



Welcome to the 2025 Bulls Representative Season!

Bulls Basketball would like to welcome you to the 2025 Representative Season.

This guide will provide you with some information as we embark on the upcoming reps season.

If there are any questions after reading this document, please feel free to contact us on **(02) 6189 9143** or admin@innerwestbulls.com

About the Bulls

Bulls Basketball is more than just a sports club; it's a community committed to developing young athletes both on and off the court. Our focus is to create an environment where players can grow physically, mentally, and socially, fostering skills that transcend basketball.

We believe in the power of grassroots sports to unite communities and instil essential life values. Through participation in basketball, our players learn resilience, teamwork, respect, and discipline. These experiences help build confidence and character, shaping them into not just better athletes but well-rounded individuals.

Our club's legacy has evolved over the years. Originally known as "Ryde Bulls", and now known as "Bulls Basketball" or "Inner West Bulls" we have a long-standing history of excellence in the basketball community.

Recent organisational changes and a new major sponsor have positioned us to expand our reach and impact further, allowing us to uphold our core values while growing stronger as a club.

The Bulls community includes players, coaches, managers, and families who share a common goal: to support each other both on and off the court. Together, we strive to create a positive and inclusive environment where everyone can thrive.

As part of the Bulls family, you're joining a tradition of commitment and excellence. Let's work together to make the 2025 season unforgettable!

Season Overview

Training

Formal training begins in early January, with some teams starting earlier. Teams will train for 1.5 hours twice a week. The aim is to have one session on their own and one session shared with another team.

Managers will share schedules once times and dates are confirmed.

Primary Registrations

Players chosen in the Bulls representative program must list their primary BNSW registration with us. If not currently listed with the Bulls, players must change this upon renewal to continue to be eligible.

Please use the link below to change primary registration when current registration is about to expire.

Local Competitions

All representative players must compete in our local competition, starting with Summer League 2025 in January.

All players will be sent details to enroll.

Please feel free to email basketball@innerwestbulls.com for any queries regarding our local competition.

Development Players

Development players are invited to train with representative teams, offering them a valuable opportunity to build their skills, gain experience, and immerse themselves in a competitive basketball environment. While these players are not guaranteed playing time, they may be called upon to fill in during league games or tournaments when a rostered player is unavailable due to injury or other commitments.

This role serves as a pathway for players to transition into full representative positions, as they gain exposure to higher levels of training and competition. Development players play a crucial role in maintaining the team's depth and are encouraged to stay engaged and prepared throughout the season.

Registration Fees

Our representative fees for the 2025 season are as follows:

- **Full players: \$1,490** – Paid in 4 instalments
- **Development players: \$650** – Paid in 2 instalments

Our fees include the following

1. Entry into the Waratah League
2. Training & Game Day Court Hire Costs
3. Referee Fees
4. Preseason Tournaments & Trial Matches

Payment plans and Active Kids vouchers are accepted.

The other costs for the season include the following:

1. **Playing Uniforms** – which all need to be changed this season due to a change in major sponsor
2. **Merchandise**
3. **Travel and accommodation for tournaments**

Uniforms

All players need the representative uniform kit comprising of the following:

1. Reversible game singlet
2. Reversible game shorts
3. Game Day Warm up top
4. Training singlet

There are other pieces of merchandise also available, including hoodies, backpacks, sports bags, towels and socks. All players will be issued with a Bulls water bottle, so there is no need to purchase this, unless you would like more than one.

Uniforms can ordered through:

<https://registration.basketballconnect.com/shop?organisationKey=17c6213f-7d5d-4dae-9e6f-54b5f8f0d953&key=8438c35555bb9e0af9f9daaa2f579dfc>

All other items can be ordered through the online store at <https://innerwestbulls.dkmbblue.com>

Player and Family Commitment

At the Bulls, we value commitment, team spirit, respect, and good sportsmanship as core principles of our program.

Participation in our representative basketball program comes with certain responsibilities and expectations, including financial, behavioural, and time commitments, which we kindly ask all players and families to acknowledge and support.

We expect players to make themselves available for all games throughout the season, including tournaments, with particular emphasis on games at the end of the season and during finals.

If a player will be unavailable for any game, it is essential to notify their coach as early as possible. This is especially important for those considering traveling to the USA for selection tours in July.

Your dedication to these commitments helps ensure the success of both the individual and the team.

Youth League/NBL1 Pathway

Players who are eligible for Youth League must play in youth league, unless they have been selected as a roster player for the NBL1 program. All players selected in our YL Division 1 teams will be eligible for selection as development players in our NBL1 program. Development players for NBL1 will only be selected from YL1 (that is, no external players will be DPs).

Need assistance?

If you require any assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out! You can email us at admin@innerwestbulls.com or approach any of the Association officials — we're always happy to help.

Additionally, our Bulls families and players are also great resources. Feel free to strike up a conversation with them on the court or sidelines — they'll be more than happy to share their experiences and insights!

Key Dates

Waratah League Rounds

Round 1: March 22 nd /23 rd	Round 10: May 31 st /June 1 st
Round 2: March 29 th /30 th	Round 11: June 14 th /15 th
Round 3: April 5 th /6 th	Round 12: June 21 st /22 nd
Round 4: April 12 th /13 th	Round 13: June 28 th /29 th
Round 5: April 26 th /27 th	Round 14: July 5 th /6 th
Round 6: May 3 rd /4 th	Round 15: July 12 th /13 th
Round 7: May 10 th /11 th	Round 16: July 19 th /20 th
Round 8: May 17 th /18 th	Round 17: July 26 th /27 th
Round 9: May 24 th /25 th	Round 18: August 2 nd /3 rd

Games are typically scheduled in the mornings but may run as late as 3pm. Matches are held at various locations across Sydney, depending on the teams in your draw.

Metropolitan Senior League Finals

Quarter Finals: August 9th/10th (If the comps have them or Week 19 if they don't)
Elimination Finals: August 17th
Finals Weekend: August 23rd/24th

BASKETBALL IS A TEAM SPORT AND IT IS CRUCIAL THAT YOU ARE AVAILABLE ON ALL OF THESE DATES SO AS TO NOT LET YOUR TEAM MATES DOWN.

If you need to be excused from any date, you should speak to your coach.