



## 2008 U18 National Junior Championships Ballarat, Victoria.

### Bulletin No 1.

The Ballarat Basketball Association is again very pleased to be hosting another National Championship in 2008, and expects to welcome back to Ballarat a number of players who represented their State, Territory or Country in the 2007 U16 National Junior Championships.

#### **Overall Schedule**

Games will commence on Sat July 5, and an Opening Ceremony will be conducted on this day as well. However teams will need to be in Ballarat by Fri July 4, as a Technical Meeting will be held that evening. It is expected that a Championship Reception will be held, and its timing will be either prior to or immediately after the Technical Meeting. Medal and position games will be played on Saturday July 12, and the Championships will conclude with a Closing Ceremony following the final Gold Medal game.

#### **Championship Venues**

All games will be played at the WIN Minerdome, Cnr Grevillea Rd and Dowling St., Wendouree or at the Wendouree Sports and Events Centre (WSEC) in Norman St, Wendouree (approximately 500m from the WIN Minerdome).

A map of Ballarat showing the venues is on the the Ballarat Basketball website [www.ballaratbasketball.com](http://www.ballaratbasketball.com) Questions concerning the Championships can be directed to Mark Valentine, Venue Tournament Manager, on 03 5338 1220, 0418 310125 or [mark.valentine@ballaratbasketball.com](mailto:mark.valentine@ballaratbasketball.com).

#### **Training Details**

Training will be organised for teams from Friday July 4, and a booking schedule for this will be sent with Bulletin No. 2. Any special requests for times during the week will be considered if information is sent to the Venue Tournament Manager by Friday June 13. The BBA will not act as a booking agent for any teams who seek training times earlier than July 4.

#### **Accommodation**

If any teams are still looking for accommodation, Team Managers should contact the Ballarat Accommodation Service on 1800 446633 and general information about Ballarat can be accessed at [www.visitballarat.com.au](http://www.visitballarat.com.au)

#### **Championship Merchandise**

Merchandise and team photos for the Championships will be available and needs to be ordered and paid for via the order forms which will be provided in Bulletin 2.

#### **Venue Facilities**

- The WIN Minerdome has 4 change rooms and teams will generally have access to their designated room from after half time in the game preceding theirs to the half time mark of their own game. The WSEC has two change rooms and the same access arrangements will be in place for games played at that venue.
- Both venues have canteens with take-away food and drinks, while the WIN Minerdome also houses a Sports Club with Bistro facilities.

- Both venues have ample free parking both for cars and team buses.
- A hospitality area will be made available throughout the event to Team Officials, Referees, Volunteers and members of the Technical Committee.

### **Championship Passes**

Championship entry passes must be shown to door staff at all times, and are not transferable.

### **Next Bulletin**

Teams can expect to receive Bulletin No 2 around the end of April.

### **Special Interest**

Team Managers might like to note that the WIN Minerdome will host a SEABL Double Header involving its Miners and Lady Miners teams on Fri July 4 from 6.00pm. A special half price ticket deal will be offered to teams who would like to attend this game.

