



## **U16 SWM Pirates Representative Program – Trial Information**

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

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Please arrive to each trial at least 20 minutes beforehand so we can process your child and ensure they can take the court on time. Remember to bring a ball (size 6 girls, size 7 boys), 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 handbook 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.

### **'Closed' Trials**

All U16 trial sessions will be conducted in a 'closed' environment - meaning parents, guardians and spectators will not be permitted to attend inside the venue during the sessions. Only trialling players, age group coaches/selectors and Pirates committee/staff will be permitted entry.

Check-in will be done just outside the main stadium entry, from which point only the player will be allowed to enter. Once a trial session has finished players will exit through this same point to meet up with their families.

### **Trial Attendance**

Players must attend every trial to be eligible for selection to our representative teams. Extenuating circumstance 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.

It is important to understand that this 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 prior to 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's team lists for all associations and will cross-reference this against all players who register.

When registering for our trials, you will be asked if your child has last played representative basketball for another association. This must be answered truthfully - if we are misled on this question your child will not be eligible for selection and will also be excluded from trialling for any future SWM representative team for a period of two (2) years.

### **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.

## **Notifications & Offers**

Outlined below is the communication timeline for when you can expect to hear from SWM during the trial process:

### **Girls**

- All team offers and unsuccessful letters will be emailed by 15 September

### **Boys**

After 2<sup>nd</sup> trial:

- Gold & Purple teams will be announced on-court at conclusion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> trial. Formal offers to be emailed to those players the following day (11 September)
- Participants invited to the 3<sup>rd</sup> trial for Red/White team selection will be emailed 11 September
- All other participants who are unsuccessful in progressing will be emailed on 11 September

After 3<sup>rd</sup> invite-only trial:

- All Red/White team offers and unsuccessful letters will be emailed by 21 September

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 automatically revoked 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* 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 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.
- c) 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.

## **Program Fees**

The player cost for our Under 16 representative program is \$920.00 (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 \$820. There will also be options to pay this remainder either weekly 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.

## **SWM Club Competition Participation**

It is a mandatory requirement that all SWM representative players are registered to and participate in our junior club competition. Players not already registered to one of our junior clubs must do so immediately if selected to one of our representative teams.

SWMBI will review all players in one month after team selections are finalised to ensure this requirement is met. Any player found not to be registered and participating in the club competition will be removed from our representative program.