



WEST SYDNEY WOLVES

2026 Representative Trials Information

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What is Representative Basketball in NSW?

West Sydney Wolves is committed to identifying and nurturing talented players within our region, offering them the opportunity to compete in the Basketball NSW (BNSW) Waratah Junior Leagues – the highest junior representative competition structure in NSW.

In our Program, representative basketball is more than just playing games. It is a structured pathway demanding regular training, performance, and growth in a high-performance environment. Athletes selected commit to consistent training, competitive play, and ongoing development, all while representing the Association with pride and accountability.



Being part of West Sydney Wolves representative program allows athletes to:

- Compete against the strongest junior players and teams across NSW.
- Pursue pathways into BNSW High-Performance Programs and State Teams.
- Build teamwork, resilience, and pride in representing our region.
- Experience the standards, expectations, and culture of elite-level basketball.
- Strengthen leadership, accountability, and commitment both in training and competition.



Purpose of Trials

The 2026 Representative Trials are designed to select teams that will represent the West Sydney Wolves Basketball Association in the BNSW Waratah Junior League.

The trials provide an opportunity to identify and nurture the leading athletes in our region, offering them the chance to compete at one of the highest levels of junior basketball in New South Wales.

Participation in the representative program opens pathways for player growth, elite competition, and future development opportunities.

Intent to Trial – Transfers from Other Associations

Players who have previously played representative basketball with another association in the Waratah Junior Leagues, JPL, or MJL must complete an **Intent to Trial Form** prior to attending. This ensures compliance with BNSW transfer regulations.

Intention to Trial Form is available on the **website**: <https://thewolves.au/sports-programs/competitions/rep-program/>

Important: This form is **NOT** a clearance.

Venue

All trials will be held at:

Camellia Indoor Sports Centre

9 Grand Avenue, Camellia NSW



Trial Costs & Registration

- Registration for trials is **\$30 per round**.
- Registration links are available on the website.
- For recalls, links will be issued 24 hours in advance.

Important: All players must be financial with BNSW and their association to be eligible to trial.

Trial Rounds

Trials are open for both boys and girls in the following age groups:

1

Non-Representative Players & Transfer Players

2

Recalls, 2025 Wolves Representative Players & Development Players

3

Invitation-only

4

Final Player Selection

Important:

- Please arrive **at least 30 minutes** before your scheduled trial to allow time for check-in.
- All players will be issued a **trial ID number** upon check-in.

Age Groups

Trials are open for both boys and girls in the following age groups:

- **Under 12s** | Boys & Girls
- **Under 14s** | Boys & Girls
- **Under 16s** | Boys & Girls
- **Under 18s** | Boys & Girls

What to Wear to Trials

Players must adhere to the following dress code for trials:

- **Do not wear** representative gear from any association (including Wolves)
- **Do not wear** Basketball NSW uniforms
- **Required:** Light/dark reversible singlet (or local club uniform if available)
- **Required:** Athletic training gear and basketball/running shoes



Trial Dates & Times

U12 Boys & Girls (2017, 2016, 2015)

Tuesday, Oct 14 | 5:00pm – 7:00pm | Round 1 (Non-Representative & Transfer Players)

Sunday, Oct 19 | 1:00pm – 3:00pm | Round 2 (Recalls, Wolves Players & Wolves Development Players)

Tuesday, Oct 21 | 5:00pm – 7:00pm | Round 3 (Invite Only)

Sunday, Oct 26 | 1:00pm – 3:00pm | Round 4 (Invite Only)

U14 Boys & Girls (2014, 2013)

Thursday, Oct 16 | 5:00pm – 7:00pm | Round 1 (Non-Representative & Transfer Players)

Sunday, Oct 19 | 9:00am – 11:00am | Round 2 (Recalls, Wolves Players & Wolves Development Players)

Thursday, Oct 23 | 5:00pm – 7:00pm | Round 3 (Invite Only)

Sunday, Oct 26 | 9:00am – 11:00am | Round 4 (Invite Only)

U16 Boys & Girls (2012, 2011)

Tuesday, Oct 14 | 7:00pm – 9:00pm | Round 1 (Non-Representative & Transfer Players)

Saturday, Oct 18 | 3:30pm – 5:30pm | Round 2 (Recalls, Wolves Players & Wolves Development Players)

Tuesday, Oct 21 | 7:00pm – 9:00pm | Round 3 (Invite Only)

Saturday, Oct 25 | 3:30pm – 5:30pm | Round 4 (Invite Only)

U18 Boys & Girls (2010, 2009)

Thursday, Oct 16 | 7:00pm – 9:00pm | Round 1 (Non-Representative & Transfer Players)

Sunday, Oct 19 | 11:00am – 1:00pm | Round 2 (Recalls, Wolves Players & Wolves Development Players)

Thursday, Oct 23 | 7:00pm – 9:00pm | Round 3 (Invite Only)

Sunday, Oct 26 | 11:00am – 1:00pm | Round 4 (Invite Only)

Team Structure

Player Composition and Development Roles

Each representative team will comprise 10 selected Players and 2–3 Development Players.

