



Under 16 Trials - Important Information

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

Please arrive to each session you are required to attend at least 15 minutes beforehand so we can process your child and ensure they take the court on time. Remember to bring a ball (*girls – size 6, boys – size 7*) and a water bottle.

It is strongly recommended that all parents please read the **Junior Representative Handbook** prior to registering. This document will give you a full understanding of our representative program. The handbook can be downloaded from our junior representative webpage.

Format

Selection trials will be held over two phases – Trial 1, then Trials 2-3. Certain players will not be required to attend the first trial as outlined below:

Trial 1 (September 7 @ Runcorn SHS)

This initial first trial is mandatory and exclusively for:

- any player who did not play U14 or U16 rep for Pirates in the most recent 2024 season

From those participating in this first trial, only select players will then be invited to progress on to Trials 2 & 3. *It is mandatory to attend this trial to be considered for the second trial phase (Trials 2 & 3)*

**** If you played U14 or U16 rep for PIRATES during the last 2024 season then you do not attend this first trial ****

Trials 2 & 3 (September 14 & 15 @ Hibiscus Stadium)

These last two trials, which will act as our selection trials for all teams, will only be open to:

- players who represented Pirates in U14 or U16 during the last 2024 rep season, and
- players invited from Trial 1

Closed Trials

All trials are conducted as 'closed' sessions with no parents or general spectators permitted in the venue during.

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

Attendance

Players must attend every trial (*that they are required to attend*) to be eligible for selection. Extenuating circumstances for absence such as injury or illness can be taken into consideration. A submission including evidence must be submitted to Steve Edwards (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 contention and does not guarantee selection to a team.

SWM Junior Club Participation (IMPORTANT)

To be eligible for our selection trials, you must be a **registered player participating in our current Junior Club Competition (2024 Season 2) prior to trials commencing**. This policy is firm – any trial registration for a player not currently registered to one of our clubs in the current season will be cancelled.

For all players selected to a rep team, participation in our club competition must be maintained during the lead up and throughout the representative season at a minimum 50% rate. Please note that for this U16 group, this also means you must ensure also register into our next 2025 Season 1 club competition.

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.

Under no circumstance will a player be permitted to trial without a completed BQ transfer. SWM have access to previous season team lists for all associations and will reference these against every player who registers.

Outcome Notifications

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

After Trial 1

Participants in this first trial will receive one of the following email communications by COB Monday, 9 September:

- invitation to attend Trials 2 & 3, or
- a notice to advise they are unsuccessful in progressing

After final trial

Participants involved in Trials 2 & 3 will receive one of the following email communications by COB Wednesday, 18 September:

- formal offer for one of our representative teams, or
- an unsuccessful notice

If your child is offered a position to a team you will have 48 hours to accept or decline the offer. A \$100 deposit toward your representative fee will also be required at the time of accepting this offer. If no response is received within this 48 hours then the offer will be withdrawn and given to another player.

of Teams Selected

In Boys we will select four teams (in order of hierarchy) – Gold, Purple, Red and White

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

*The association may select a third girls' team (Red) however this will be dependent on several factors.

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 program cost for our Under 16 representative players is \$975.00 (plus any required compulsory uniform). A full breakdown of inclusions and 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 \$875. There will also be options to pay this remainder either fortnightly or in its entirety upfront.