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## Welcome to 2009!

I hope you have all had a good rest and are ready for the challenges of a new year. One challenge we all will be having is the tightening of the draw strings. With gaming machine funding down, it is imperative that we ensure that what we offer our members can be covered from within the budget and any funding you do get will be the bonus. So it is important to ensure that what you offer your members is quality, so they don't mind paying that little bit extra.

This means ensuring that in your annual plans for this year, you should have official courses organised to coincide with your different markets. You should also be offering different level coaching courses, especially to the new Mums and Dads that will become involved with their sons or daughters miniball teams and if you have any new executive members, it may pay to see what your local regional sports trust or volunteer recruitment centre has to offer in ways of up-skilling.

At the end of last year, I sent you all a questionnaire to fill in. I am hoping that you can send this back to me by or as close to Friday, February 6 as you can. As I am not mobile this will assist me in planning what things I either need to work on to assist you to reach your goal or to facilitate someone else to come in and assist. Also I am interested in seeing your highlights for last year and what your goals are for this year.

Remember, I am only a phone call or an email away.

All the best for your 2009 season.

Yours in Basketball  
Glenda Rodger

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## Association Membership Levies Due March 1, 2009

A reminder to all associations that their membership levy of \$1500 plus GST is due to BBNZ by March 1, 2009.

Associations that have not paid their membership levy and have team(s) entered into any BBNZ tournaments, be advised that your team(s) will not be able to take the court until this payment is made.





## Gone Camping

More than 80 athletes and coaches descended on Palmerston North in January for Basketball New Zealand's All-NZ Camp.

The Emerging Junior Tall Blacks and U16 boys got things started on Thursday, January 22 with day one of their five-day camp at Massey University and Arena Manawatu, before the Emerging Junior Tall Ferns and U16 girls arrived on Monday, January 26 for a five-day camp ending January 30.

The annual camp, held in the Manawatu capital for a second year, offered a chance for BBNZ's coach and player development staff and elite age-group coaches and athletes to start preparations for their respective 2009 campaigns and developing them towards the Junior Tall Blacks and Junior Tall Ferns and eventually the senior national teams, the Tall Blacks and Tall Ferns.

"It's for our elite athletes. We've got the U16 and U17 age groups this time," BBNZ player development officer Sue Pene said.

"It's the start of our preparation for the FIBA Oceania qualifiers for the U17s this year. This starts the season for the Emerging and U16 groups, and it also gets the players and coaches together in a focused elite environment."

Athletes and coaches will work through both on and off-court sessions during the camp, with one or two trainings per day, fitness testing and intra-squad games on the final three days, and education sessions that cover nutrition, strength and conditioning and goal-setting.

"The on-court sessions are mainly fundamentals, game education and situations and then they have off-court sessions like

## Annual General Meeting

The 2008 Annual General Meeting, is being held in **Wellington** on **Saturday and Sunday, March 21/22 2009** at the Holiday Inn, 75 Featherston Street, Wellington

AGM papers were sent to associations and life members on Wednesday January 14, by mail. These included:

- Notice of the AGM and conference
- Conference Format
- The following forms for completion:
  - Notice of Business Form
  - Motion to Change Constitution Form
  - Delegate Form
  - Attendance Form
  - Nomination Forms: President, Vice President, Board Member
  - Annual Awards Nomination Forms
- Schedule One – Flights held for travel to Wellington

All these documents can also be found on the bbnz website:

<http://www.basketball.org.nz/about/2008-bbnz-annual-general-meeting/>

If you have any questions regarding the AGM please contact:

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nutrition – they had to cook their own meals and for the coaching staff – strength and conditioning, fitness testing and setting goals, helping them set out their training and competition schedules and workloads," Pene said.





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Most of the U16 athletes came into the All-NZ Camp directly from the 2009 Koru development tour to Albury, New South Wales, where New Zealand teams competed in the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup last week.

The Emerging squads will contest the FIBA Oceania U17 Championships in August, while the U16 squads will contest the Australian U16 State Championships in Ulverston, Tasmania, in July.

New Zealand's other major age-group tournaments in 2009 include the Junior Tall Blacks at the FIBA U19 Championship for Men in Auckland from July 2-12 and the U18 squad at the Australian U18 State Championships in Gawler, South Australia, in April.

The All-NZ Camp programme began in 2005, with the first two camps held in December in Auckland, before switching to Palmerston North and January dates in 2008

### Australian Youth Olympic Festival

The New Zealand U18 men claimed bronze medals on the final day of the Australian Youth Olympic Festival basketball tournament in Sydney on Saturday. Behind a team-high 27 points from Cantabrian Ethan Rusbatch and double-doubles from captain Max Williams and Tepasu Thomas, New Zealand blew a fourth-quarter lead before prevailing 86-85 in overtime over Japan in the bronze medal playoff.

