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THE WHISTLING GURU®

June/July Edition 2008

What's coming up?

2008 UNDER 18'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the following referees selected to attend the U18 's at Ballarat:

Mitchell Elks

Richard Bai

Sarah Mottram

Peter Baxter

This Championship will also have three person officiating for U18 men for the first time!

2008 UNDER 16'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the following referees selected to attend the U16 's at Kalamunda W.A:

Riannon De La Torre

Trevor Slattery

Andrew Henry

Keenan Wannell

STATE LEAGUE CENTRAL VENUES

Newcastle & Sutherland 5th-6th July 2008

Anyone wishing to help with scoretable for these central venue State League Men's games, please email Christie Graham @

christie_graham@nswbasketball.net.au

Well, the 'Whistling Guru' is back! The Guru will appear every two months and we look forward to receiving your feedback and suggestions for articles to publish!

BNSW has a new Referees Manager – Debbie

Keirs who can be contacted on (02) 8765

8555 or 0433 330 883.

debbie_keirs@nswbasketball.net.au

Feel free to forward any news to :

referees@nswbasketball.net.au

Watch for website updates to come

www.nswbasketball.net.au

Noticeboard

RULE CHANGES

FIBA Central Board has approved rule changes for 2008-2009 season effective October in Europe **BUT will NOT** be implemented in AUSTRALIA until January 1st 2009

The exception will be for competitions that commence in October/November EG NBL/WNBL.

These rule changes have nothing to do with the proposed court markings that will be implemented in 2010. Directions for this will

be issued regarding this in the future. Please do not confuse the two situations.

LEVEL 0 REFEREE COACH COURSE

A Level 0 Referee Coaching Course will be organised for this year, if any associations would like to have anyone attend, please email Debbie Keirs and give details of who would like to attend.

debbie.keirs@nswbasketball.net.au

LEVEL 0 AND LEVEL 1 REFEREE COURSES

Any associations wishing to hold a Level 0 or Level 1 course that have suitable presenters, BNSW can forward course material to assist with this. Alternatively if you have no suitable presenters please contact Debbie/Hannah and we will endeavour to organise a course for you. For those associations who are looking to develop their referee program and have people attend the Referee Coaching course later in the year please feel free to call BNSW 02 8765 8555 and speak to Debbie/Hannah for further details.

LEVEL 2 REFEREES COURSE

BNSW is conducting a Level 2 referee course at the BNSW Office @ Nth Strathfield June 28-29. Candidates have been advised of the course and will be required to complete their practical work on a game standard of at least Youth/State League.

Course candidates are reminded to bring a rule book and a notebook.

LEVEL 3 REFEREES COURSE

This will be conducted later in the year for invited candidates.

The course involves several theory modules plus practical work at the WABL level and may take two years to complete.

BNSW JUNIOR LEAGUE FINALS

Junior League Finals will be conducted on August 2nd-3rd 2008 .

Northern @ Coffs Harbour

Central @ Newcastle

Western @ Bathurst

Southern @ Illawarra

Sydney @ Penrith

To officiate all referees are required to qualify by officiating the required number of games. Officials in each grade will be recommended from the finals, to officiate at Round 2- Sydney 16-17 August.

Round 3 – 30-31 August

Newcastle U12 & U14

Niagara Park U16 & U18

Sydney Junior Championship referee nomination forms are due back at BNSW by Friday 27th June 2008

WABL / SBL FINALS

A reminder to all officials, that all referees must qualify to be considered for these semi-finals.

Panel 2 & Panel 3 officials must referee a minimum of eight (8) SBL games as well as any WABL games they may have officiated.

Any officials who have not met the requirements, and feel that they have special circumstances and wish to discuss this can call Albert Joseph or Debbie Keirs.

Please contact Hannah if you are unsure of the number of games you have completed.

hannah.everett@nswbasketball.net.au

COUNTRY REFEREE SCHOLARSHIPS

Country Jamboree:

Country Basketball will offer 16 scholarships to Y3, Y4 referees to attend the Country Jamboree at Port Macquarie 27th September to 1st October 2008

Criteria

- Official must referee domestic junior basketball.
- Official refereed at Country Junior Tournament or a regional junior league.

Officials have to be nominated by their respective association.

The scholarship covers meals, accommodation and coaching.

Great Murray Jamboree:

8-10 Scholarships to Great Murray Jamboree – Albury November 22-25th 2008.

Criteria

As above.

Officials will qualify for only one event.

COUNTRY JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

THANK YOU!

A Big thank you to all volunteers who assisted at our recent Junior Country Weekend.

Without your help the tournament would not have been such a success.

NRDP PROGRAM

The 2008 officials participating in this program are:

Level 1 :

Kelly Jane Mann
Mark Willoughby
Matthew Rhook
Nathan Aboud

Level 2 :

Sarah Mottram
James Boyer
Richard Bai
Mitchell Elks

Level 3 :

Camron Jones
Shahrad Shafaghi
Robert Rice

Level 3 candidates will graduate at the end of 2008 and be replaced by Level 2, who in turn will be replaced by the current Level 1. A new Level 1 group will be added in 2009. NRDP program is currently managed by Alison Ross and works within the guidelines and criteria by Basketball Australia, and now under the supervision of BNSW referees manager Debbie Keirs.

Officials in the program are required to meet standards and criteria to remain in the system.

At graduation, candidates are required to :

- Be a Level 3
- Be officiating in the WABL
- Have attended the BA Referees camp at the AIS.
- Officiated at a minimum of 2 Australian Junior Championships U20, U18 or U16.

UNIVERSITY GAMES

The East Coast Challenge is being held on 7th, 8th & July 2008 at Sydney Olympic park.

Anyone interested in refereeing at these games please contact Denise McManus at (Paid games) denisemcmanus@optusnet.com.au

Or 0409 120 484.

2009 REFEREES ACTION DAY

First Notice

Sunday February 8th 2009

Venue: Sydney – TBA

ALL State and WABL Referees, Referee Coaches are required to attend.

All non State & WABL referees are encouraged to attend.

Any questions please contact Debbie @ debbie_keirs@nswbasketball.net.au
02 8765 8555

CONGRATULATIONS

Senior Referees to represent Australia

BNSW Referees Brad Giersch And Scott Beker will be representing Australia at international events.

Brad Giersch- Olympic qualifications series in Greece- July.

Scott Beker – William Jones Cup in Taiwan – July

BNSW would like to wish them the best of Luck and safe travels!

If anyone would like information to be published in the next addition of the Whistling Guru, please contact Debbie Keirs – Debbie_keirs@nswbasketball.net.au



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