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**Welcome to 2009!**

Hi all,

By the emails I have received over the past few weeks, I am not sure how well this newsletter is read or distributed. This newsletter should be put onto your web page (which you have free as part of your FIBA Organizer) and distributed to your board or executive members.

This newsletter tells you what is happening at BBNZ, what is coming up and what is due, so the more people that read this, the better informed everyone will be.

You might like to take excerpts from it and place in your own newsletters. I am sure we can supply you with whatever information you need, if requested.

**I am still waiting for quite a few associations to return their questionnaire to me. Please complete this asap, so we can work out what assistance you require and also I would like to put some of your highlights into this newsletter. If you have misplaced the questionnaire, please advise and I can send you another copy.**

Thank you to those associations that paid their affiliation fee on time, especially the six that paid well before March 1: Basketball Hawke's Bay, Counties Manukau, West Auckland, Rotorua, Te Aroha and Western BOP plus the four associate associations.

Also, entries for BBNZ premierships for the U17 & U19 have closed and the draw is being confirmed.

The next thing happening is the 2008 BBNZ AGM in Wellington on March 21-22. If you have not got a delegate attending from your

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association, I would advise you to rethink that and send someone. It is a great networking opportunity plus you get to learn what changes are being made first-hand.

All the best to all the associations that have entered teams into the U17 and U19 premierships.

Yours in Basketball  
Glenda Rodger

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Kia Ora basketball community,

**Re: BBNZ 2009 Budget**

The past two years have been particularly difficult financially for BBNZ. Funding cuts in 2007 led to a major restructuring of staff levels and service delivery within head office. Last year saw increased pressure on BBNZ's financial resources with the women's Olympic campaign and the men's Olympic qualifying campaign both being conducted in a year when the organisation won the hosting rights to the 2009 FIBA World U19 Championships for Men, fully restructured the NBL, committed extra funds to a struggling Sirens programme and continued to rationalise its service delivery.

A worsening economy – both in New Zealand and around the world – has prompted a full analysis of BBNZ programmes. A grim example of this has been SPARC's recent decision to stop funding the Tall Ferns for 2009, a huge blow to the women's programme.

Under these conditions, the 2009 BBNZ budget has been prepared with the key objective of continuing to deliver core services, while minimising risk to the overall financial sustainability of the sport. To achieve this, BBNZ has reviewed all its costs and retained only what it considers absolutely necessary for the delivery of core services. It should be noted that, in many areas, participation costs have remained static for the past 4-5 years, while increases in related expenses have, until now, been absorbed by BBNZ.

BBNZ can no longer afford to absorb the

extra costs associated with tournaments, leagues, events, national teams, development programmes etc and we must now pass those costs on to those who participate in these programmes. In the coming year, you will note an increase in participation costs. BBNZ is committed to minimising these increases and will, on each occasion, explain the reason behind them.

Competition fees have remained consistent for the last four years causing BBNZ to absorb any inflated costs over these years. With the current financial situation, increases and reductions have been made to these budgets so BBNZ is able to supply these services to you as our stakeholders.

Entry fees have been increased to keep up with inflation of suppliers' products and services. Our intention was to increase tournament host fees and to send more BBNZ staff to competitions to help service the competition and to provide support to the host. Unfortunately, the financial situation has caused a reduction of hosting fees and BBNZ staff attending tournaments. BBNZ will continue to submit sponsorship proposals and funding applications to help support these competitions, but as you know, sponsorship is tight and funding is not guaranteed so these options will not be taken lightly.

BBNZ board and staff are totally committed to delivering the best possible services to the basketball community through this difficult period. We look forward to working closely with all stakeholders to maintain and develop this sport for the benefit of all.

