

## **Manly Warringah Basketball Referees**

### **Representative Refing FAQ**

#### **What is “Reps”?**

The Waratah Junior Metro league is run by BNSW. Associations enter teams consisting of their best players, and they represent their Association and play against other Association teams.

This is ELITE level junior basketball.

#### **What grade do I have to be?**

BNSW - Minimum Association Development, and 14 years old to start.

Generally, a referee would have had to have had a good 12 months experience at local comp, and I would expect them to be able to ref a Year 8 Div 1 game without any issues to ref U12s.

#### **Do I have to do anything to qualify?**

Yes and no.

For the younger, lower divisions I can just roster you on.

Realistically, every referee who would like to ref Representative basketball needs to attend an Action Day run by BNSW which includes a fitness test, on-court work and usually a rules session. The earlier refs get used to doing this for elite-level basketball, the better.

If you want to progress through the BNSW pathway, be prepared to make time for this every year.

If you do not attend an Action Day or run the fitness test you will not be considered for finals, State Cup, State Champs, or State Grading (if that's in your pathway).

Action Days for 2021 season are:

- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February @ Penrith
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February @ Bankstown

One of these needs to be attended to meet league requirements for finals.

We try and car-pool to get everyone where they need to be.

We will also run some training sessions for the fitness test to ensure everyone is aware of the requirements before the day so there are no surprises.

In addition to the above requirements, to qualify for finals you are required to have refereed 10 games in the season.

### **When does the season run?**

The 2021 season runs from May to September, but there are preseason tournaments and preseason games (practice and grading) that need to be covered as well through April. It is expected that you will make yourself available for some of these if asked.

### **How are the games different to Local comp?**

- Full FIBA rules with some small timing amendments made by the league.
- Time slots are 1 hour 45 minutes
- U12s and U14s run 4 x 8 min quarters, U16s and U18s run 4 x 10 min quarters.
- There is a shot clock from U14 Div 1 up.
- The intensity is MUCH higher

There will be more training prior to the season commencing, which will include reffing scrimmages for our teams, rules sessions and cleaning things up before the season proper starts.

### **What games would I ref?**

It depends on your ability and you meeting fitness test requirements for BNSW.

The main priority is to make sure that the game is looked after, but that is always balanced with the development requirements of each individual referee.

### **Where are the games held?**

Waratah League is run as a "Home and Away" format, so during the regular season you are only ever expected to ref at NBISC.

Pre- and post-season can be anywhere, so there is an expectation of travel for them. I understand that not everyone drives, and parents will not want to drive their kids all over town to ref, so I do organise lifts with Team Managers or Coaches if we need to.

If you want to develop and progress through pathways, be prepared to travel at some stage.

At times other Associations will find themselves short and will call on us to help out, just as we do with them. I encourage all referees to travel to other Associations and ref with unfamiliar people as much as you can. It is NOT expected though.

### **What time are the games?**

Games are on Sundays starting at 9am, and we usually have 4 time slots and finish around 4pm if we have all 16 teams playing at home.

Referees are expected to arrive at least half an hour before games.

If I have enough refs, you would only ref 2 games. At times you may be asked to ref 3.

### **How many weeks is it?**

There are 14 rounds, and depending on the BNSW/Association draw meeting, we should have about 8 weeks that we have home games.

These dates will be made available to everyone once we have them, so there is no excuse for not knowing if we have home games.

### **What would I get paid?**

2021 Rates are as follows:

U12 and U14 - \$25

U16 and U18 - \$30

### **What do I have to wear?**

- Referee Shirt supplied by BNSW/MWBA
- Black dress pants with belt (or approved beltless pants)
- Black socks
- Black runners
- Black whistle and lanyard
- NO jewellery

There are League warm-up jackets and walk-out shirts available through BNSW, but they are NOT compulsory, and I don't encourage anyone to buy them until I think that they NEED to.

Referees are to present themselves in a neat and tidy manner at all times.

### **Development**

Be prepared to be coached honestly and develop a thick skin.

These referees need to know their stuff, need to be open to being coached by BNSW ref coaches, and take feedback on and adjust when necessary.