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USC Rip City Basketball Junior Representative

Parent & Player Handbook

2019/20 BQJBC & 2020 Championships Season

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By completing the online acceptance form you understand and agree with the terms set out within the Parent Player Handbook for the 2019/20 BQJBC & BQ 2020 State Championships Season and the Rip City Basketball Mission and Values Statement.

[Only by completing this online acceptance form can a player be added to a USC Rip City Basketball BQJBC team list.](#)

The USC Rip City Basketball player and coach development leadership group includes the chair of the coach's club, coach development officer (Jamie Glover), and player development officer (Lance Hurdle), and the nominated coaches of the USC RIP City BQJBC REP Teams.

1. Objective.

1.1 To inform parents and players of USC Rip City Basketball's terms, conditions, and obligations. Disclosure of this information is made in order to preserve the wellbeing of the Association.

2. Team Requirements.

2.1 Teams will consist of up to 10 players, 1 x Head Coach, 1 x Assistant Coach and a Team Manager. Exemptions may be granted at the approval of the player & coaching and development leadership group and the USC Rip City Basketball committee.

3. Team Selection and Expectations Post Selection.

3.1 USC Rip City Basketball will nominate 1 to 3 teams per age group and gender, to compete in the representative season, consisting of BQJBC and State Championships, depending on meeting the Basketball Queensland requirements for nominating teams based on the number of junior players currently registered with USC Basketball and the standard of players, referees, and coaches available.

- (a) SC Rip: First team named "Rip City Black" (will grade for Premier League - Division one)
SC Rip: Second team named "Rip City Green" (Boys) - (will grade for Southern Cup - division two)
SC Rip: Second team named "Rip City Pink" (Girls) - (will grade for Southern Cup - division two)
SC Rip: Third team named "Rip City White" (will grade for Challenge Cup - division three) *Subject to*

Approved Coach and Manager availability

- (b) Exceptions to the above rules would be if the Association had an automatic qualification in Premier League in any given year, the Rip second team then have the opportunity to grade in Premier League. The player and coach development leadership group will make the final decision in consultation with the respective team coaching staff, on which grading each team will attend.

3.2 Teams will be selected based on a number of factors, including but not limited to, ability, behavioural conduct in line with Club Values attitude and commitment.

3.3 Final decisions on team selections are made by the team head coach in consultation with the team coach and the USC Rip City Basketball player and coach development leadership group.

3.4 All players and parents must understand that there is no guarantees on the amount of court time a given player will get. Playing time will be determined by the coaching staff, based on players meeting realistic roles and expectations that have been clearly communicated to the player and parents by the coaching staff throughout the season. Progress against providing meaningful minutes towards positive player development will be reviewed with all coaches throughout the season by the USC Rip City Basketball coaches club, and the USC Rip City Basketball player and coach development leadership team, with a particularly targeted review after the first three rounds of BQJBC when players are still able to be moved between teams/divisions without restriction. Decisions to move players will be made primarily in the best interest of player's development and only after careful consultation between the team coaching staff, the USC Rip City Basketball player and coach development leadership team, the player, and the parents.

- 3.5 The USC RIP City Basketball Representative program tries to keep a balance between being competitive and developing our players for the future. However, there are distinctions between expectation of minutes for our different representative teams. Below are the guidelines given to coaches.
- 3.5.1 **Division 1** - We play to achieve our highest results, the coach has total discretion over court time. Bench players are given roles and have to realise that they are there to support the players who have the bulk of the minutes. Some games players may only see the floor for limited minutes, potentially not at all in big games.
- 3.5.2 **Division 2** - We strive to compete - Winning is not everything, however for games that are close, the coach has the discretion to put the best group of 5 forward that are working together against the team they are playing. In non-competitive games, either up or down the coach should be then playing the other players when possible, unless we are striving for a For and Against ratio to make the finals.
- 3.5.3 **Division 3** - We play to develop players - We have a starting 5, but players should be rotated on a reasonable basis, based on skill performance and team dynamics. Most games, all players should get some court time, if the team is strong and scores are blowing out, eg winning by a large score - then more time given to players equally. If the team makes the final, then the culture of Division 2 and Division 1 Apply.
- 3.5.4 **Division 4** - We develop players - We have a starting 5, but we give all players a fair amount of court time and a chance to develop. If the team makes the final, then the culture of Division 2 and Division 1 Apply
- 3.5.5 Each team has its own distinct make-up and coaches have a lot of factors in place when deciding minutes. Attitude, attendance to trainings and games, parental behaviour all play a part in deciding who plays.