Nga mihi

Dale Stephens  
Chief Executive



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## 2009 Development Camps Overview

### U18 Preparation Camp

High performance development programme - final preparation and selection of national U18 teams for Australian State Champs & Spanish Invitation

Friday-Sunday, March 13-15

Men – Wellington

Women – Auckland

### National Camp 2

High performance development programme – to prepare national junior teams for international tournaments (Emerging teams for FIBA Oceania Champs & U16s for Australian State Champs)

Tuesday-Saturday, April 14-18

Boys – Hamilton

Girls – Hamilton

### Cluster Camp 1

Development programme for association nominated U15 & U17 athletes – aims to expose participants to national philosophies, pathways and programming.

From this camp identified athletes are invited to the next Cluster Camp for their specific age group.

Saturday-Sunday, May 16-17

May 16 – North (Auckland)

May 16 – Mid-North (Cambridge)

May 16 – Upper South (Rangiora)

May 17 – Central (Palmerston North)

May 17 – Lower South (Dunedin)

### U16 Preparation Camp

High performance development programme - final preparation and selection for national U16 teams for Australian State Champs

Friday-Sunday, June 19-21

Boys – Hamilton, TBC

Girls – Hamilton, TBC

### Cluster Camp 2

Development programme for association nominated U13 athletes & invited U17 athletes – ongoing identification and selection for Koru Tour

Saturday-Sunday, July 25-26

25 July – Mid-North (Rotorua)

25 July – Central (Wanganui)

25 July – Upper South (Nelson)

25 July – Lower South (Timaru)

26 July – North (Auckland)

### Cluster Camp 3

Development programme for invited U13 & U15 athletes – ongoing identification and selection for Koru Tour

Saturday-Sunday, August 22-23

August 22 – North (Auckland)

August 22 – Mid-North (Hamilton)

August 22 – Upper South (Christchurch)

August 23 – Central (Wanganui)

August 23 – Lower South (Dunedin)

### Regional Camp 1

High performance development programme (U16 & U18) – for national level athletes and those who demonstrate the potential to reach that level. All aspiring coaches, referees and support staff also have an opportunity to be involved.

Friday-Sunday October 30-November 1

North – Rotorua

South – Christchurch

### Koru Camp

Development programme for U13, U15 & U17 invited athletes - preparation for Koru Tour, this includes the reserves as well as those named for the Koru Tour

Friday-Sunday November 6-8

North – Auckland (Waitakere)

Central – Palmerston North

South – Christchurch



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## Tournaments Update

If you blinked, you would have missed January, February slipped by pretty quickly too, and now our first tournaments for the 2009 season are just weeks away

Entries for U17 and U19 premierships have now closed, and final dates for payments and team roster updates are looming, please have a quick look below to make sure you're aware of the dates.

For all teams entering premierships it is important to remember **you need to provide referees**. You can opt to pay the \$200 fee, but we would like to see you developing referees within your associations and bringing them along to tournaments.

Thanks to all those administrators and helpers out there who are, once again, getting teams entered and organised, you do an amazing job for your associations and players, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

For any tournament enquiries, or help with payments or entering online please don't hesitate to contact me [nick@basketball.org.nz](mailto:nick@basketball.org.nz) or (04)4985967.

Good luck for the tournaments coming up.

### TOURNAMENT DUE DATES

#### **U21 Nationals**

Entries: April 3; Payment: April 10

#### **U17 Nationals**

Entries: April 24; Payment: May 1

#### **U19 Nationals**

Entries: April 24; Payment: May 1

## 2009 BBNZ Tournaments

March will see the beginning of the 2009 BBNZ tournament calendar, with the U17 premierships taking court from March 27-29 and the following weekend, the U19 premierships taking court from April 3-5.

In a late change, the Wellington Basketball Association has replaced New Plymouth as the host for the U19 zone three tournament.

