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Hi All!

Welcome to the New Year. We hope you enjoyed your Christmas break and are ready for another year of awesome basketball!

We started the year by sending our age-group teams to Australia for the Koru Tour. We are really proud of all our athletes that participated at the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup and would like to say special congratulations to the U14 Boys Kea for winning their division!

The All-NZ Camp was also held last week in Rotorua, so it has been a busy month for junior basketball.

The Basketball New Zealand AGM is only a month away now. Hopefully, you have all synchronised your FIBA Organiser by now. Remember that if your association would like voting rights at the AGM, you need to synchronise your database, and provide a copy of your annual report and statement of accounts. Please also check your association contact details on our website by going to www.basketball.org.nz and clicking on "Local Associations". Email any changes to roslyn@basketball.org.nz.

The National Basketball League starts next month. It will be very exciting to have Otago Nuggets return to the league and to see new team Southland Sharks make their debut. Be sure to support your team and get along to their games!

The BBNZ tournament calendar is now out (please see next page of this newsletter). We have been unable to find hosts for six tournaments, so if your association can host any of the available events please let us know. Former tournaments co-ordinator Nick Crocker has left Basketball New Zealand and Cath Kara is temporary filling the role until a replacement is found. For any tournament enquiries, please email Cath at tournaments@basketball.org.nz.

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AGM Reminder

This is a friendly reminder that the Basketball New Zealand 2009 Annual General Meeting will be held in **Wellington on Saturday, March 6, 2010.**

PLEASE DON'T FORGET!
All forms and nominations are due by Friday, February 5.

Please send all information to Basketball New Zealand at bbnz@basketball.org.nz.

Any inquiries can be directed to Jaimie Hefelfinger on 04 498 5955 or Jaimie@basketball.org.nz.

For referees, the 2010 referee registration, tournament nomination and referee uniform order forms are all available online. To find them, go to www.basketball.org.nz and click on "Officials", then "Resources".

Wishing you all the best for a prosperous 2010,

Roslyn Hart

2010 Tournament Calendar**BBNZ U17 Premierships***April 16-18*Zone 1 West Auckland
Zone 2 Manukau
Zone 3 Wellington
Zone 4 Christchurch**BBNZ U19 Premierships***April 23-25*Zone 1 West Auckland
Zone 2 Tauranga
Zone 3 Hutt Valley
Zone 4 Nelson**NZ U21 Championships***May 6-9*

Nelson

NZ U17 Championships*June 4-7*

Palmerston North

NZ U19 Championships*June 4-7*

Wellington

BBNZ Open Premierships*July 16-18*Zone 1 West Auckland
Zone 2 Gisborne
Zone 3 Wellington
Zone 4 Buller**BBNZ U13 Premierships***July 23-25*Zone 1 TBC
Zone 2 Manukau
Zone 3 Wellington
Zone 4 Dunedin**BBNZ U15 Premierships***Jul 30-August 1*Zone 1 TBC
Zone 2 Tauranga
Zone 3 Napier
Zone 4 Invercargill**BBNZ Junior Secondary Schools Premierships***August 28-31*Zone 1 Rotorua
Zone 2 Rotorua
Zone 3 New Plymouth
Zone 4 Nelson**BBNZ Secondary Schools Premierships***August 31-September 4*Zone 1 (A/AA) Boys TBC
Zone 1 (A/AA) Girls TBC
Zone 2 (A/AA) Boys TBC
Zone 2 (A/AA) Girls TBC
Zone 3 (A/AA) Boys & Girls New Plymouth
Zone 4 (AA) Boys Christchurch
Zone 4 (A) Boys Alexandra
Zone 4 (A/AA) Girls Nelson**NZ Open & Wheelchair Championships***September 16-19*

Wellington

NZ Secondary Schools Championships (AA)*September 27- October 2*

Palmerston North

NZ Secondary Schools Championships (A)

September 27- October 1

TBC

NZ U13 Championships*October 4-8*

Christchurch

NZ U15 Championships*October 4-8*

Porirua

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2010 Koru Tour

New Zealand continued its fine tradition in the younger grades at the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup in Albury, NSW. The U14 Boys Kea maintained the fine form they had shown throughout the week to run away with the final, defeating Victoria Goldminers 78-48. They were the only Kiwi team in finals action on the tournament's final day, but four others ended their campaigns with wins. Perhaps the most significant victory was U14 Girls Koru's 44-42 success against NSW Kookaburras.

