

WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEAM MEMBER BLAINE KRAPLJANOV

Basketball WA is pleased to announce the recent appointment of Blaine Krapljanov as new BWA Officials Development and Pathways Manager,

Blaine joins the Performance Team under the guidance of David Naylor, following the departure of Jessica Byrnes who has been a highly valued team member since 2014. Jessica helped grow our pathway for the development of basketball officials in Western Australia and has decided to move to the eastern states. BWA wish her well for all her future endeavours.

The Basketball Community would be very familiar with Blaine Krapljanov from his extensive involvement in the sport as a highly regarded Referee within the officials circle.

Blaine is a WA country boy who grew up in Manjimup and has officiated many a game. He has had many years of experience as an SBL Referee and has been a referee for the National Wheelchair Basketball League (NWBL) since 2006. Blaine has also refereed a number of IWBF international events with his biggest achievement, so far, in being selected to the Paralympics in Tokyo later this year.

Blaine will be responsible for the development of officials from Community level through to the elite level inclusive of accreditations and high performance programs; maintaining officiating pathways and curriculum in line with National Standards and guidelines and to ensure the development of officials at all levels of competition throughout the state.

When Blaine was asked about his new role at Basketball WA, he said, "I am extremely excited to join the Basketball WA Team and would like to thank Jess for her work in the role in relation to the development and growth of officials in Western Australia. I will be looking to continue this great work and to ensure continuous improvement. I am also looking to building new relationships and strengthening established ones."



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