Rusbatch (10/22 FG, 6/12 3pt, 1/2 FT) hit the game-winning three-point shot with 40 seconds remaining in overtime as New Zealand claimed their second win over Japan, improving to 2-2. Rusbatch, the scoring leader throughout the week, also pitched in with eight rebounds, four

assists and two blocks. Williams, who hit a big three with just over a minute to play in regulation to level the scores at 77-77, finished with 17 points (7/16 FG, 3/11 3pt), 13 rebounds and dropped three assists. Thomas, who along with Rusbatch and Williams played all 45 minutes, had 12 points (6/12 FG, 0/2 FT), but his big contribution came on the glass, corralling 20 boards, including 11 offensive, also with four assists.

New Zealand led by as many as 15 points in the third quarter after a powerful 24-13 second period put them ahead by 12 at halftime. The Kiwis still led by 11 points with 6:23 remaining in the fourth period but were outscored 18-7 down the stretch, with Tia Temata-Frost, who finished with 10 points, having a potential game-winner blocked in the final minute. New Zealand jumped on the Japanese early, jumping out to a nine-point lead after four minutes, but were then outscored 14-1 as Japan took a four-point advantage.

A 62-33 rebounding edge proved the difference for the Kiwis, scoring 20 points off 26 offensive boards. New Zealand shot 42 percent from the field and 29 percent on threes, similar percentages to their Asian opponents, and won despite being outscored in the paint and lost the turnover battle 21-11.

The country's U18 women had to settle for fourth after a 95-64 loss to China in the bronze playoff. Jasmine Davis top-scored with 17 points (7/13 FG, 3/6 FT) along with five rebounds, while Samara Gallaher had 13 points (3/10 FG, 7/8 FT), eight rebounds and three steals, and Shiana-Rose Harris and Jasana Salmon added nine points each.

New Zealand, who shot 27 percent from the floor and 24 percent on long-range attempts, did manage to win the fourth quarter 18-12, but were convincingly outplayed in the first three



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periods, down 25 at halftime. The Kiwi women trailed by nine points after the first quarter but were outplayed and outscored by 28 points in the middle quarters. New Zealand did turn the ball over fewer times than China, but were heavily out-rebounded and outscored in the paint.

### Australian Youth Olympic Festival *Sydney Uni Sports & Aquatic Centre*

#### Men

##### *Bronze Medal Playoff*

**New Zealand 86** (Ethan Rusbatch 27, Max Williams 17, Tepasu Thomas 12, Tia Temata-Frost 10) **Japan 85** (Kengo Nomoto 29, Kodai Kimura 22, Taku Bando 11)

##### *Section Play*

**Australia 83** (Anthony Drmic 19, Jackson Aldridge 11) **New Zealand 30** (Scott Sharp 8)

**New Zealand 92** (Max Williams 18, Ben McIlwaine 15, Ethan Rusbatch 12, Tepasu Thomas 11) **Japan 71** (Kodai Kimura 22, Taku Bando 15, Kengo Nomoto 14)

**China 90** (Shang Gao 26, Zhiming Shan 15, Mingxin Ju 15, Hongfei Shi 12) **New Zealand 54** (Ethan Rusbatch 16)

#### Women

##### *Bronze Medal Playoff*

**China 95** (Wen Wen Zhang 19, Jiahe Zhang 15, Dong Yu 14, Mengran Sun 12, Jiayi Zuo 10) **New Zealand 64** (Jasmine Davis 17, Samara Gallaher 13)

##### *Section Play*

**Australia 87** (Gretel Tippet 14, Lauren Nicholson 14, Ashley Kiraitiana 13) **New Zealand 37** (Anna Lacey 12)

**Japan 92** (Aoi Katsura 25, Rina Hayakawa 16, Aya Tsurumi 12, Naoko Chikahira 12, Asami

Chiku 10, Naho Miyoshi 10) **New Zealand 71** (Anna Lacey 21, Shannon Perrett 10, Jasmine Davis 10)

**China 85** (Dong Yu 12, Dongxue Zhang 12, Mengran Sun 11, Wen Wen Zhang 11) **New Zealand 51** (Shiana-Rose Harris 10)

## 2009 BBNZ Tournaments

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

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	New Plymouth
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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## The Paperless Club

For many years the administration of a sports club has been left to too few. You know who you are and you know how often your labour of love can be a frustrating and thankless role. The Paperless Club aims to cut down on administration, save money and allow people to get back to watching and participating in sport. It's as easy as 1-2-3. It doesn't cost anything to become paperless, it's about changing the way in which you administer your club. You can do it today.

