

Changes: Community and Club Coach Courses in WA

What is the change?

Basketball WA has changed the way that the Community and Club Coaching Courses are run throughout the state to allow greater flexibility within the accreditation system. Basketball WA recognises the need within the ever-expanding accreditation system to allow associations to have access to accrediting their members throughout the year at times and costs that are more beneficial for the associations moving forward.

****This change is for affiliated associations only. Non-affiliated associations will be required to contact Basketball WA with their request in regards to courses.**

Community Coach Course (L0):

This is the introductory level course which is designed to cover General Principles of Coaching while encompassing basketball specific fundamentals and exploring the role of the coach. Candidates must be at least be turning 13 years of age in the year of the course enrolled and no specific basketball background is required. Domestic club coaches, parents who've volunteered to get involved, teachers and secondary students with an interest in sports coaching are ideally suited for this course.

The course is available as an online option only for the purpose of accreditation. We encourage Associations and Clubs across WA to support their coaches with additional "Skills and Drills" sessions to assist the ongoing development of your coaches.

To discuss your specific needs please reach out to the Basketball WA Coach Education and Development Manager, Damian Barr at damian.barr@basketballwa.asn.au

Club Coach Course (L1):

This is a Nationally Accredited course from Basketball Australia and presented by Basketball Western Australia. Candidates need to have completed the Community Coach Course and maintained coaching for at least 12 months before applying for this course. The course takes one (1) day (6-8 hours approx) to complete and involves both on-court and off-court components in its content.

Typically, coaches in representative's sides such as WABL, Country Champs and those wanting to get involved in BWA high performance pathways (FDP, SCC and Emerging Talent Programs) should have this level of accreditation as a minimum.

Associations must use a BWA approved presenter to deliver the course, and there is the flexibility to add you own associations terminology, additional content that covers style of play, culture etc to the course, so long as the core competencies are delivered. ****PLEASE NOTE, any additions to the course content must be sent through to BWA's Coach Education and Development Manager, Damian Barr at damian.barr@basketballwa.asn.au for approval 21 days prior to the course date.**

Association Coach Course (L2):

This is an advanced two (2) day (16 hour approx.) course that is designed to elevate a coach's understanding to the standard of the athletes they are coaching. Typically, coaches who are looking to be involved in State teams, various State leagues (as an example, NBL1 Head Coaches, AJC Head Coaches are required to have a mandatory Association Coach accreditation) would benefit from completing this course. There are certain prerequisites in choosing to apply for this level of accreditation. Please contact Basketball WA for more information on enrolling for the Association Coach course.

Purpose of the change:

The new system allows greater access to the entry level Community Coach Course and gives associations the ability to run courses at a time that best suits their association with no minimum number requirement. We have trialled two of these courses recently and the feedback from the associations involved regarding the process was positive.

Costs:

Cost for accreditation:

- Community Coach Course – Free and 100% online
- Club Coach Course - \$100 per participant, \$40 of which goes to BWA as the accreditation fee. Associations to set up the PlayHQ link, BWA will invoice you the \$40 accreditation fee per participant once the course has been run.
- Association Coach Course - \$250, PlayHQ link and registrations organised by BWA

Responsibilities:

Association responsibilities

- Contact BWA to book a course – Coach Education and Development Manager – damian.barr@basketballwa.asn.au
- Any proposed changes to Basketball WA accredited courses must be approved by Basketball WA no less than 21 days in advance of the course date.
- All registrations for the course will be advertised online at the Basketball WA website and open to the wider basketball community (unless at capacity with coaches from own association).
- Administration of registrations
 - PlayHQ to be used for registration links with a final list of attendees to be sent through to BWA
 - Associations must supply accurate information for all participants who complete the course as well as information on any no-shows. Please ensure this is clearly marked on the spreadsheets who attended the course and who did not. The participant information is required to be sent to Basketball WA in the format requested.
- Arrange bookings – room and court.
- Provide a contact person for late registrations to the course
- Pay the BWA invoice for course

Associations are not permitted to allow underage participants in either the Community Course or the Club Coach Course.

Basketball WA Responsibilities

- Ensure that all Basketball WA accredited courses are displayed on the website to allow registrations for all members.
- Ensure database is up to date for coaches at all accreditation levels within the state
- Ensure timely processing of accreditations and sending out of certificates

Presenters Responsibilities

- All Basketball WA approved presenters must comply to all requirements outlined by Basketball WA in regards to their Presenter Accreditation.
- All Basketball WA presenters will need to sign a position description outlining the requirements of being an approved Basketball WA presenter
- Failure to meet the requirements of the position description may result in Basketball WA revoking the rights of the presenter to present Basketball WA approved courses.

Registrations:

Basketball WA strongly encourages the use of PlayHQ as well as upfront payment upon registration to each of the accredited courses. PlayHQ is the most effective way of obtaining registrations compared to manually taking registrations.

The following registration information is required for each participant that undertakes a course:

- First name
- Surname
- Gender
- Date of Birth
- Postal address including postcode
- Contact number
- Email address
- Association

All of the above information is required from each registration.

In regards to registrations, it is the associations decision as to how you deal with paid participants who withdraw from the course however this is Basketball WA's recommendation:

- Participants who withdraw from the course more than 24 hours from the course will be refunded (see below)
- No refunds for participants who withdraw from the course less than 24 hours prior to the course
- No refunds for participants who are no-shows on the day

Basketball WA recommend that the associations follow through with the above registration process.

If you have any issues or questions in regards to the accreditation system or this format or hosting courses please do not hesitate to contact me.



Regards

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