Saturday, January 23

U14 Boys

Playoff

NZ Koru 66 Albury Wodonga 37

Final

NZ Kea 78 Vic Goldminers 48

U14 Girls

Playoffs

Vic Bushrangers 58 NZ Kea 42

NZ Koru 44 NSW Kookaburras 42

U16 Boys

Playoffs

NSW Kookaburras 59 NZ Kea 41

Vic Goldminers 59 NZ Koru 39

U16 Girls

Playoffs

Vic Goldminers 55 NZ Koru 42

NZ Kea 50 Tasmania 24

U18 Boys

Playoffs

Vic Bushrangers 81 NZ Kea 34

NSW Waratahs 61 NZ Koru 46

U18 Girls

Playoffs

Tasmania 55 NZ Koru 44

U14 Boys Koru Teams

NZ Koru - Doven Barlow (Waikato), Zach Buchegger (North Harbour), Wilfred Dickson (Hawke's Bay) Isaac Letoa (Wellington), Blair Mackenzie (Otago), Nikau McCullough (Waikato), Toma Noguchi (Nelson), Ezra Simmons (Waikato), Paul Stephenson (New Plymouth), Mikaere Watene (Rotorua)

NZ Kea - Jayden Bennett (Palmerston North), Sheaziah Compain (Waitakere), Geronimo Doyle (Waitakere), Mataeus Marsh (Hawke's Bay), Aniwaniwa Kewene-Edwards (Otago), Delaney Puata-Chaney (Waitakere), Richard Rodger (Otago), Judson Seumanu (West Auckland), Liam Stanley-Tasi (Counties-Manukau), Haimona Tamati-Te Paki (Wanganui)

U14 Girls Koru Teams

NZ Koru - Roimata Blackburn (Wanganui), Reihana Dougherty (Canterbury), Samantha Eathorne (Hutt Valley), Cydney Ebeling (Western Bay of Plenty), Ella Maddix-Wikaira (Harbour), Maria Milani (Waitakere), Cori Pokotea (Hawke's Bay), Tia Tuhakaraina (Eastern Southland), Moerangi Vercoe (Rotorua), Maia Wilson (Waitakere)

NZ Kea - Toni-Ann Cameron (Waikato), Matangihoa Flavell (Rotorua), Krystal Leger-Walker (Waikato), Katarina Mandic (North Harbour), Rachel Miller (Canterbury), Tessa Morrison (Mid Canterbury), Bella Shakes (North Harbour), Miah Small (Otago), Lyric Taurua-Wolfgramm (Waitakere), Laken Wairau (Canterbury)

U16 Boys Koru Teams

NZ Koru - Mitchell Clinton (Canterbury), Finn Delany (Nelson), Hunter Hawaikirangi (Waitakere), Kane Hodges (Hawke's Bay), Marco Hofma (Hibiscus Coast), Ethan Horner (Otago), Tre Mauriohoo (Wellington), Jacob Nahora (Hawke's Bay), Raymond Penny (Counties-Manukau), Lochlan Tangaroa (Marlborough)

NZ Kea - Nico Buckrell (Hutt Valley), Aart Fahrenshon (Waitakere), Jaylen Gerrand (Hibiscus Coast), Mark Kelly (Western Bay of Plenty), Te Whati Kihī (Rotorua), Jonathan King (Palmerston North), Connor Lidstone (Canterbury), Alex Lloyd (Mid Canterbury), Joshua Peterson (Hutt Valley), Joshua Stempa (Mid Canterbury)

U16 Girls Koru Teams

NZ Koru - Aaliyah Ah Kiong (Hawke's Bay), Natalie Baylis (Palmerston North), Stella Beck (Hutt Valley), Mollie

