



**WABL Referee Development Program
Information Pack**

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

Important dates:

- **5pm Wednesday 6 March 2019** Expression of Interest Application Due
- **WABL Grading: 9/10 March and 16/17 March**
- **Friday 22 March 2019** Selected candidates will be advised
- **Thursday 11 April 2019** first scheduled meeting

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST REGISTRATION FORM

<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=83457>

The WABL Referee Development Program is aimed at officials who show potential to develop into elite level referees in the future. The program is designed to equip WABL officials with the understanding and skills to accelerate entry into the SBL Referee Development Program.

The program will run from April through to September in line with the WABL season and incorporate both on court coaching and off court development through in person and online training. Individual program duration may differ from one – three years depending on age and development throughout the program.

The WABL Referee Development Program facilitators will work with you to ensure that you are evaluated on games and given every opportunity to develop as an elite level referee through the WABL system. There will also be a series of meetings (3-4) over the course of the program that will run primarily on weekends. To maintain your position in the program it is expected that you attend at least 75% of these sessions*.

The WABL Referee Development Program will run in line with the Regional Referee Development Program and follow the same curriculum. The participants in the WABL Referee Development Program will have opportunities to attend development tours such as the Zebra Tour and Southern Cross Challenge.

To be considered for this program, referees should have refereed WABL in 2018 with the intention to referee WABL in 2019 as well as State and/or Country Championships.

Part of the program will incorporate learning online through Facebook group messages and posts engaging all officials in learning through video review.

All applicants should make themselves available to referee WABL grading for their home association on the following dates: 9/10 March and 16/17 March or advise in writing if this is not possible with a suitable explanation.

Upon graduation of the program, participants may be awarded the Advanced accreditation pending suitable on court sign off and adequate attendance to sessions. Graduating referees would be expected to undertake the Representative course within their final year and would be considered suitable to apply for the SBL Referee Development Program.

During WABL Finals we will arrange meetings with your facilitators to reflect on your development over the year and give you direction for the next year.

If you are interested in furthering your officiating and participating in the WABL 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 Wednesday 5 March, 2019.**

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

Jessica Byrnes

Basketball WA – Officials Education and Development Officer

* Exceptions will be made for school or University commitments.

Selection Criteria

Referees must be willing to undertake all components of this program which is designed to accelerate development alongside refereeing throughout the WABL season. The program is focused on officials who possess the maturity and desire to constructively participate in group and individual learning.

In selecting officials, the 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 a Level 1 Referee
- Actively supportive of Basketball WA competitions and policies, including:
 - Currently refereeing at a local association
 - Currently refereeing WABL and available for finals
 - Refereeing at the State Championships in appropriate age grade
- Demonstrate potential to progress as an elite level referee
- 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 including attendance to at least 75% of all sessions
- To work towards, and maintain, a sufficient level of fitness
- A good awareness of the requirements of the program
- 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 WABL Referee Development Program Outline

Facilitators

Rod Hislop and Daniel Coffey

During this program, the WABL Referee Development Program aims to support officials in their development in the following areas:

- Understanding of the rules and applications for WABL including preventative officiating and conflict resolution
- Advanced mechanics in 2 person officiating
- Self evaluation and personal performance principles

An outline of the 2019 program will be available at the first scheduled meeting. Parents and/or guardians are invited to participate in the induction to the program (first half hour of first meeting).

Tournament dates (selection process)

Zebra tour dates: early November

Southern Cross Challenge dates: January

Ivor Burge Championships: February