TOURNAMENT DATE	TOURNAMENT	HOST ASSOCIATION
March 27-29	U17 Prem Zone 1	Whangarei
March 27-29	U17 Prem Zone 2	Taupo
March 27-29	U17 Prem Zone 3	Porirua
March 27-29	U17 Prem Zone 4	Otago
April 3-5	U19 Prem Zone 1	North Harbour
April 3-5	U19 Prem Zone 2	Western BOP
April 3-5	U19 Prem Zone 3	Wellington
April 3-5	U19 Prem Zone 4	Canterbury

To find out more on the 2009 tournament calendar and the tournament due dates please use the BBNZ website link below <http://www.basketball.org.nz/competitions/tournaments/calendar/>

BBNZ will again use the Sporting Pulse website for tournament entries. Information regarding the process will be sent to all associations and posted on the BBNZ website shortly.

For any further information, please contact the tournaments coordinator Nick Crocker, DDI 04 4985967 or email [nick@basketball.org.nz](mailto:nick@basketball.org.nz).



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## Emerging Juniors at U21 Nationals

Basketball New Zealand has approved the participation of the New Zealand Emerging Junior Tall Blacks and Ferns at the U21 Championships in Tauranga from May 6-9.

A recommendation was made to the BBNZ board to allow both national U17 teams to compete against association teams at the U21 tournament in 2009 to give them quality preparation games without the expense of an external tour, a motion that was passed at the last board meeting on February 28.

The Emerging Junior Tall Blacks and Ferns will compete against Australia at the FIBA Oceania U17 Championships in Brisbane in August, with places at the 2010 FIBA Championships at stake.

As BBNZ Internal Regulations only allow athletes to compete in one age-group championship per calendar year, the BBNZ board agreed to allow the U17 teams to compete with dispensation.

Any player selected for the national teams will not be available for their association teams, while the Emerging teams will also be ineligible for placings at the tournament.

"This move was important for the Emerging Juniors programme this year, giving them meaningful preparation games in New Zealand before their FIBA Oceania world qualifiers in August," BBNZ national teams general manager Grant Chapman said.

"While the national teams get first choice of U17 athletes, it is unlikely to affect the majority of association teams as few U17 athletes are selected to play at U21 level."

## New Court Markings Timeline

Basketball New Zealand has set the timeline for changes to basketball court markings over the next four years.

Last April, the FIBA Central Board voted to change court markings, reshaping the restricted area (lane) from a trapezoid to rectangle, extending the three-point line and adding a no-charge zone under the hoop.

The changes come into effect from October 1, 2010 for level one competitions (main FIBA official competitions: Olympic tournaments, world championships for men, women, U19 and U17, and zone/continental championships for men and women) and from October 1, 2012 for level two competitions (other FIBA official competitions and high level competitions of national federations).

In New Zealand, the BBNZ board has approved the following timeline for the changeover:

- Any venue hosting games at national tournament level or above (including NBL, CBL, WBC, FIBA Oceania or international games) must have the new court markings permanently marked by the start of the 2011 season (defined as the first national tournament or league fixture).
- Venues staging zone premierships and below must have the new court markings permanently marked by the start of the 2013 season (defined as the first national tournament or league fixture) but must mark the new three-point arc using tape for such tournaments in 2011 and 2012.

Full details and measurements of the court marking changes can be found on the [FIBA website](http://www.fiba.org).

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### Wheelchair Basketball Referee Course

The Nelson Bays Wheelchair Basketball Club will conduct a referee course, with IWBF accredited referee Gavin Zimmerman, as part of its annual tournament from May 15-17.

With a cost of \$30, the course, from 1-5pm on Friday, May 15, will cover an introduction to refereeing wheelchair basketball, improving referees' knowledge and helping develop the wheelchair game.

Course participants will be expected to referee at least one game during the tournament, which starts on Saturday, May 16. Referees receive \$15 per game, which can help off-set the cost of the course.

To register your interest in attending the course and tournament, please contact Carol Daley at [bpollen@ts.co.nz](mailto:bpollen@ts.co.nz) or Chris Varcoe at [eo.nnbasketball@xtra.co.nz](mailto:eo.nnbasketball@xtra.co.nz)

### Referees!

It is that time of year again for referees to register with Basketball New Zealand to officiate at Basketball New Zealand events in the 2009 season. Please find attached a [2009 registration form](#).