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Daily (Buller), Kali Fraser (Otago), Polly Hill (Canterbury), Candace Moir (North Canterbury), Chevahn Morris (Waikato), Amorangi Ngata-Atkins (Waitakere), Anna Radovonich (Canterbury)

NZ Kea - Wuanyei Ah-Hing (Counties-Manukau), Briana Brockliss-Lodge (Waitakere), Gayle Broughton (Hawera), Esther Cheong (Hutt Valley), Chelsea Lumb (North Harbour), Dionne Martin (Lake Taupo), Carly McMillan (Buller), Laykin Paenga (Porirua), Roana Paterson (Counties-Manukau), Terina Wanoa (Canterbury)

U18 Boys Koru Teams

NZ Koru - James Aitken (Thames Valley), Alex Carew-Bourke (West Auckland), Lachlan Fenwick (Ney Plymouth), Jordy Jamieson (North Harbour), Terrence Lewis Jnr (Wellington), Sheldon McGuire (Hawke's Bay), Peter Milani (Waitakere), Benjamin Nee-Nee (Counties Manukau), Hale Nepia-Su'a (Hawke's Bay), Jack Stirling (Wellington)

NZ Kea - Simon Bush (Marlborough), Dylan Edwards (Thames Valley), Kale Emery (North Harbour), Jesse Komene (Rotorua), Matt Loulanting (West Auckland), Jia Jia Meng (Counties Manukau), Jake Swindells (Otago), Jesse Te Tau (Otago), Nicholas Vickers (Rotorua), Jacob Walsh (Hawke's Bay)

U18 Girls Koru Teams

NZ Koru - Kimberley Goodearl (Hutt Valley), Sarah Hayman (North Canterbury), Lucy Heenan (Southland), Amelia Palmer (Waikato), Jaydene Poto (Counties Manukau), Pamela Purdie (Rotorua), Huriana Reid (NSW), Nina Reutlinger (North Harbour), Carissa Te Wharau (Waikato), Dayna Turnbull (Otago)

Tour Staff

Ricky Arika (U14B Manager), James Ballinger (U16B Coach), Grant Bell (Physio), Melanie Bennett (U14G Coach), Maryellen Bezzant (U18G Manager), Sarah Dakers (U18G Coach), Alby Ellis (U14B Coach), Ang Fraser (U16G Manager), Sean Fuller (U18B Coach), Monette Gerrand (U14G Manager), Jimi Hills (U16G Coach), Tania Hunter (U16G Coach), Jayson Johnson (U14B Coach), Shiv Narayan (U16B Coach), Ema Pene (Physio), Sue Pene (PDO/U14G Coach), Pirihiira Puata (U14B Manager), Wayne Rodgers (U18B Manager), Dave Ruha (U18B Coach), Robyn Ruka (Tour Manager), Mary Small (U14G Manager), Tepene Te Wharau (U16B Manager), Mel Young (Tour Director)

Well done to all participants of the tour. A big thank you goes out to all staff involved.

JTBS Named For Schweitzer

Twelve athletes have been selected for the Junior Tall Blacks team to tour Europe in March/April.

Building towards the 2010 FIBA Oceania Championship for Men in September, the JTBS will contest the prestigious Albert Schweitzer Tournament at Mannheim, Germany, from April 3-11. Basketball New Zealand is also finalising a schedule that could include up to five preparation games in Europe leading up to that event.

"It is always the highest honour for any athlete to represent their country on the international stage and it is no different for these athletes," says coach Deslea Wrathall.

"The 2010 JTB team introduces several young and exciting athletes to the international basketball stage and we will be working to build the belief that each of them can compete at this level.

"The coaching staff believes we have a group of young men capable of performing to a high standard. We will utilise the expertise of a number of other coaches and sports science specialists to further develop their skill, fitness and desire to compete.

"All the athletes are currently on conditioning programmes and working with individual skill coaches weekly. Each will be measured at the next JTB camp in late January/early February."

The selected U19 athletes are ...

