



Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Basketball Association

Greetings to our new and existing teams. We are looking forward to another year of exciting and competitive games. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep all members informed of happenings in the local competition games. I will also use it to acknowledge our displays of sportsmanship and achievements as well as to remind players of their responsibilities to regulations.

The following competitions went back on the court in the middle of January: unisex, B Men, D Men, E Men, and Over 30 Men. Other Senior nominations are due on the 29th of January and Junior and Primary nominations on the 5th of February. It will take two to four weeks to get draws completed. Large competitions will require several weeks of trials. Additional teams will be added after the deadline if there is space and if they register before draws are completed.

The Good News: Floors at Loreto College, Normanhurst, and the Brickpit, Thornleigh, have been resurfaced. Please help to keep the floors scratch free - chairs should be lifted - not pulled across the surface; Ladies: please be careful when wearing heels. At Loreto, wipe your feet before entering as the doors are adjacent to the playing surface.

The Bad News: All court fees have increased by \$2 to allow us to retain and train more referees. Over the last two years we lost a large number of our primary referees - We are hoping that an additional monetary incentive will encourage referees to stay. If referees stay we can offer greater experience on the court. To help retain referees, I encourage everyone to abide by the "Play by the Rules" document adopted by the HKBA Board. These rules are as follows:

I will

- Act within the rules and spirit of the game
- Give positive comments to encourage players
- Respect officials' and coaches' decisions
- Keep my emotions in check
- Thank players, coaches, and officials

I won't

- Use bad language or harass anyone
- Criticise or ridicule anyone's performance

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