**1) Stop printing:** Do you get annoyed at the tireless job of printing everything? Think about the time and money you would save if you completely stopped printing fixtures, ladders, results, newsletters and club information. The savings are enormous. No more paper, ink, photocopying, stapling, folding, repairs to printers and photocopiers. The costs add up and often without you even thinking twice about it.

**2) Stop mailing:** Ask yourself, do you really need to mail information out? How often do you mail out fixtures and newsletters? Most clubs spend hundreds of dollars on mailing each year. It's a hidden cost of running a sports club and it can be stopped overnight. No more envelopes, stamps, rushing to the post office, lost or returned mail. Ask yourself - do you really need to mail fixtures and newsletters out to members? Surely there is an easier way?

**3) Put everything on your website:** Wouldn't you like a place where people can visit your club 24/7? Educate your members to visit the club website for fixtures and newsletters, club information, results, ladders and team news. More people are getting online every day and are discovering the time they can save, so shouldn't you make it even easier for them?

Save time and money - become a Paperless Club. **Fact:** In May 2008, Geelong Basketball became a Paperless Club. They stopped printing fixtures and newsletters, reduced their mailing costs significantly and educated their members to go online to Basketball Geelong's website. The result was a reduction in time and costs, and a massive rise of 547% in online traffic.



**Quote:** "Gosford City Basketball & Sports Stadium also took the Green Approach in 2008 which has saved us money and more importantly time regarding the use of paper, photocopying and sheer man power. Our basketball community has embraced the internet revolution and this has allowed us to provide information covering more extensive areas just because we have time to devote to the finer details." – Christine Desmond.

**Become paperless today:** You can become a Paperless Club today by simply putting all fixtures, newsletters and information at your club on your website. Save money and enjoy extra time to enjoy your sport. You can do it. If you would like to know more about SportingPulse websites and software, please feel free to contact us and we would be more than happy to assist.

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## Voting Rights for the AGM

Please make sure you have your final figures for members on your FIBA Organiser updated and synchronised to the web by January 31.

We will be taking your members' numbers and allocating the number of votes your associations has from this. Ensure BBNZ has received a copy of your **2007** annual and financial reports. Last, but not least, please make sure that your association doesn't owe BBNZ any money. If all this is signed off, then you will receive your correct number of votes.

- 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**

## 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.

## Congratulations to...!



Congratulations to international referee Gavin Whiu, who was named referee/umpire of the year at the Waikato Regional Sports Awards late last year and also to national age-group coach Colin Driscoll, who received a service to sport award. The late Murray McMahon, who coached the Waikato Pistons to the National Basketball League title in June, was honoured posthumously with an outstanding contribution to sport award, accepted by his sons Dean and Aaron. Former Harbour Basketball administrator Anthony Corban has been appointed to succeed McMahon as SportsForce basketball development officer in the Waikato, starting on January 19.

## 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.

# KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ACTION



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**2009 FIBA World Championships for U19 Men**

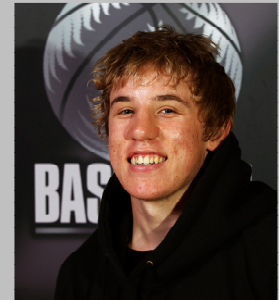
New Zealand will host the most important basketball event in the world and the third biggest of the international calendar in Auckland. With an international audience estimated at more than 100 million viewers, 16 teams compete for global supremacy. It will be the biggest sports event in New Zealand this year and not to be missed! The NZ Junior Tall Blacks have the chance to impress college and professional scouts, as well as build on the Tall Blacks' proud international reputation.

**When** July 2-12, 2009**Where** Auckland & North Shore  
North Shore Events Centre, ASB Stadium & Vector Arena**Draw** March 2, Sky City Hotel, Auckland**Junior Tall Blacks**

**Players** (Extended Squad): Matt Aird, Jake Ashby, Duane Bailey, David Beck, Josh Bloxham, Patrich Bolstad, Riki Buckrell, Sam Butler, Tom du Chatanier, Adam Dunstan, Justin Edwards, Poutu Edwards, Tipene Friday, Logan Funnell, David Garbett Ovens, Daniel Green, James Holland, Sam King, Micah Lepaio, Winston Li, Rob Loe, Morgan Nathan, Hemi Pairama-Lewington, Dion Prewster, Adam Rainbird, Tom Rowe, Brook Ruscoe, Te Puao Silver, Logan van Beek, Thomas Webb