Development Players do not participate in games during the season but train alongside their team throughout the program. This provides valuable exposure to the representative environment and supports their progression within the pathway.

Understanding Team Levels

Each age group within the Representative Program will consist of multiple teams (e.g. Team 1, Team 2, Team 3). To distinguish between teams, a colour designation system will be used. The specific colours allocated to each team will be confirmed.

Representative teams in each age group are structured according to a defined performance pathway. Team 1 will typically compete in the highest division available. Teams that follow are placed in order of performance, with divisions allocated to match the group's overall standard of play.

This framework reflects the elite nature of representative basketball, ensuring athletes are placed at the appropriate competitive level while enabling the Association to achieve success across all divisions.



Selection Process

The selection of representative players is conducted with fairness, consistency, and transparency.

Coach Assessments: Coaches for each age group assess athletes throughout trials. Evaluation focuses on basketball-specific areas such as technical skills, decision-making, game awareness, athleticism, competitiveness, and coachability.

Selection Panel: Final team decisions are made in consultation with a Selection Panel consisting of the age group coaches and other appointed Association representatives. This collaborative process ensures balanced and objective outcomes.

Selection Criteria: Athletes are selected based on a combination of:

- Performance during trials
- Positional needs and team balance
- Commitment, attitude and readiness to compete at representative level
- Potential for ongoing development within the Association's pathway

This process ensures athletes are chosen on **merit**, that team configurations support competitiveness, and that the Association can enter the strongest possible teams across all age groups and divisions.



Absences & Special Considerations

Missing a trial does not guarantee an alternative opportunity. If you are unable to attend, you must apply for an exemption by following these steps:

1. Submit an email to **reps@thewolves.au** before the trial date.
2. Provide evidence:
 - **Illness:** Medical certificate
 - **Injury:** Medical certificate/physio report
 - **Travel:** Travel documentation
 - **Other circumstances:** will be reviewed by the Representative Team
3. Await written confirmation from the Association.

Important: Exemptions submitted after trial dates will not be considered.

Representative Fees

Payment	Player	Development Player	Due Date
Acceptance	\$ 300	\$ 300	October 31, 2025
Instalment 1	\$ 337.50	\$ 162.50	November 28, 2025
Instalment 2	\$ 337.50	\$ 162.50	February 27, 2026
Instalment 3	\$ 337.50	\$ 162.50	March 27, 2026
Instalment 4	\$ 337.50	\$ 162.50	April 24, 2026
TOTAL	\$ 1650	\$ 950	

Representative Fees Terms and Conditions

1. Fee Payment: All representative fees must be paid in full by the due dates listed in the payment schedule.

2. Eligibility to Play: Players who fail to pay their fees by the specified due dates will not be eligible to take the court until payment is received in full.

3. Notification of Payment Issues: Players who are unable to meet the payment deadlines must notify the association in advance. This can be done by emailing our Representative Department at reps@thewolves.au

4. Concerns and Confidential Matters: For further assistance or any matters of concern, athletes are encouraged to contact the Representative Department.

5. Fairness & Adherence: By adhering to these terms, the association aims to ensure smooth operations and maintain fairness for all participants.

What Representative Fees Include/Do Not Include

Representative Fees Include:

- Basketball NSW (BNSW) Game Fees – inclusive of 2026 fee adjustments
- Team Nomination and Registration with BNSW
- Court Hire for regular training sessions and competition games
- Referee and Court Supervisor Costs
- Coaching Fees & Honorarium
- Representative Administration and Program Management

Representative Fees Do Not Include:

- BNSW Annual Player Membership (payable separately through Basketball NSW)
- Pre-Season and Other Tournaments outside the regular season
- Uniforms and related apparel
- Additional Training Sessions scheduled beyond the standard program



Representative Training

Representative training is a **mandatory** component of the representative program and forms the foundation for both individual athlete development and team performance.

Team & Squad Training

- **Commences:** November 4, 2025 – December 18, 2025
- **Frequency:** One session per week during this period
- **Under 12s & Under 14s:** Tuesdays | 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
- **Under 16s & Under 18s:** Thursdays | 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Pre-Season & In-Season Training

- In 2026, training will increase to two sessions per week for all age groups.
- Additional sessions may be scheduled where necessary, particularly in preparation for finals or key competitions.
- Families will receive advance notice of any schedule changes or added sessions.

This training structure is designed to ensure that all athletes prepare consistently at the standard required for representative competition. It provides a balanced approach to skill development, team cohesion, and game readiness, supporting both individual growth and collective performance throughout the season.

Player Disclaimer

While every athlete will be given the opportunity to demonstrate their ability through the trial process, participation in trials does not guarantee selection in a representative team.

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