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### BBNZ Referee Gear

Basketball New Zealand has referee gear for sale in the following styles and sizes:

#### Referee Shirts (\$50 each)

size 8  
size 10  
size 12  
size Small  
size XL  
size XXL

#### Black Jackets (\$95 each)

size 10  
size 12  
size Small  
size Medium  
size Large  
size XL  
size XXL

#### Black Polos (\$40 each)

size Small  
size Medium  
size Large  
size XL  
size XXL

#### Whistles

Economy at \$8 each  
Coast2Coast Fox 40 Classic at \$18 each  
Coast2Coast Fox 40 CMG Classic at \$25

These quantities and sizes represent current stock levels, with new stock arriving soon and available via order.



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## Voting Rights for the AGM

Membership numbers to determine voting numbers at the 2008 BBNZ AGM were taken on January 31. To ensure you get your appropriate voting rights, ensure BBNZ has received a copy of your **2007** annual and financial reports, and that your association has paid the annual affiliation fee of \$1500, which was due on March 1.

- Up to 499 players  
**two votes**
- Between 500 and 999 players  
**three votes**
- Between 1000 and 1999 players  
**four votes**
- 2000 and over players  
**five votes**

The following associations have not paid their affiliation fees for 2009/10 or contacted BBNZ (as at March 10):

Basketball Auckland, Basketball Wanganui, Buller BA, Central Otago BA, Taranaki Country BA, Thames Valley BA

## Quick Reminder

All associations should have upgraded their version of Sportzware Central to Sportzware Central Version 7.0 by now. If you have not upgraded yet and/or need help email [bbnz@basketball.org.nz](mailto:bbnz@basketball.org.nz) for a manual.

## Call For FIBA U19 Volunteers

The FIBA U19 World Championship is being held in Auckland from July 2- 12, and is a unique opportunity to showcase our country and to let our personality shine through our volunteers.

The 2009 FIBA U19 World Championship volunteers will be the face of the event. As a Volunteer you will be the first person our visitors see and talk to at the games. Your commitment to deliver an event that is underpinned by a friendly and professional image is what will make this event a success. As a volunteer you will inspire others and help BBNZ to create a legacy for volunteering and basketball.

We will be recruiting volunteers, both seasoned and new to the game, who can offer a range of skills and experience. We are seeking volunteers who have the time, skills and experience to make this an event to remember for the teams, for FIBA, for Basketball NZ and for New Zealanders.

The event organisers will start recruiting volunteers soon. We are already working to identify volunteers for our more specialist roles, officials and language experts.

In the meantime if you would like to make yourself known to us please email [nicole@u19bballchamps.co.nz](mailto:nicole@u19bballchamps.co.nz), put 'Volunteers' in the subject line and your contact details in the body of the email and we will be back in touch with you.

This is an opportunity for you to enjoy the company of other volunteers, to be part of an exciting event and to give back to your sport and community.



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## 2009 FIBA U19 Championship for Men

The New Zealand Junior Tall Blacks have been grouped with Argentina, Croatia and Kazakhstan in group D for the FIBA U19 Championship for Men in July.

The JTBs will open their tournament campaign on Tuesday, July 2 against Argentina. The result of the draw sees the JTBs face Argentina and Croatia, two teams they faced and lost to at the Albert Schweitzer Tournament in Germany last year.

Group A sees Lithuania, Greece, Puerto Rico and Angola put together; USA, France, Egypt and Iran sit in group B; and Australia, Spain, Canada and Syria will battle for spots out of group C.