4. Complaints.

- 4.1 Incidents and Complaints at any Basketball Queensland representative game must be reported to your Team Manager in the first instance, they may elect to report it to the Court Controller of the venue if necessary. Paper work is required to be completed at that Venue, at the time of the concern. Complaints are formally followed through by the Association hosting the game and BQ if required. This is a BQ process which we accept as part of entering into the BQJBC competition
- 4.2 Any issues of misconduct by any player, parent, coach, manager, official or spectator associated with USC Rip City Basketball at a USC Rip City Basketball game or training session, that cannot be safely and amicably addressed within the team directly, should be brought to the attention of USC Rip City Basketball, in writing as soon as possible ombudsman@uscbasketball.com.au. The process to resolve the matter will be that the issue raised will be investigated with the Team Manager and resolution to the matter will be sought. If a resolution can not be agreed upon the committee will be consulted as to a direction of action to resolve the matter. If this direction can not be agreed upon the next step will take the matter to a tribunal as per the outlines of the BQ Guidelines on Tribunals.

5. Uniforms.

- 5.1 Players must have and wear a complete USC Rip City Uniform to play and represent USC Rip City Basketball in BQBC and State Championship games.

On court playing uniform consists of:

- USC Rip City Basketball Shorts
- USC Rip City Basketball Singlet
- USC Rip City Basketball T-shirt or Polo
- USC Rip City Basketball Socks

Off court travelling (*Mandatory attire Travelling to and from games*) uniform consists of:

- USC Rip City Basketball polo or T-shirt
- USC Rip City Basketball shorts
- USC Rip City Basketball Socks

NOTE - Uniform costs are separate to Rep fees.

- 5.3 Other non-compulsory USC Rip City Basketball merchandise items are also available for purchase.

6. Player Obligations.

USC Rip City Basketball Players are required to:

- Participate in the USC Basketball domestic competition while they are an active member of a USC Rip City representative team and have played at least 50% of their teams games in order to be eligible to continue playing USC Rip City Representative Basketball. (Players accepting selection July to September 2019, inclusive, are encouraged to join the ongoing club season and will be required to register and play in the 2019/20 club season commencing in October 2019. Players accepting positions in teams October 2019 onwards will be required to participate in the current club competition from the date of acceptance.)
- Attend all team trainings and games. It is expected that players attend every scheduled training session, even if you are injured as you will be missing important information by not attending. If the player cannot attend prior notice must be given to the team coach along with a valid reason to why the player cannot attend.
- It is required that the player will participate in the club referee education program and/or coaching education program to attain either a referee qualification or a coaching qualification and make a contribution in that capacity in the USC Basketball domestic competition.
- Abide by USC Rip City Basketball mission and values; Respect, Integrity and Professionalism
 - Be a teammate who asks what can I give, not what can I get
 - Be grateful and give 100% to coaches who ask and push you to reach your full potential
 - Hold yourself to a higher standard, celebrate success, while you own and learn from mistakes
 - Always show up on time, ready to play and give 100% in training and games
 - Realise that you only get out what you put in
 - When things go wrong, do not blame but instead ask "what can I learn and how can I improve."
 - Show respect to your coach, the referees, score bench, and fans
 - Support your team mates

7. Parent Obligations.

USC Rip City Basketball Parents are required to:

