

Mustangs Newsletter #2 – Friday 29th November

REFEREES ACTION DAY

Maitland Mustangs can only enter teams in BNSW competitions if we nominate enough qualified referees. We are hoping to nominate 14 teams in 2020. To be eligible to referee in any Basketball NSW competition, you must participate in a BNSW referees action day, the next and final action day is detailed below:

MINI ACTION DAY Venue: Cessnock Civic Indoor Sports Centre Dates: Sun 8th December, 2019 Time: 10:30am till 1.00pm Cost: \$30 Schedule: Fitness Test & Theory and On-court Sessions Registrations: HERE	Please note: Maitland Basketball will pay for Referees Action Day Participation Referees must be 14 years of age minimum at the starting date of the competition
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MUSTANGS REFEREES – LEVIES DISCOUNT

To encourage people to support our refereeing program and allow us to enter all teams into BNSW Competitions, Maitland Basketball is offering a special bonus to players and their family members who referee. **If a player or one of their family members referees in the 2020 representative season, the player will receive a 33% discount on their 2020 Mustangs player levies.**

To be eligible for the 33% discount, the referee is required to:

- Attend either of the action days
- Meet BNSW requirements to officiate in 2020 Waratah Junior Leagues
- Referee a minimum of 6 games throughout the regular season

As well as receiving a levies discount, the referee will also receive payment for game refereeing. We can also arrange assistance with transport by way of car-pooling with teams at the same venue if required by the referee. Please contact Trevor Gallacher if you are interested in this program:

development@maitland.basketball.net.au

Tamworth Preseason Games

Thank you to everyone who made the trip to Tamworth for our preseason games. We greatly appreciate everyone's efforts in helping make this day work, including referees, coaches, parents and scoretable helpers, and importantly all of the players for your great work on court.

Practice Sessions – November - December

Between now and Christmas will be as a complete age group (i.e. the Division 1 and 2 teams will train together). All Development Players are also invited to these sessions. All practice session times will be communicated directly by Division 1 team coaches until team managers are appointed.

Attendance

- All players are expected to attend all training sessions (including when injured).
 - If unable to attend practice because of sickness, school, work, family or other commitments, you need to communicate your absence to the team staff as early as possible.
 - **Repeated late/no communication will affect your playing opportunities.**
 - Arrive early to be on time (15 minutes early for practice, 30 minutes early for games – or as per the coaches' instructions). If you arrive at the scheduled start time, then you are late. If you have trouble making a scheduled start time, you must communicate this with your coach.
 - **Unexplained lateness / absence will affect your playing opportunities.**
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Weekly Mustangs Skills Sessions – Friday 6.15-7.30am

Our weekly skills sessions will continue until Friday 13th December. Every week we work on Individual Skills – Footwork, Ball Handling, Passing and Shooting and play small sided games.

Mustangs Club Day – Sunday 8th December

Our first Club day for the season is scheduled for the above date. Activities for the event are TBC, but all players and teams should expect to be at the stadium from approximately 8am-4pm. Please save this date in your calendar.

This event will start with an information session that all parents/carers are required to attend.

Planned activities for our next Club Day include: 3x3 Hustle Basketball, Scoretable education, Referees education, Squad Practice sessions,

2020 Mustangs Levies + Uniforms

All members are reminded that your \$100 deposit should already have been paid. At this stage we are awaiting the outcome of negotiations with BNSW and other associations regarding competition formats for 2020. We will be able to provide a detailed levy once the season format has been finalised, as well as individual player sponsor options.

Please note that final levy payments will be due by Friday 7th February.