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PLAYER SELECTION POLICY



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A young boy with dark hair, wearing a blue and black basketball jersey, is holding a basketball with both hands. He is looking off to the side with a focused expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the selection process and criteria for athletes representing the Binar Maali in State Championships and the WA Basketball League (WABL). This process is underpinned by our commitment to cultural safety, player development, and the values of Culture, Respect, Resilience, Connection, Equity, and Empowerment.

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OUR COMMITMENT

Binar Basketball Association (BBA) is greater than basketball – it is a space where young people grow as athletes, leaders, and proud representatives of their culture. We strive to provide all players with a culturally inclusive, supportive, and competitive basketball environment that develops their potential on and off the court.

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF PLAYERS, COACHES, AND FAMILIES

- **Players** are expected to approach the selection process with a growth mindset, understand that selection is earned, not entitled, and embrace feedback as an opportunity to grow.
- **Coaches** have a responsibility to uphold a transparent and respectful process, making decisions in line with club values and long-term athlete development.
- **Parents** and **Guardians** are encouraged to support their children with empathy and respect, regardless of the outcome, and trust the process that the Binar Basketball Association (BBA) puts in place.

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for selection in a Binar Maali representative team, athletes must:

4.1 CURRENT BBA PLAYERS

- Be actively registered in the Binar Basketball Association (BBA) domestic or development programs.
- Register for trials by the communicated deadline and pay any applicable fees.
- Be up to date with all financial obligations (or have an approved payment plan).
- Uphold the BBA Player Code of Conduct.

4.2 NEW/EXTERNAL PLAYERS

- Register for trials via the online form and pay trial fees.
- Athletes must submit a clearance with the club they are leaving within two weeks of being announced in a Binar Maali squad or team.
- Demonstrate a willingness to contribute to the culture and values of BBA.

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PLAYER SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection decisions will be made by the appointed age group Head Coaches and endorsed by the Binar Basketball Association Director of Player & Coach Development.

Athletes will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- **Basketball ability:** Skill level, decision-making, and competitiveness.
- **Commitment and effort:** Training attendance, work ethic, and reliability.
- **Coachability:** Openness to feedback, improvement mindset, and leadership.
- **Team and cultural fit:** Respect for others, positive influence, connection to BBA values.
- **Physical potential:** Athleticism, development trajectory, and suitability for team roles.

Note: As with all selection processes, some level of subjectivity is involved. Selections are made in the best interests of the team, program, and player development.



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TRIAL/SELECTION PROCESS

Binar Maali promotes its WABL tryouts through the Binar Basketball Association (BBA) website, official social media platforms, and direct communication with our player database. All athletes must complete online registration prior to attending tryouts, as unregistered players will not be permitted to participate.

On the day of tryouts, players are required to arrive at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start time to sign in. During the sign-in process, each athlete will be allocated a number, written on their arm or leg, which will be used by coaches and selectors throughout the session to track performance and progress.

Tryouts are delivered by Binar Maali appointed coaches and overseen by the BBA Director of Player & Coach Development. A consistent curriculum and session structure, set by the BBA Director of Player & Coach Development, ensures fairness across all age groups. To allow head coaches to focus solely on selection, tryout sessions for each age group are to be run by coaches from different age groups. For example, U14 coaches may lead the drills for the U12's, giving the U12 coaches the opportunity to observe, take notes, and assess players without the distraction of facilitating the session.

Head coaches and selectors record their evaluations throughout each session, and following every tryout, the coaches meet to review and discuss selections. Decisions are made for the entire age group rather than for individual teams, ensuring that players are placed where they are best suited. Selections are made in line with Binar Maali's Player Assessment Framework.

All age groups will complete a minimum of three trials before final team selections are confirmed. Player cuts may take place after the first and second sessions, and athletes not selected at these stages will not progress further. The names of players invited to continue in the process will be published on the BBA website and social media. At the conclusion of the final trial, team selections are submitted to the BBA Director of Player & Coach Development. Once selections are confirmed, the final teams are announced on the BBA website and social media, typically within one week of the last tryout. Following the announcements, the appointed team coach will contact selected athletes with further information and request confirmation of their position.

The tryout process for State Championships and WABL will be conducted as separate trials. While performance in the State Championships may influence selection considerations, it does not guarantee or translate directly into WABL selection. Binar Maali acknowledges that in its inaugural seasons, State Championship and WABL trials will remain distinct to ensure clarity, fairness, and consistency for all athletes.



7 ABSENCES

- All players must attend the scheduled trial sessions.
- If a player is unable to attend due to illness, injury, cultural commitments, or exceptional circumstances, they must contact the club prior to the session.
- Players who receive an exemption may still be selected based on prior knowledge and past performance.

8 HIGH PERFORMANCE OR EXTERNAL COMMITMENTS

Players involved in BWA High Performance, NBL1, or national development pathways are expected to:

- Communicate openly about potential scheduling conflicts.
- Players who are in Basketball WA High Performance programs will give priority to these programs when they clash with Binar Maali practices and games.

9 COMMUNICATION AND FEEDBACK

- Team selections will be announced via the Binar Basketball Association social media platforms and its website.
- BBA does not provide individual feedback to athletes after selections. This is not due to a lack of willingness to support athletes, but because it is not practical for coaches to give detailed feedback to every participant. Providing feedback to one athlete would require doing so for all, which is overwhelming given the high number of participants.

10 APPEALS PROCESS

If a player or parent believes a procedural error has occurred (e.g., exemption mishandled), they may submit an appeal in writing to the Binar Basketball Association Competitions Manager and WABL Director. Appeals will be reviewed by the BBA Director of Player & Coach Development, as well as an independent panel.

11 SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The General Manager, Director of Player & Coach Development and WABL Director may make exceptions to the policy where:

- Cultural, family, or financial circumstances affect trial performance or attendance.
- A player's inclusion aligns with broader club goals (e.g., developing young leaders, maintaining team cohesion).
- Community impact or leadership potential outweighs immediate on-court performance.

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APPROVAL OF POLICY DOCUMENTS

Amended by **Boston Fitch** (BBA, Competitions Manager & WABL Director), in consultation with **Matt Parsons** (BBA, Director of Player & Coach Development, NBL1 Championship Coach), **Adam Desmond** (BBA, Founder & Director) and **Lisa Lilleyman** (BBA General Manager) on 11 August 2025.

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