



**SBL Referee Development Program
Information Pack 2019**

Thank you for your interest in the Basketball WA SBL Referee Development Program for 2019. Please see enclosed information about the program and the below link for the expression of interest registration form.

Important dates:

- **5pm Friday 18 January 2019** Expression of Interest Application Due
- **Friday 25 January 2019** Selected candidates will be advised
- **Selected officials must be available for the SBL Action Day (date TBA)**
- **Thursday 21 February 2019** first scheduled meeting

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST REGISTRATION FORM

<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=77808>

The SBL Referee Development Program is designed to equip elite WABL and SBL Division 1 officials with the understanding and skills to accelerate entry into the State Basketball League (SBL) over the duration of the program. The aim of this intensive, two year program is to support officials in their development in the following areas:

- Understanding of the rules and applications for SBL including preventative officiating
- Advanced mechanics in both 2 person officiating and 3 person officiating
- Contact situations through video evaluations
- Referee coaching and self evaluation
- Personal performance principles
- Physical expectations and recovery

The two year program will include guest speakers such as; an official from another sport, current WNBL officials, national league referee coaches, an elite player and coach to encourage understanding and development in all areas of the game. The program will be run in parallel with the Elite Referee Development Program (ERDP) with some meetings throughout the year held together. This provides opportunity for mutual learning and developing a strong peer group for their later careers.

As part of the SBL Referee Development Program you will be expected to assist the Elite Referee Development Program in the running of the State Championship in your capacity as a referee coach.

In the SBL/WABL season, part of the program will incorporate learning online through Facebook group messages and posts engaging all officials in learning through video review.

Upon graduation of the program, participants may be awarded with either a Level 1 Referee Coach Accreditation or Association Referee Coach Accreditation pending suitability. Within the first year of the SBL Referee Development Program referees are expected to undertake the State Referee course (formerly Level 2), where suitable.

The participants in the SBL Referee Development Program will have opportunities to attend development tours such as the Zebra Tour and Southern Cross Challenge as well as the potential to be selected for the Ivor Burge Championships, Under 14s Junior Club Championships, National Schools Championships and the Under 16 Australian Junior Championships.

At the conclusion of each year there will be a windup that will incorporate one on one meetings with the facilitators to reflect on your development over the year and give direction for the next year.

There is an expectation that you will attend 80% of scheduled sessions throughout the year, referee WABL and/or SBL Division 1 and be available for a period over state championships to referee coach.

If you are interested in furthering your officiating and participating in the State Referee Development Program in 2019 please fill in the attached expression of interest registration form and forward to Jess Byrnes at jessica.byrnes@basketballwa.asn.au no later than **5pm Friday 18 January 2019**.

For your information I have added the 2018 Program Outline so that you can get an idea of the structure of the program and what is involved.

I look forward to working with you in your development as an elite official.

Jessica Byrnes

Basketball WA – Officials Education and Development Officer

Selection Criteria

The State Referee Development Program is aimed at officials who show the potential to develop into a State Basketball League referee over the program. Referees must be willing to undertake this intensive development program which is designed to accelerate development alongside refereeing WABL and/or SBL Division 1. The program is focused on officials who possess the maturity and desire to constructively participate in group and individual learning.

In selecting officials, the SBL Referee Development Program and ERDP program coordinators and the High Performance selection panel may seek input from association referee coordinators and referee coaches to select the most suitable officials.

Selection will be based upon individual merit as well as group dynamics, taking into consideration your ability to work within a team environment. Candidate selection will be for the current year only, candidates may be appointed or removed during the year where considered appropriate.

Mandatory

- Currently accredited as an Representative Referees
- Actively supportive of Basketball WA competitions and policies, including:
 - Refereeing and/or referee coaching at a local association
 - Currently refereeing WABL and available for finals
 - Refereeing and evaluating (where requested) at the State Championships
- Demonstrate potential to progress to level two accreditation
- A strong desire to improve and develop as a referee
- A desire to help your peers improve in their officiating
- Ability to constructively participate in group and individual learning
- Commitment to the program for the year including attendance to at least 80% of all sessions
- To work towards, and maintain, a sufficient level of fitness to enable passing the SBL fitness requirements
- Able to demonstrate a desire to improve upon the sound communication, interpersonal and people management skills needed as an elite official
- A knowledge of, and ability to apply the fundamental mechanics of officiating
- A good awareness of basketball officiating principles that demonstrate the potential to progress to an elite level

Please note previous participation in Basketball WA Referee Development Programs does not guarantee selection in the State Referee Development Programs in 2019.

2019 SBL Referee Development Program Outline

Facilitators

Steve Diconza & Craig Copes - current WNBL and NBL referees

Guest Speakers

Darrell Morgan – Perth Lynx Strength and Conditioning Coach

John Stone – National Leagues and SBL Referee Coach, Level 3 Evaluator

Robyn Graham – National Leagues and SBL Referee Coach, Level 3 Evaluator

The 2019 program will be outlined at the first meeting.

Tournament dates (selection process)

Zebra tour dates: early November

Southern Cross Challenge dates: January

Under 14s Junior Club Championships September/October

Ivor Burge Championships: February