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Changes to the Under 18 BNSW Metro State Team Selection Process including selection to the East Coast Challenge (ECC) and Pacific Coast Slam (PCS)

Due to the 2009 Basketball Australia **Under 18 National Championships** now being conducted in April, the following changes to BNSW Metropolitan State Team Selection process will take place.

U18 2009 State Team Trials - October 19 & 26, 2008

- One day open trials for Sydney Metropolitan under 18 athletes. Athletes must be currently registered with a BNSW affiliate association.
- These trials will be conducted at a metropolitan venue 10am – 3pm on each of the scheduled days
- Coaches will include the 2009 NSW Metropolitan Under 18 State Team coaching staff, as well as BNSW development staff

At the conclusion of Selection Trials - 30 athletes will be selected to represent NSW Metropolitan at the ECC (Under 18 division) and PCS (Under 17 division) - 30 Males & 30 Females in total

- Athletes to be placed into two even teams (10 players per team) to compete in the ECC and one team (10 players) to compete in the PCS.
- Athletes may be top or bottom age within the age group for the ECC and bottom age only (Under 17) for the PCS.
- Athletes who are injured, attending Basketball Australia events or who have significant family commitments may apply for exemption from attending either the ECC or PCS
- Athletes will be notified via mail

The 30 selected athletes (and any who have been given exemption from attending either the ECC or PCS) will attend a **further three practice sessions** in preparation for the ECC and PCS as part of the overall State Team Selection process. These sessions will be held in the metropolitan area on **Wednesday, November 12 and 26 and December 17, 2008.**

The 20 selected athletes will then participate in the ECC in Sydney from January 7 – 9, 2009 and the 10 selected athletes will participate in the PCS in Port Macquarie from January 13 - 19, 2009.

Following the ECC and PCS, the 30 selected athletes (plus any given exemption) will attend the NSW Metropolitan Under 18 State Team Selection Camp to be held at Metropolitan venue on Sunday, February 1 2009.

At the conclusion of the Final Selection Camp **the 10 athletes** (plus reserves) **will be selected and presented to BNSW for approval to compete at the 2009 U18 National Championships to be played in South Australia from April 18 – 25, 2009. Athletes will be notified via mail the week following the camp**

For further information on this new process, please contact the Basketball New South Wales Coaching Department, phone 02 87658555 or e-mail coaches@nswbasketball.net.au

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