**Head Coach:** Kenny McFadden**Assistant Coach:** Judd Flavell**Video Technician:** Jozsef Molnar**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 World U19 Championships 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**  
**Logan Van Beek****Association:** Canterbury**School:** St Andrew's College**CBL Team:** JTB/Breakers**Position:** Point guard**Born:** September 7, 1990 at Christchurch**Height:** 1.83m**National Teams:** Junior Tall Blacks**National Tournament Honours:** NZ Secondary Schools tournament team, NZ U19 tournament team**Career Highlight:** Making JTBs**Career Ambition:** Playing for NZ Breakers**Role Model:** Muhammad Ali**What do you enjoy most about basketball?** The speed of the game**Favourites****Coaches:** Jozsef Molnar, Kenny McFadden & Judd Flavell**Teams:** JTBs, St Andrew's College**All-Star Five:** Magic Johnson, Michael Jordan, Kareem Abdul Jabbar, Kobe Bryant, LeBron James**TV Show:** Prison Break**Video Game:** Tiger Woods 06**Movies:** Die Hard series, Ace Ventura**Song:** Ordinary People by John Legend**Food:** Lamb pasanda

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**Wanted: Tall Fern Head Coach**

Basketball New Zealand invites expressions of interest for the position of head coach of the national women's basketball team – the NZ Tall Ferns.

After attending three consecutive Olympics, this young team is ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the world and has the potential to crack the top 10 in the next four years.

In 2009, the Tall Ferns will undertake a schedule designed to prepare them for the Oceania Championships in September. It is hoped this programme might include the World University Games in Serbia, July 1-12.

BBNZ is looking for a coach with appropriate experience at international or elite national level to guide this team towards the 2012 London Olympics.

All candidates for national team roles must possess the following general attributes:

- Committed and enthusiastic to be involved in BBNZ programmes and displaying loyalty to BBNZ, the national team programme and personnel
- Will act as a positive ambassador and spokesperson for BBNZ
- Excellent communication and team-building skills
- Willingness to share information and experiences with other members of the basketball community
- A willingness to contribute to BBNZ development initiatives and underpinning programmes (clinics, workshops, camps etc)
- Actively pursuing other opportunities for professional development

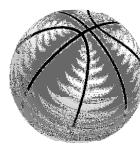
Coaches must possess the following basketball attributes ...

- Advanced level of coaching certification
- Knowledge of technical and tactical aspects of basketball
- Understanding of international basketball and demands placed on athletes, coaches and teams at the international level
- Familiarity with the talent pool in New Zealand would be advantageous
- Experience dealing with elite athletes and coaching at the national or international level
- Demonstrated history of coaching success at the highest levels of competition
- Willingness to assist the BBNZ performance group in implementing a national philosophy and common playing outcomes

If you are interested in filling any of these positions, please apply to BBNZ by close of business Friday, February 13. Expressions of interest should include ...

- Letter of introduction
- Contact details
- Coach CV

For further information, contact BBNZ national teams general manager Grant Chapman on [chapman@basketball.org.nz](mailto:chapman@basketball.org.nz) or ph 027 687 5373.

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## One on One...

### Bronze!

Congratulations to the New Zealand U18 men's team on their bronze medal at the Australian Youth Olympic Festival in Sydney. This is a rare feat and is a tribute to the athletes, coaches, staff and supporters of this team. This month has also seen our largest annual contingent of athletes travel to Australia on the Koru Tour. This programme is a central part of our annual calendar providing a great opportunity for our youth to experience top level basketball at an early age. Thank you to all involved who regularly make this tour such a resounding success.

BBNZ continues to work closely with SPARC and appreciates the direct assistance from Michael Taylor (relationship manager), Mike McHugh (coaching) and Paul Smith (high performance). One piece of work they are currently coordinating is a "regional scorecard" project, involving the collection and analysis of data regarding specific sports and participation trends. Basketball has been selected as one of only six sports for this research. I encourage all associations to liaise with their regional sports trust when they make these enquiries with you. This research will be hugely beneficial to us all.

We are all in tough financial times. BBNZ recognises the potential effect this may have on basketball and is carefully planning to ensure it can still deliver the core services so necessary for this sport. As we work through some of the key issues facing us we will continue to encourage open dialogue to ensure we all understand how we plan to get through the difficult period ahead.

We all look forward to a big year ahead. The NBL returns in March, plans are afoot for a new

women's championship, our tournament schedule is fully on target, international programmes are being finalised for our elite teams and we are delivering the FIBA U19 Championship for Men in July. What a great start with that bronze medal!

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 RHS 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.mcnaair@sportingpulse.com](mailto:c.mcnaair@sportingpulse.com).