- be responsible to provide transport for their child to all games and trainings. Further, they must understand that games may be as far north as Noosa and as far west as Toowoomba and south to the Gold Coast during the BQJBC season, while State Championships may be hosted at any basketball association in Queensland.
- be responsible to perform the score table tasks for BQJBC and BQ State Championship games. Each team must provide 2 score bench officials for each game. If you can't fill that role you are responsible to either find a replacement or pay \$25.00 for the role to be filled
- only video or record any games or training sessions with the consent of the coaching staff and other parents and players. Parents must sign the Photography register at each BQJBC venue and State Championships.
- contribute in volunteer roles that assist with running of REP Teams and club activities when scheduled on REP days. Including but not limited to BBQ, First Aid, Court Controller, Setup & Clean-up & State Championships etc. Each parent is expected to contribute to these activities throughout the BQJBC season.
- Abide by USC Rip City Basketball mission and values; Respect, Integrity and Professionalism
 - Step back, release your kids and let them own the experience; this is their journey.
 - Be a parent and supportive fan – let the coaches coach, the referees call the game and the kids enjoy playing the game they love.
 - Let the ride home belong to your kids and allow them to dictate the conversation. Research shows this is the #1 'dislike' for youth in sport.
 - Allow coaches to hold your kids accountable for their actions at practice and in games.
 - Respect the coaches that show Respect and Care for your kids.
 - Help to create a safe to fail environment – mistakes and failure are how we learn and grow.
 - Be a positive part of creating an environment where everyone can enjoy basketball.
 - See your kids and simply love watching them play.

8. Payment and Additional Costs.

- 8.1 Upon the athlete's selection to a REP team, Parents agree to pay fees to USC Basketball as outlined in the invoices they will receive or the agreed direct debit plan. These will be sent to the Parents email nominated in the online acceptance form. It is the responsibility of the parent to advise USC Basketball if these details change. All outstanding Player fees from previous USC Club Competition, BQ
- 8.2 Nominations, BQ Registrations, BQ Insurance, BQJBC fees and State Championship fees, must be paid in full and currently up to date prior to entering the new REP Season. A player will not be accepted to a team until unpaid fees are bought up to date and paid in full.
- 8.3 Any additional training and games outside the defined USC Rip City Basketball BQJBC & State Champs schedule will be at an additional cost to the team and must only be scheduled by the Team Manager after consultation with the players, parents, and USC Rip City Basketball player and coach development leadership group.
- 8.4 Parents understand that State Championships are a compulsory part of the season. Parents understand that there will be additional registration and travel costs for teams to attend State Championships. A costing for State Championship will be made available as soon as all costs are made available to USC Rip City Basketball.
- 8.6 Parents understand that if their child incurs an injury/illness during the season, they remain responsible for their season fees, including the State Championships. The USC Rip City Basketball Committee will only consider written requests to committee to reduce the fees obligation of a departing player where the departing player has consulted with the team coach and advised the team they are leaving in a timely manner and the written request provides a reasonable reason for their leaving the team.
- 8.7 Payment details will be supplied on all Invoices.

9. Cancellation Fee and Removal.

- 9.1 USC Rip City Basketball may at its discretion charge a 20% cancellation fee, of the remaining fees owed, subject to a refund approval, for cancellation of their agreement to participate or withdrawing part way through the season. The Player/Parent will be liable for all costs incurred for the team during the season including State Championships.
- 9.2 USC Rip City Basketball may at its discretion remove a player from a team anytime during the season due to behaviour outside the mission and values of the association. Fees will still apply.
 - (a) Final decision for withdrawal will be made in consultation with the committee of USC Rip City Basketball.
- 9.3 Failure to make full payment of fees by the due dates and have not made an agreed payment plan with the treasurer will result in the player being deemed un-financial. Players who are un-financial may be excluded from participating in all USC Rip City Basketball activities including club and representative games and training. Under special circumstances a player or their guardian may apply in writing to the USC Rip City Basketball Committee for special consideration is they are excluded from participation due to overdue fees.

