignments for score bench: (note that U12's do not use the shotclock)

- Clock – Team A
- 24 Second shot clock – Team A
- Scorer – use of stadium scoring system – Team B
- Chairperson – (Team B) their job is to call the game to everyone on the bench, notify subs/time outs, clarify referee calls, show fouls with the paddles, switch the possession arrow, keep time for time outs.

The "HOME TEAM" (Team A) is responsible for the Clock and the 24 second clock, the "AWAY TEAM" (Team B) is responsible for stadium scoring and Chairperson duties - please note U12's do not have to use the 24 second shot clock but please schedule 2 people on anyway

Team Managers, Coaches and Assistant Coaches families DO NOT have to perform score bench duties.

8.14 Information and Courses

GC Basketball will be releasing information on training ahead of the season which will be communicated to all Team Managers. It is expected that all parents that are unfamiliar with score table do this course to fulfil their duty during the season.

8.15 Game Day Bench

If your team is the first named team on the draw, (Team A) your team bench is on the left-hand side of the score table (if you are seated at the score table, facing the court), Team B is seated on the right-hand side.

8.16. Fixtures/Results

Full season information can be found at this [LINK](#)

Basketball Queensland have recently moved to Basketball Connect, results can be found directly for teams at this : [LINK](#)

8.17. Game Rules

SQJBC Game rules can be found here: [LINK](#)

SQJBC Full Official Rules can be found here: [LINK](#)

FIBA Rules, valid as of 1st October 2024: [LINK](#)

State Championship Rules [LINK](#)

8.18 Gold Coast Basketball Points of Contact

The Team Manager is your first point of contact. Should you need to contact a member of staff please use the information below to contact the applicable person to help you. Please do not contact Basketball Queensland directly as they have over 200 teams to manage and will only redirect you back to the Association.

Mark Bradtke – Player/Coach Development

Mark oversees all representative coaches he is the key contact for coaches and is the liaison between coaches and parents where necessary. In addition, Mark oversees games and on court training sessions. Please email bdm@gccrba.com.au

Joel McInnes – Gold Coast Basketball General Manager

As the General Manager Joel oversees all operations of GCCRBA. Regarding representative basketball he is the contact for unresolved issues and member protection issues. Please email joel@gccrba.com.au

Chantal Bryan - Gold Coast Basketball

Chantal is the first point of contact for Team Managers and can assist you with any general enquiries relating to the representative season including administrative duties, uniforms, apparel, correspondence with families and travel arrangements for State Championships, sponsorship/fundraising Please email gcrep@gccrba.com.au

Jo Fong Kee – Finance

Jo is the first point of contact for all related account enquiries. Please email accounts@gccrba.com.au

Please do not use Facebook messenger to communicate with any Gold Coast Basketball staff as your messages will not be responded too.

9. Behaviour Management Framework – [LINK](#) - IMPORTANT MUST READ

Purpose: The use of spectator warning cards has been introduced into Basketball Queensland competitions to address poor spectator behaviour that may occur at any time. This gives a visual indication that their behaviour has been addressed and warned that any continuation will result in further consequences.

The delivery of this warning card is noted to be calmer and more effective from a team manager or team personnel who has a personal relationship with the spectator, rather than an independent person from another association.

9.1 Process of Warning Cards:

- Court controller and/or Referee Supervisor to pass on warning card to team manager or team personnel to issue to identified spectator.
- Team manager or team personnel to issue warning card to spectator and advise if behaviour continues, the team will receive a bench technical, and spectator will be ejected from the venue.
- If behaviour continues, the referee supervisor, court controller or BQ staff (if present) will stop the game at the next stoppage and the bench technical will be issued to the respective team bench and spectator will be ejected and removed from the venue. The game is not to restart until that spectator has been removed from the venue.
- If the spectator has received multiple warning cards over the course of a competition, this may result in a competition ban

9.2 Codes of Conduct

GCCRBA Codes of conduct are available on the Association website, anyone found in breach of the codes will be reported to GCCRBA. <https://goldcoastbasketball.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Codes-of-Conduct-2014.pdf>

9.3 Zero Tolerance

To ensure a safe and enjoyable playing environment for all players, officials and participants, Basketball QLD have implemented a Zero Tolerance Policy for inappropriate behaviour for Parents and Spectators in the 2022/23 Junior Representative season.

The Policy will ensure that:

- There will be zero tolerance shown towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviour from parents and spectators.
- Any parent/guardian and/or spectator who feels the necessity to:
- Persistently or willfully question or challenge the rulings of the referees.
- Berate or abuse game officials i.e. referees and score table personnel
- Berate or abuse team officials.
- Berate or abuse players.
- Berate or abuse other parents or spectators.
- Berate or abuse any game day official such as a Court Controller, Referee Supervisor, Association Representative or Basketball Queensland Representative.
- Display conduct which is inappropriate in a sporting environment will be asked to leave the venue immediately by the Court Controller. No warnings need be given in the event of the above action becoming necessary.
- In addition to spectator behaviour being monitored by the Court Controller and Referee Supervisor if the referees have an issue with a spectator, they may stop the game and get the Court Controller and inform them of what has occurred to have the Court Controller remove the parent or spectator.
- If at any stage during a game a referee believes a spectator needs to be observed for poor behaviour, they may stop the game and ask the Court Controller to observe and monitor the spectator. The Court Controller will take any actions they deem necessary after observing the spectator (i.e. removing the spectator without warning)

9.4 Technical Fouls

A. Players

- a. Any player, coach, assistant coach, or team manager that receives two technical fouls in a single game in the Under 18's and Under 16's Junior Representative Competition will be immediately disqualified and ejected from the match and be subject to further suspension under section 14.5C
- b. Any player, coach, assistant coach, or team manager that receives a single behavioural technical foul in a single game in the Under 14's and Under 12's Junior Representative Competition will be immediately disqualified and ejected from the match and be subject to further suspension under
 - i. section 14.5c
- c. Players are banned from dunking or hanging from the rings in warm up. Referees will immediately issue one warning to any player who dunks or hangs off rings and the supports during warmups. A second warning will result in an immediate technical foul.

