



## **Under 12 Trials - Important Information**

*Please read the following information prior to registering for our team selection trials. This will assist you in preparing for our trials, understanding eligibility and expectations, and what to expect should your child be offered a position into one of our teams.*

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Please arrive to each session at least 15 minutes beforehand so we can process your child and ensure they can take the court on time. Remember to bring a ball (**size 5**), water bottle and reversible singlet if you have one.

It is strongly recommended that all parents and guardians please read the **Parent-Player Handbook** prior to registering. This document will give you a full understanding of our representative program along with all terms and obligations. The handbook can be downloaded from our junior representative webpage.

### **Spectating at Trials**

Parents are welcome to attend inside the venue during these trials with some restrictions.

Parents & spectators may sit on the court 1 main grandstand, mezzanine floor or carpeted areas of stadium only. All other seating around the courts, and the wooden surface area in general, will be strictly off limits to parents & spectators. We appreciate everyone's cooperation regarding this.

### **Trial Attendance**

Players must attend every trial to be eligible for selection to our representative teams. Extenuating circumstances for absence, such as injury or illness, can be taken into consideration for team selection. A submission including evidence must be submitted to Steve Edwards ([doc@southwestbasketball.com.au](mailto:doc@southwestbasketball.com.au)) ASAP prior to trials commencing.

An online trial registration and payment must still be completed by any player with an approved absence to be considered for selection. It is important to understand that an approved absence only allows the player to remain in consideration and does not guarantee selection to a team.

### **Players from other Associations (BQ Transfers)**

If your child last played representative basketball for an association other than SWM Pirates, regardless of how long ago it was, they must have a BQ Player Transfer completed by their previous association and sent to SWM before trials to be eligible to participate.

The BQ Transfer form can be found on the BQ website or be downloaded from our junior representative webpage. It is to be completed by your previous association and emailed to [bom@southwestbasketball.com.au](mailto:bom@southwestbasketball.com.au).

Under no circumstance will a player coming from another association be permitted to trial without a completed BQ transfer if they require one. SWM have access to previous season team lists for all associations and will cross-reference these against all players who register.

### **Financial Checks**

All players registered to trial must be financial with SWMBI – checks will be done prior to commencement. Families with any outstanding debt will be notified and this must be cleared prior to trials for the player to be eligible to participate and be considered for selection.

### **SWM Club Competition Participation (EXCEPTIONALLY IMPORTANT)**

It is a mandatory requirement that all SWM representative players are registered to and participate in our club competition. Participation in our club competition must be maintained during the lead up and throughout the representative season at a minimum 50% rate.

Further to this, Basketball Queensland have a strict policy whereby all players must be actively involved in an association's domestic competition before and during a given representative season in order to be eligible for that association's representative teams.

Therefore all players selected to our U12 rep program must ensure they have joined a club (if not already) and started participation in our domestic competition almost immediately following selection to one of our representative teams. Players not already registered to one of our clubs must do so and have started participation **by no later than April 20** (this is the first weekend after easter school holidays).

***Players outside of SWM intending to transfer for our trials*** – please understand that if successful in gaining selection for Pirates then you must be able to commit to our club competition by no later than April 20. If you feel you cannot adhere to this requirement then you should not register for our trials.

SWM will review all selected players following the April 20 cut-off to ensure everyone has met this firm requirement. Any player found not to be registered and participating in the club competition will be deemed ineligible for our representative program and immediately removed.

### **# of Teams Selected**

In Boys we will select a minimum three teams (in order of hierarchy) – Gold, Purple and Red.

In Girls we will select a minimum two teams – Gold and Purple.

The association may select an additional representative team in either gender, however this will be dependent on a number of factors.

### **Post-Trials Notification**

By COB Wednesday, 27 March all trialists will receive one of two email communications from our Association:

- selection offer to a representative team, or
- an unsuccessful letter

If deemed necessary the Association may convene an additional 'invitation-only' trial to finalise selections for certain team/s. If an additional trial is organised, details to invited athletes will be emailed by COB Wednesday 27 March.

If your child is offered selection to a team you will have 48 hours to accept or decline the offer. If no response is received within 48 hours then the offer will be withdrawn and given to another player. No additional offers will be granted to the player for any team in the age group for this season. Within 5 business days of accepting a team offer, you will receive an invoice to pay a mandatory deposit (see *Program Fees* further below).

### **Team Offer Acceptance Policy**

To ensure the integrity of our trial and selection processes are upheld, and that only those committed to representing SWM Pirates are involved, it is important to be aware of the following obligations and penalties when it comes to team offers:

- a) Upon accepting a team offer, you acknowledge that you are liable for the full amount of representative fees for your child even if you later choose to withdraw.
- b) A player who declines, or does not respond to, an offer for our first team (Gold) will be prohibited from trialling for any future SWMBI representative for a period of two (2) years.
- c) A player who withdraws (or is removed) from any team after accepting an offer will be prohibited from trialling for any future SWMBI representative team for a period of two (2) years.

### **Program Fees**

The player cost for our Under 12 representative program is \$820.00 (plus compulsory uniform if not already owned). A full breakdown of inclusions/exclusions can be found in our *Parent-Player Handbook*.

This fee is paid through a \$100 non-refundable deposit upfront, followed by four instalments for the remaining \$720. There will also be options to pay this remainder either fortnightly or in its entirety upfront.

An invoice for the deposit will be emailed within 5 days after team offer acceptance. Once sent you will have five (5) days to pay and confirm your child's position in the team. If no deposit is received then your child's position in the team will be forfeited.