10. Player Withdrawal.

- 10.1 Any player that withdraws from a team after accepting a position by completing the online acceptance form and teams are announced will be deemed ineligible from USC Representative Basketball for the current and following full representative season including the State Championships. An example of this would be if the player withdraws after the 2018/19 selections at any stage they will not be eligible to play representative basketball for USC Basketball in the 2018/19 season and the 2019/20 season. Under special circumstances a player or their guardian may apply, in writing to the USC Rip City Basketball Committee, for an exemption to this rule.

11. Personal Injury Liability.

- 11.1 USC Basketball shall not be liable for any loss suffered.
- 11.2 USC Basketball shall not be liable for any damage to property.
- 11.3 Basketball is a dangerous recreational activity that involves obvious risk. It can be assumed that Personal Injury may occur and USC Basketball shall not be liable for any personal injury suffered subject to a USC Basketball registration form.
- 11.4 The Civil Liability Act Qld 2003 may be applicable for personal injury claims.
- 11.5 USC Club games and BQJBC are covered by Basketball Queensland's insurance program via the BQ nominated Insurer. Further detailed Information can be found on the BQ Website. *Please check the Basketball Queensland Website for more detailed information.*

12. Additional Information.

- 12.1 **Grading** - The aim of the Grading Competitions is to grade teams into divisions for their relevant age group and gender where they will compete against teams of equal calibre.

Grading Competitions are generally held for all Premier League Divisions (with the only exception being that the number of teams who have nominated to grading matches the number of positions available in Premier League) and in Southern Cup Divisions and Challenge Cup Divisions where there is enough teams to form a Challenge Cup and Development Cup competition also.

The grading competitions will be held on weekends leading up to the start of the BQJBC season. The date and venues will be made available to the team by the manager when confirmed by BQ.

12.2 Rules regarding the number of teams permitted to contest grading are as follows:

- Top 4 teams from BQJBC two years ago gain automatic entry in to BQJBC Premier League in their new age groupings and thus will not contest grading (i.e. Top 4 teams in U12 Boys gaining automatic entry in to U14 Boys Premier League Competition).
- Eligible Associations are permitted to enter one team to contest Premier League Grading (for those Associations whose first teams have gained automatic qualification their second team may be entered in to Premier League Grading)
- All third teams from any Association must start the season in Challenge Cup and therefore cannot contest Southern Cup grading.

Between Grading and Round One, the BQJBC draw will be developed and sent to the Association. As soon as it becomes available it will be forwarded onto the Team Managers. Please note BQ have a new system for developing draws to get them out as early as possible to allow families to plan their weekends. However, the first rounds may be released in the first instance with the remainder of the draw to follow shortly after. The draw will only be released until Round 7. *Please check the Basketball Queensland Website for BQJBC schedule and calendar of key dates.*

12.3 **Swap Over Challenge** - The Swap-Over Challenge gives the top two teams in Southern Cup the opportunity to play the bottom two teams in the Premier League, for their positions in Premier League. In age groups with three divisions the top two teams in Challenge Cup have the ability to play the bottom two teams in Southern Cup and in age groups with four divisions the top two teams in Development Cup have the ability to play the bottom two teams in Challenge Cup. Teams that can challenge and be challenged are determined at the end of Round 7. *Please check the Basketball Queensland Website for BQJBC schedule and calendar of key dates.* Final decision on whether a team is in a position to challenge up will be made by the USC Rip City Basketball player and coach development leadership group in consultation with the coach of the respective team.

12.4 **Wildcard Challenge** - All teams who are in Premier League must nominate to Division 1 of the State Championships. At the completion of Round 14 however, the 7th and 8th placed teams can be challenged for their Division 1 position through the Wildcard Challenge by teams who competed in the Southern Cup

Competition only. *Please check the Basketball Queensland Website for BQJBC schedule and calendar of key dates.* Final decision on whether a team in a position to challenge up will be made by the USC Rip City Basketball player and coach development leadership group in consultation with the coach of the respective team.