Brad Anderson (North Harbour), Nicholas Barrow (Counties Manukau), Chris Duthie (Nelson), Hyrum Hippolite (Porirua), Shaquille Hohipa-Wilson (North Harbour), Stefan Mandic (North Harbour), Jordan Ngatai (Porirua), Mark Overdevest (Waikato), Jerome Tafa (Auckland), Tia Temata-Frost (Palmerston North), Reuben Te Rangi (Counties Manukau), Max Williams (New Plymouth)



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Meanwhile, Junior Tall Ferns coach Darrell Pene has named 16 players for their national camp in Auckland, April 6-10.

Selected participants for the Junior Tall Fern camp are... Gabriel Adams (Rotorua), Georgia Agnew (Waikato), Jess Bygate (Nelson), Aleesha Coulter (Counties Manukau), Megan Craig (Whangarei), Jasmine Davis (Wellington), Sheraton Flood (Australia), Samara Gallaher (Otago), Anna Lacey (North Harbour), Shannon Perrett (Nelson), Bailey Ross-Waitai (Hutt Valley), Terai Sadler (Taranaki Country), Jasana Salmon (Wellington), Josie Stockill (Hawke's Bay), Laura Stokes (Australia), Rhian Te Hira (Australia)

Youth Movement

New Zealand has been confirmed as one of 20 teams in the men's draw of this year's inaugural Youth Olympic Games in Singapore. A FIBA Central Board meeting in Turkey has accepted Basketball New Zealand's entry into the tournament from August 14-26, to be contested in the youth-friendly FIBA33 (three-on-three) format.

Players eligible were born between January 1, 1993 and December 31, 1994. Coaches can be no older than 35. In an effort to have as many nations as possible participating in the event, only two will field both men's and women's teams - hosts Singapore and Olympic champions USA, the only country ranked in the world's top four for both men and women.

New Zealand is the only Oceania nation in the men's draw, while Australia and Vanuatu feature among the women.

Basketball New Zealand has closed off expressions of interest for the position of head coach and hopes to make that appointment before Christmas. BBNZ has also secured Olympic Solidarity Funding to

support the selection and preparation phases of its YOG campaign.

The teams confirmed for the YOG draws are ...

Men: Argentina, Central African Republic, Croatia, Egypt, Greece, India, Iran, Israel, Lithuania, New Zealand, Panama, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Singapore, Serbia, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, USA, US Virgin Islands

Women: Angola, Australia, Belarus, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Korea, Mali, Russia, Singapore, USA, Vanuata, one more tbc

Referee Nominations - Tournaments

BBNZ wants to start the year off with a clear message regarding the nomination of referees for tournaments in 2010. Last year, the process was drawn out and inefficient. This year, team entries will not be accepted without the \$200 payment OR the full contact details of a nominated referee.

Not complying with this requirement severely impacted on our ability to provide adequate and appropriately qualified officials at tournaments.

Some of those unacceptable practices include:

- Nomination of referees who don't know they have been nominated
- Nomination of referee in name only – the referee was not contacted or available.
- No nomination (ie blank space)
- Nomination of member of the "team" (includes coach, assistant coach, manager and/or players)
- Associations not aware of what referees are nominated.
- Referees without any official referee grading/level.
- Referees not at a suitable standard for the competition nominated for

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The **nomination and provision** of referees is important for the tournament to run smoothly and for officiating to be at an appropriate level.

BBNZ is considering automatic invoicing on failure to provide nominations and this failure may also result in your team being ineligible for the draw. Consideration will also be given to more substantial fines for associations who nominate referees that fail to turn up.

In recognition of some failure on BBNZ's part also, we are not raising the "non-referee fee" at this time. BBNZ will work with hosting associations around referee development leading into the tournament season. There are limited referees who have time available to commit to tournaments, particularly those occurring on work days and at very short notice. Please have respect for that fact. When you fail to provide a referee, the technical commissioner is left with a gap in their roster and we could see a situation where only one referee is available for your game. The fine money collected is used to help get referees to the tournaments where we are short.

PLEASE, PLEASE ensure your referee is coming, is available and is able to officiate for the duration of the tournament. We are ask you to help us help make your tournaments enjoyable, safe and memorable for all the right reasons – GOOD BASKETBALL.

