

Greetings Otago Representative Trialist and Parents:

Welcome to the 2019 Otago Representative Basketball Trials. Basketball continues to grow in New Zealand, not just in numbers but also in the quality of play. We are happy to provide both here in Otago and appreciate your participation and support as we kick off the season.

Please take some time to read through some critical information:

- Selections are coordinated by a selection panel for each team. this panel consists of the head coaches for the group, the development officer and a 3rd party if necessary.
- A player need not be at all trials to be considered eligible b/c of other conflicts. The head coach reserves the right to use the first team trainings as a continued selection process, or to hold an individual trial for an absent player.
- We try and provide more squads (B, C, etc. teams) when numbers call for additional teams.
 - For example, in 2018 we had three Under 15 Girl's teams through the pre-season tournament.
- We are still looking for assistants and B, etc. team coaches. Please contact me if you are keen. BBO offers coach development support and training. Without coaches, extra teams will not exist.
- Each team will need a separate manager. If you are interested in managing a team, please contact me. There is a simple application and selection process to go through. BBO offers managerial support. A manager is a critical piece to a team's success.
- If you are selected to a squad, it is compulsory that you attend the tournaments. The list of tournaments is on the back of this letter.
- It is compulsory that all players wear mouth guards at tournaments. We sell them for \$10 and they can be purchased at the office.
- Timely planning is essential to ensure that we have travel logistics planned for all tournaments and games that you will be attending. Please be prepared to pay fees in advance of the actual tournament date.
- Once coaches have made their selections, you will be required to attend trainings arranged by your coaches. Training times are organized by your coach, but are usually on the weekend (mostly Sunday). Training lengths may vary depending on the coach, but anywhere from 90-120min. Coaches may choose to add an extra weekly training.
- BBO has zero tolerance for the use of drugs and alcohol whilst representing Otago at any training, competition or tournament. Violations will be dealt with immediately.

Thank you for your time and support. I wish you all the best of luck with your basketball endeavors. Please feel free to contact me with development and representative questions/concerns.

Kind Regards,
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