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## PLAYER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Players meet the Player Eligibility Criteria set out in the Player Selection Policy.

Players must comply with all of the following to be eligible for selection:

- Players must be registered members of an Association.
- Players must live or attend school/tertiary education within the Franklin Basketball Association zone.
- Players must register for trials as determined by Franklin Basketball Association within the prescribed time frame to be considered for selection.
- Players must attend selection trials as determined by the Franklin Basketball Association to be considered for selection.
- Exemptions from attending selection trials may be granted at the discretion of the Head Coach after receiving an exemption request in writing from the player concerned, and the player complies with all other selection criteria.
- The player is financial (i.e. has no outstanding debts) with Franklin Basketball Association and/or affiliated clubs.
- The player is not under any suspensions for breaches of Player or Player Entourage Codes of Conduct.

# PLAYER SELECTION CRITERIA

Please note that subjectivity is an unavoidable element of selection although we work to the following criteria:

## Player Eligibility

Players meet all Player Eligibility Criteria.

## Character Attributes “Character over Talent”

- Next Play Mentality: Ability to handle adversity, positive body language, ability to overcome mistakes.
- Work Ethic: disciplined, committed to getting better.
- Competitiveness: tenacity, passion, always competes.
- Coachability: receptive to feedback, learning capacity.
- Leadership Qualities: ability to lead others, helps teammates be better.
- A Good Teammate: ability to work with others, has team first mentality.

## Physical Attributes

- Height.
- Wingspan.
- Athleticism: explosiveness, speed, jumping ability, timing, agility, lateral movement.
- Stamina: conditioning, ability to string together multiple efforts for extended periods of time.
- Positional Strength.

## Game Sense

- Franklin Basketball Association Rep Style of Play understanding.
- Ability to play without the ball.
- Court vision.
- Instincts.
- Basketball IQ.

## Basketball Specific Skills

Five point skill package:

- Dribbling: both hands, under pressure, at pace.
- Passing: both hands, under pressure, at pace.
- Shooting: from range, finishing package, technique.
- Defending Your Position: off and on ball, foul discipline.
- Body Movement Fundamentals: pivots, footwork, stops, stance, running technique, jumping & landing technique.

## PLAYER SELECTION PROCESS

- Eligible players wishing to be considered for selection must register to trial as determined by Franklin Basketball Association within the prescribed time frame to be considered for selection.
- The player's parent or guardian must also acknowledge that they have a responsibility to pay for the debts incurred as a result of their child's selection.
- Franklin Basketball Association will appoint a Team Coach for each Franklin Representative Team via a comprehensive selection process.
- A Selection Panel consisting of the General Manager, Head Coach and Team Coaches will assess the ability of the players to meet the demands of the Rep programme and to compete at the required level trialling for.
- The General Manager has the power to overrule selection decisions if it is felt that a selection is not appropriate.
- Candidate players must be provided with the selection criteria as part of the Franklin Basketball Rep Association Handbook prior to every selection session. All players have the responsibility of reading the selection criteria prior to the Selection Trials.
- A player is entitled to and can request feedback on their performance during and/or after the selection process.
- Franklin Representative Teams will compete in a series of qualifying, seeding and invitational tournaments, culminating in the final Franklin Representative Teams that advance to The National Championships, should they advance past the qualification phase.
- The final Franklin Representative Teams, plus reserves, will be announced subsequent to the completion of the relevant National Qualifying Tournament.

Final Franklin Representative Teams that will participate in the National Championships will be selected as follows:

The A team will consist of the best 10-12 players for their age group irrespective of whether they are top age or bottom age. Where we have two teams qualify for the National Championships, the B team will consist of predominantly bottom age players where possible.

Players who are in the bottom of the 10 players for the A team may be considered to play for the B team if the selection panel deem that it is in the players best interests to play in the B team for their development. Conversely, a bottom age player may be promoted to the A team for the National Championships to expedite their development for future Franklin Representative teams

As per BBNZ loan rules, a player from another association within the Auckland region may be loaned to a Franklin Representative team if their home association team does not qualify for The National Championships.

## SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Conditions that players must comply with if they wish to be selected are as follows:

1. Players must make themselves available for all training sessions, events, practice games, tournaments etc that the programme requires.
2. Players in exceptional circumstances who are unavailable to train or play in scheduled selection events must contact the Coach as soon as practical to discuss the issue.
3. A medical certificate from a doctor or physiotherapist should be supplied if players are unable to attend a session for medical reasons. (where applicable)
4. Situations of other sport commitments will not be considered as exceptional except as outlined below.
5. Commitment to the Franklin Representative Team should be a first priority to maintain a position within the team.
  - a. New Zealand National Team representation in other sports will take precedence over Franklin Representative Team commitments, as long as this commitment is not deemed too onerous to be detrimental to the team and/or player preparation.
6. Franklin Basketball Association may choose to provide the Selection Panel with a list of approved players who have gained exemption from all of the Selection Criteria, but who will still be considered for selection.

Selection will then be undertaken on the basis of the merits of all the eligible players to the best of the selectors' ability and knowledge. It is not intended that being on this list will either enhance or prejudice players' chances of selection nor is it intended that not being on the list will enhance or prejudice the chances of the players in attendance at trials.

7. Any player who believes that they have a legitimate reason for being unable to comply with any part of the Eligibility Criteria, Selection Criteria and/or Selection Process may appeal to Franklin Basketball Association by lodging the appeal in writing to the Head Coach for consideration.
8. Franklin Basketball Association reserves the right to consider each case on its merits with the decision of Franklin Basketball Association being final.

Legitimate reasons could include such situations as:

- a. Being unable to trial because of injury (medical evidence must be provided about the extent of the injury and the prognosis so that the selection panel can determine if the player will be available for the team if selected).

- b. Inability to gain release where the player is under a written, paid contract to an elite basketball team (such as NZNBL, WBC, ANBL or AWNBL teams). Written evidence must be provided.
- 9. Under 19 players who have written, paid contracts with an elite basketball team as outlined in Clause 6 must meet their contract obligations to that team as a first priority when their team commitments clash with the Franklin Basketball Association Rep programme.
- 10. Order of commitment for athletes within the Rep programme is as follows:
  - a. Basketball New Zealand national team commitments
  - b. Elite basketball team commitments – paid athletes
  - c. Bulls Academy or Bulls Basketball commitments
  - d. Age group Franklin representative team commitments
  - e. Elite basketball team commitments – amateur athletes
  - f. Club and/or school basketball team commitments
- 11. Release from Franklin Representative Team training for amateur players who are involved in the NZNBL or WBC competition, will be at the discretion of the General Manager in conjunction with the Franklin Representative Head Coach.