## Junior Tall Blacks

**Players** (Extended Squad): Matt Aird, Duane Bailey, David Beck, Josh Bloxham, Riki Buckrell, Tom du Chatanier, Justin Edwards, Poutu Edwards, Tipene Friday, David Garbett Ovens, James Holland, Sam King, Rob Loe, Morgan Nathan, Hemi Pairama-Lewington, Dion Prewster, Adam Rainbird, Tom Rowe, Brook Ruscoe, Te Paeo Silver, Logan van Beek, Thomas Webb

**Head Coach:** Kenny McFadden

**Assistant Coach:** Judd Flavell

**Video Technician:** Jozsef Molnar

**Technical Advisor:** Mike McHugh

**Campaign Director:** Deslea Wrathall

**Manager:** Debbie Webb

*In July, the NZ Junior Tall Blacks will take on the world's best teenage players at the FIBA U19 world championship in Auckland. Each month, we will introduce you to the players striving to continue this nation's proud international basketball record.*

### Introducing...

**Junior Tall Black**

**Sam King**



**Association:** Otago

**School:** Otago Boys' High

**CBL Team:** JTB/Breakers

**Position:** Power forward

**Born:** April 8, 1991 at Invercargill

**Height:** 2.00m

**National Teams:** Junior Tall Blacks

**Career Highlight:** Making JTBs

**Career Ambition:** Playing for NZ Breakers

**Role Model:** Dwight Howard

**What do you enjoy most about basketball?** All of it

### Favourites

**Teams:** OBHS 1<sup>st</sup> V

**All-Star Five:** Isaiah Thomas, Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, Dwight Howard, Wilt Chamberlain

**Movie:** Step Brothers

**Song:** Street Love

**Food:** "Food is good"

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### One on One...

By the time you receive this newsletter, the draw for the FIBA U19 Championship for Men in Auckland will have been completed at a function at the Sky City Tower.

The Junior Tall Blacks have drawn Argentina, Croatia and Kazakhstan in group D, with their first game on Thursday, July 2 against Argentina. The JTBS also began their on-court preparation, finishing runner-up in the U23 section at the Big V Pre-season Tournament in Melbourne. Well done guys.

In mid-March the 2009 NBL gets underway and we wish all the teams, officials, referees and supporters of the league an exciting and rewarding season. Much work has been done to review the league for 2009 and beyond and we all look forward with anticipation to see our best men's basketballers in action.

A further reminder regarding the regional scorecard project being coordinated through SPARC and the Regional Sports Trusts. We are very fortunate indeed to be one of only six sports selected for this research, so please make every effort to work with the researchers.

Many of you will know that there are some new rules and court marking being implemented world wide. BBNZ and its technical commission have worked through these changes and in the next week or so you will receive advice as to the process and timings for the introduction of these rule changes. Internationally the changes take place toward the end of 2010, so we will be giving lots of time to implement these changes in your areas.

The last part of the month of March will see the Annual General Meeting being held in Wellington.

We look forward to seeing as many as possible of you then as we meet collectively to work our way through a number of the key issues facing the sport for the coming year.

Bounce bounce ...

Dale Stephens  
Chief Executive

### Sportzware Update

Just a quick note to let you know there is a new feature on our Sportzware Websites that you may want to use. Check out this site, set up as a test

[http://www.sportingpulse.com/assoc\\_page.cgi?c=1-6062-0-0-0](http://www.sportingpulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-6062-0-0-0)

Note that the front page news and banners on the right-hand side can now rotate/fade. Makes the site look more dynamic and takes virtually no time for you to set up.

If you want to try it on your site, simply login to the back end / administrator area, Go to the Content Manager Icon (where you load your articles), right click on the section (menu item) that you wish to change to this format and click on the configure button. Once there, choose the appropriate fade / rotate option from the drop down list you are presented with and click save.

If you have any queries, or want to do other things with your site, give Sportzware a call on 0800 808 202. Alternately you can contact Callum McNair on 021 782 244 or [c.mcnair@sportingpulse.com](mailto:c.mcnair@sportingpulse.com).