The format of the Wildcard Challenge Competition is set once all nominations are received. *Please check the Basketball Queensland Website for more information.*

- 12.5 **Finals Eligibility** - Players must play a minimum of 40% of games in a team to qualify to play finals for that team. In the case that 40% would not be a round number then the total will be rounded up (i.e. 5.6 games becomes 6 games).

Applications for Exemption to Eligibility Rule

Teams may apply for an exemption to the finals eligibility rules only under the below circumstances:

- If a player does not qualify due to an injury.
- If a player misses BQJBC games whilst representing their State in National Junior Championships, or Australia on official national duties at national camps or playing for Australia.
- If a team is reduced to 8 or less players for finals an application can be made to bring an additional player in to the team.
- If a player has moved more than 100km and joined an Association Rep team in the new year (2015) they will be required to play more than half of the remaining games to be eligible for finals (i.e. with 7 games remaining they will be required to play 4).

The full terms for applying for an exemption can be found in the 2016-17 BQJBC Official Rules. *Please check the Basketball Queensland Website for more information.*

- 12.6 **Zero Tolerance** - To ensure a safe and enjoyable playing environment for all players, officials and participants, Basketball QLD have implemented a Zero Tolerance Policy for inappropriate for Parents and Spectators in the 2018/19 Junior Representative season.

The Policy will ensure that:

1. There will be zero tolerance shown towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviour from parents and spectators
2. Any parent/guardian and/or spectator who behaves in the following manner:
 - Persistently or willfully question or challenge the rulings of the referees
 - Berate or abuse game officials i.e. referees and score table personnel
 - Berate or abuse team officials, coaches, managers
 - Berate or abuse players
 - Berate or abuse other parents or spectators
 - Berate or abuse any game day official such as a Court Controller, Referee Supervisor, Association Representative or Basketball Queensland Representative.
 - Display conduct which is inappropriate in a sporting environment will be asked to leave the venue immediately by the Court Controller. No warnings need be given in the event of the above action becoming necessary.

In addition to spectator behavior being monitored by the Court Controller and Referee Supervisor if the referees have an issue with a spectator they may stop the game and get the Court Controller and inform them of what has occurred in order to have the Court Controller remove the parent or spectator.

If at any stage during a game a referee believes a spectator needs to be observed for poor behavior they may stop the game and ask the Court Controller to observe and monitor the spectator. The Court Controller will take any actions they deem necessary after observing the spectator (i.e. removing the spectator without warning)

- 12.7 **Social Media** – All BQ events including BQJBC are covered by a comprehensive “Queensland Basketball Social Media Policy”. *Please check the Basketball Queensland Website for more information.*

12.8 **State Championships**

The Basketball Queensland 2019 State Championships will be hosted on the following dates.

- Under 12 Boys & Girls – TBA
- Under 14 Boys & Girls - TBA
- Under 16 Boys: April 9-13th - Logan Basketball Association, Cornubia Park/Mt Warren
- Under 16 Girls: April 9-13th - South West Metro Basketball - Hibiscus Sports Complex
- Under 18 Boys & Girls: January 9-13th - Gold Coast Basketball Association, Carrara Indoor Sports Precinct

12.9 **Basketball Qld** - Website and Information links

Further information as specified by Basketball Qld regarding the upcoming BQJBC and State Championship competitions, is all available at the following website.

Web Link – <https://basketballqld.com.au/>

Basketball Qld is the Governing body that organises and presides over these competitions and they set all the ground rules and framework to manage the competitions throughout the season.

The following information links can be found on the BQ web site

- Competitions > BQJBC > [Draws and Results](#)
- Competitions > State Championships > [Draws and Results](#)
- BQ Junior Competitions Information, Rules & Policies – [Click HERE](#)

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