B. Team Officials

- a. In the U12 and U14 age groups, if a Referee Coach/Supervisor watching a game deems that a Team Officials behaviour warrants a Technical Foul, but has not been issued by the referee, they can stop the game and issue the Technical Foul. 2024-25 BQ Junior Representative Rules
- b. In situations where both the Coach and Assistant Coach/es have been ejected from a game after the result of Technical Fouls being issued, the following is to occur:
- c. U16 and U18 Teams – as per item 7.8 in the FIBA Rules the captain shall act as coach. If the captain must leave the playing court, he may continue to act as coach. If he must leave following a disqualifying foul, or if he is unable to act as coach because of injury, his substitute as captain may replace him as coach.
- d. U12 and U14 Teams – the Team Manager will be permitted to act as coach. In this instance the Manager's name should be noted on the bottom of the match report sheet as the replacement coach and at what stage in the game this occurs.

C. Automatic Suspension for Disqualification:

- a. Any player, coach, assistant coach, or team manager that receives two technical fouls in a single game or is otherwise disqualified from any game in the Under 18's and Under 16's Junior Representative Competition will receive an automatic one-game suspension for their next scheduled game.
- b. Any player, coach, assistant coach, or team manager that receives one behavioural technical foul in a single game or is otherwise disqualified from any game in the Under 14's and Under 12's Junior Representative Competition will receive an automatic one-game suspension for their next scheduled game.
- c. Further penalties may be issued if the matter is taken to a tribunal and the person in question is found guilty.
- d. The one-game suspension cannot be appealed under any circumstance.
- e. Basketball Queensland cannot issue a tribunal notice, or warning letter unless an official report has been submitted through the online JotForm. Paper forms or any other type of communication will not be accepted as an official report.
- f. Any person who receives an automatic suspension will be deemed an ineligible person for their next match. Any person found to have participated in the match they have been suspended for will have their match forfeited and may be fined up to \$350.
- g. Basketball Queensland reserves the right to withdraw the automatic suspension penalty at its discretion. This decision may only be made by the competition coordinator and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

9.5. Off-court Incidences

- a) Any player, coach, assistant coach, or team manager that is reported to have been involved in any off-court incident (including pre and/or post-game), regarding any match officials, including behavioural actions, abuse or anything alike, will receive a penalty determined by the BQ Competition Manager.
- b) Individual involved must comply with penalty, and no appeals can be made by the individual and/or represented Association.

9. Photography & Video

At Basketball Queensland events we need to ensure any photography or videography performed is done strictly for the purposes of scouting or team use/development by approved personnel. All individuals wanting to photo/video any Basketball Queensland games must sign in upon entrance to the stadium, with a Team Official (ie. Coach/Manager) approving them to undertake such activity.

A register will be available at each venue so that parents and or team officials can register. Please note it is also a requirement of participating in the BQJBC that players and their parents/guardians accept that Basketball Queensland, and all Associated bodies (i.e. State/Territory Associations and Institutes), may use photographs / video of a player and games during activities associated with the Junior Representative Program for publications (including BQ or Association websites and media outlets such as YouTube) to promote basketball in the future

10. Additional Purchases

Under no circumstances are any players/parents expected to pay anything above what has already been agreed upon with GCCRBA. In the event that Parents/Managers would like additional extras, e.g. sweat towels, drink bottles, this cost must be agreed upon by each individual before purchasing items and expecting parents to pay for them. Please contact the office for further information.

11. Social Networking/ Use of Image

The use of Facebook and other social networking sites must be agreed upon by parents prior to being made available to players. Parents must also have full access to any pages/sites that are dedicated to the team as well as Gold Coast Basketball and GC Basketball Director of Coaching.

Right to Use Image: I acknowledge and consent to photographs and electronic images being taken of me during my participation in any Basketball Activities. I acknowledge and agree that such photographs and electronic images may be used by The Association or BQ for promotional or other purposes without my further consent being necessary.

12. Fundraising

Teams are encouraged to fundraise; we understand the costs involved on all families. All fundraising must be approved by the GCCRBA office prior to the event. For teams travelling North for the State Championships GCCRBA will assist in providing you with fundraising opportunities and provide you with a sponsorship letter template for support.

Please note that if individuals fundraise more money than what they have paid out, they cannot be reimbursed this surplus in a cash payment, they will however, hold a credit at the Association for basketball related activities/expenses.

For more information regarding this please contact Joel McInnes at joel@gccrba.com.au

13. Presentation:

A presentation will be held in April/May 2026 (U18, U16 teams) and Sept/Oct 2026 (U12/U14 teams) For all players and team officials the cost of this event has been included in the costing. Parents and supporters will be required to purchase tickets. Information on the event will be communicated throughout the season.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the GCCRBA Office Staff on the mobile numbers below.

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If you have read, understand, and accept the terms and conditions within this document please proceed to register for the applicable Gold Coast Representative Prep for Rep Program at the links provided on the website.