



**AN OUTLINE OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A
HORNSBY SPIDERS REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER
*INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND PLAYERS***

GENERAL

Hornsby Basketball is very proud of our Representative Programme and its development over the years.

The Spiders are represented in all age groups from Under 12's through to ABA in both men and women.

We are extremely fortunate to have legends of the game in both Karen Dalton and Bruce Bolden to assist us with the development of our representative programme.

We are extremely proud of those Spiders players who have been selected into State Teams over the years, the NSW ITC Programme and TAP Programmes. We actively encourage all our players to participate in the extensive development programmes conducted by NSW Basketball as well as being committed to providing the best quality programme we can provide at Hornsby level.

Above all else we aim to provide a representative programme where each and every player is assisted in reaching their full potential, whilst also developing a love the game, a sense of sportsmanship and instilling in them all the qualities needed to be a good team member.

SQUAD AND TEAM SELECTIONS

Each year selection trials are held for each team. At these selections, generally a squad of players will be chosen, from which the final team will be named around February of the following year.

The Association reserves the right to add to the squad if required prior to the final selection being made.

There will be some training of the squad between October and February as set by the coach.

TRAINING

Once the final team has been named in February, they will probably only train one night a week at a time mutual to the majority of the team and the coaching staff.

Training is the greatest expense we face with our representative teams and it is therefore vital that all players have a total commitment to attendance at training. If for any reason you are unable to attend, you must advise your coach or manager prior to the session.

MATCHES

Competition matches will be played on Sundays. It is usual for the rep season to be played mainly between March and early August, with those teams successful in making state championships finishing around late August.

Matches will be played on a home and away basis, with home games being played at the Brickpit Sports Stadium at Thornleigh.

Teams may be asked to play a "Central Venue Round", which will involve two matches on the one day at a central venue.

In addition Hornsby will participate in several pre-season days or weekends prior to these dates to gain some additional practice against neighboring rep teams prior to the competition proper.

UNIFORM

Only three parts of our uniform are essential. These are:

- Shorts
- Training Singlet
- Warm-up Top

Optional extras that can be purchased are:

- Bags
- Polo Fleece Tops
- Polo Shirts

REPRESENTATIVE LEVY

Every representative player is charged an annual levy of approximately \$400.00 (including GST). The exact cost of this levy is set each year by the Board of HKBA. This levy assists with the costs to the association of entering each team and covers such things as entry fees to NSW Basketball, court hire for matches and training, first aid kits, balls, training aids, etc.

We ask that this levy be paid early in the year and an invoice will be issued when teams are finalized.

Court fees for games played are incorporated in this fee.



COACHES, ASS. COACHES AND MANAGERS

We are particularly lucky at Hornsby with the calibre of coaches and assistant coaches we are able to offer our teams.

It is very important that all parents and players respect their team management and remember that these people give a great deal of their time on a voluntary basis to the Association.

Matters such as the “starting five” and court time are to be decided solely by the coach who will be taking many different factors into account. Please respect their decision at all times and encourage your children to do likewise.

BENCH DUTIES

At all matches, home and away, pre-season and practice games, Hornsby teams will be required to provide a minimum of two parents to do bench duties. This is compulsory for all parents (with the exception of the Manager) and we ask that you share this responsibility equally amongst the team. Hornsby Spiders will run bench courses for rep parents at the beginning of each season.

CODE OF CONDUCT

At all times we expect our players, coaches, managers, parents and spectators, etc. to conduct themselves in a manner fitting to Hornsby Spiders Representative Programme. If you succeed in being selected as a Rep Player for the spiders, you have been chosen to participate in a programme which represents all the basketball players from the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Basketball Association and you must conduct yourself accordingly at all times.

We ask that you respect other Associations when playing away and welcome the visiting teams and their spectators when they come to play at our home.

WEB SITE

All information pertaining to reps can be found on our Website and this is updated regularly to keep you all informed of what is happening. We suggest you visit this site frequently – [www. hornsby spiders.com](http://www.hornsby spiders.com).

CONCLUSION

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