



Busselton Blazers
Representative/Development
Program Information Booklet

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ABOUT BUSSELTON BLAZERS

The Busselton Amateur Basketball Associations' Representative/Development program (Busselton Blazers) is designed around the principle of developing the skills of individuals within the Association who show the commitment, potential, and ability to perform at a Representative level.

The program is focused on the development of players and once selected on a squad, players will be expected to comply with the expectations of the policies outlined by the BABA Committee, Development Committee, your coach, and fellow teammates. Players that demonstrate the appropriate training ethic and playing standard will potentially be awarded the opportunity to represent the Association in all three Carnivals that are available to nominate teams to.

The Busselton Amateur Basketball Association has a proud history of competing as a successful Association within the various Carnivals.

BLAZERS TRIALS

Trials will be held post BABA season for the selection of squads, with further detailed information made available once trial dates have been set.

From these trials, 18-20 player squads will be selected in each age group, with the possibility of a 27-30 player squad for the U18's age group.

AGE GROUPS

The age groups for the Busselton Blazers Squads are determined by birth year. See the below grid for the relevant birth year for each age group squad:

		<u>U12</u>	<u>U13</u>	<u>U14</u>	<u>U15</u>	<u>U16</u>	<u>U18</u>
Season	2024-2025	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009 & 2008
	2025-2026	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010 & 2009
	2026-2027	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011 & 2010
	2027-2028	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012 & 2011
	2028-2029	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013 & 2012

Players must play within their age group described above. No player can play in an age group lower or higher than their age dictates.

If there are insufficient numbers for an age group, the Association may determine the following:

- Players may be invited to join the squad post trials with BABA Committee approval.
- Players of the age group below may be invited to play in a carnival to make up the numbers for that age group with BABA Committee and BSW/BWA approval. They are to be used sparingly and are not to replace an older age player or unfairly be given court time over an older age player.

BALL SIZES

U12	Size 5	U15, U16, U18 Girls	Size 6
U13 & U14	Size 6	U15, U16, U18 Boys	Size 7

SQUAD COMMITMENTS

Fees

Upon selection to the Development Program, a **\$200** payment will be required when registering to the Blazers Squads. A link will be sent out to all successfully selected players to register to the program.

Players who are then selected to play at the BWA State Championships will be required to pay an additional fee of **\$100**.

The above-mentioned fees for the season will cover:

- * Weekly training court hire
- * Team registrations to each carnival
- * Stadium entry fees for players/spectators at carnivals
- * End of season windup and trophies
- * Referee costs
- * Any other costs associated with the program that may arise

Team Merchandise and Uniforms

Busselton Blazers warm-up shirts as well as Busselton Blazers socks are **compulsory items** that are required to be worn at all carnivals.

These can be purchased from Sportfirst Busselton, and the BABA committee will advise players of the costs and a scheduled day(s) for fittings and ordering of the warm-up shirts and socks.

Players will be provided with a playing uniform for each carnival. These uniforms are given to the team manager at the beginning of the season who will distribute them at each carnival. These must come back to the manager after each carnival to ensure they are kept clean and undamaged.

Training

Blazers scheduled weekly training will commence as soon as advised by your coach and manager and will continue through to the last carnival and completion of our Development season in February.

The day and times of the training sessions will be dependent on court availability as well as the coach's availability.

Additional Commitments

To be eligible to train and play in a Blazers Squad, players **must** also participate, and be a fully financial player in the upcoming BABA domestic season with a BABA affiliated club.

CARNIVALS

Selected Blazers players have the opportunity to play in the below mentioned carnivals. Each age group will be allocated to one (1) weekend for each Carnival during the season.

Southwest Slammers Regional Carnival

Generally held in October each year

All members of the Squad will play in this Carnival at various locations within the Southwest area. Some locations may include Bridgetown, Busselton, Collie, Eaton, Harvey and Manjimup.

Basketball WA State Championships

Generally held in November/December each year in Perth

Only one (1) team from each squad will be nominated for the BWA State Championships, with the U18's having the possibility of two (2) teams being nominated.

Basketball WA Country Championships

Generally held in February each year in Perth

All members of the Squad will play in the Country Championships in Perth in February taking on the best Country teams around WA.

Specific dates and further information for each Carnival will be supplied to players once it becomes available.

TEAM SELECTION

For the **Southwest Slammers Regional Carnival & the Basketball WA Country Championships**, two (2) teams will be formed from each squad. These teams will be created as follows:

- **CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM 1** (Championship Division)
- **DEVELOPMENT TEAM 2** (Division Two or Three)

The player make up of the teams will be at the coach's discretion.

**Dependent on the number of players selected in the U18 squads, a second Development Team may be formed.*

For the **Basketball WA State Championships**, only one (1) team will be formed. The selection of players for these teams will be at the coach's discretion and can vary between a minimum of eight (8) and a maximum of ten (10) players.

**Dependent on the number of players selected in the U18 squads, a second team may be formed.*

PLAYER POINTS

As per the Busselton Amateur Basketball Association Bylaws, players who participate in the Blazers Development program may attract Representative Player points for the **following** BABA domestic season, not the current BABA season.

Player points allocations for playing at each carnival are as follows:

- **Southwest Slammers Regional Carnival** – no player points allocated to any player.
- **Basketball WA State Championships** – any player selected to play at this carnival will be allocated two (2) Representative Player Points.
- **Basketball WA Country Championships** – players who are selected to play in the **Championship Team only** will be allocated two (2) Representative Player Points.

If a player is selected for both the BWA State Championships team and the Basketball WA Country Championships Championship Team 1, they will only be allocated a maximum of two (2) points.

For further detailed information regarding Player Points, please refer to section 5 of the Busselton Amateur Basketball Association Bylaws.

COURT TIME POLICY

All coaches will have different philosophies for rotating their players. It is imperative parents and players do not judge court time over one or two games, but over the whole Development Season.

In any given game, coaches may look to play, what they believe is the best combination of players, dependent on how the game is progressing or who the opponent is. This potentially may result in some players having more court time than others.

Except for Under 12's, where all players must take the court in both halves and attempt to have as even court time as possible.

COACHES AND TEAM MANAGERS

The BABA committee will call for expressions of interest in coaching the Blazers squads prior to the trials being conducted. It will be requested that all coaches have previous coaching experience, and the Association may also assist in the costs towards obtaining a Club Coach Course Certificate facilitated by BWA.

Each squad will have a neutral team manager (generally a parent of player) to assist with the running and communication between the team and the BABA Committee.

All Coaches and Team Managers will be appointed with the BABA committee approval and **must** hold a current Working with Childrens Check. (exemptions may apply and further information can be found at <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-communities/working-children-check-who-needs-wwc-check>)

For any questions, please email: blazers@busseltonbasketball.com.au

THE BUSSELTON WAY

PLAYERS CODE: "ABIDE BY THE OFFICIALS DECISION"

- * Enjoy the competition*
- * Play hard but fair*
- * Respect your opposition*
- * Be gracious winners and dignified losers*

COACHES CODE: "BE GENEROUS WITH PRAISE"

- * Be fair and reasonable to all*
- * Be a positive role model*
- * Respect all participants*

PARENTS CODE: "GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP IS INFECTIOUS"

- * Enjoy your child's participation*
- * Support your team positively*
- * Respect match officials*