Upcoming Junior Events/Dates:

- February 13-14 (Sat and Sun) – JTB preparation camp in Hamilton
- February 17-28 – U20 Australian State Champs in Gawler, South Australia (just out of Adelaide)
- March 12-14 – U18 preparation camp, venue TBA
- March 24 – April 12 – Junior Tall Blacks, Albert Schweitzer Tour



Pre Season Basketball Competition

Date: Saturday, March 27, 2010

Venue: Rodney Green Centennial Hall, Napier

Sports Fee: \$200 per team with referees supplied

Grades: Opens, Masters, Men, Women, Social, Competitive

Registration and payment is due March 1, 2010.

The final draw will be emailed to the team organiser by March 19th.

Games will be played all day Saturday unless the number of teams requires matches to be played on Friday March 26, 2010.

A meet and greet will be held on Friday March 26, 2010 at the Bluewater Hotel Ahuriri, Napier. On Saturday March 27, 2010 a party will be held at the Bluewater Hotel.

A free bus service to and from the venue is available by pre booking on (06) 8453050 or 021 243 9010.

The team captain is to provide the team list with a minimum of 7 players, maximum of 12. The organiser reserves the right to combine age groups.

For more information and entry forms

Phone: 021 243 9010 or (06) 845 3050

Email: gamesnz@xtra.co.nz

Website: www.hbmq.co.nz

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2010 Koru Referees Excel

Ken Coulson and the 2010 Koru Referee Team



This year, BBNZ was done proud by the five young referees who gave up their time and money to be part of the whole Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup experience. Ken Coulson led Sam Dixon, Todd Graham and Nick Naylor [Canterbury], Sam Hogg and Andrew Ford [Rotorua] with great pride. He commented *"The New Zealand referees achieved the best ever results with Nick Naylor, Todd Graham and Sam Hogg appointed to finals, while Andrew Ford and Sam Dixon carried themselves with credit and had fine performances over the tournament and camp."*

Special thanks go to Nick Naylor, firstly for returning from last year, but also because the group stayed with Nick and his family in Melbourne on the night of arrival and the night prior to departure. Big thanks to Nick and his family.



Our team attended the referee camp before the tournament. All 58 referees and 24 referee coaches attended a dinner and then lectures through to 10pm. The last day of the camp involved a very long day with a full programme of lectures and on court drills. For the camp, the referees are divided into three groups, based on their experience. Lectures included new rules, preventative officiating, the pre-game, game philosophies, points of emphasis, on-court drills and a talk by the head coach of the NSW player development programme.

Referees were required to do at least one game and one scorebench for single-round days, and two games and benches on the two days of double rounds. Our referees enjoyed the tournament and appreciated the regular coaching and feedback after every game. Todd commented *"I would have to say it was the best experience I have had as a referee. The ref coaching was superb, I learnt so much throughout the week. From the social perspective, very enjoyable, well organised in regards to meals and activities, and all the referees [NZ and Aussies] thoroughly enjoyed each others company."*



Bowling was again a tournament highlight with usual format. This year, the NZ team came from behind to just miss out to the Queensland team by the narrowest of margins in the last round. Saturday was a proud day for the NZ team with Nick refereeing the Under 18 girls final, Todd refereeing the Under 16 boys final and Sam Hogg the U14 girls final. At the closing ceremony, Todd Graham was presented the AIS scholarship for NZ.

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Todd said *“The highlight for me was being awarded the Under 16 boys final and then the ultimate achievement of being awarded one of the refs’ scholarships - all thanks to the great coaching and the environment I had the privilege of being involved in. I am looking forward to hopefully being invited again next year to build on the experience.”*

Todd’s mum, Julie, was also very positive about the experience: *“Todd has come home a new boy, full of confidence and can’t stop talking about the coaching, tournament and the new referees he met over there.”*



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST MANAGER POSITIONS FOR TALL BLACKS AND TALL FERNS

Basketball New Zealand invites expressions of interest for the Tall Blacks and Tall Ferns manager positions.

The New Zealand Tall Blacks, coached by Nenad Vucinic, will begin preparation for the 2010 FIBA World Championships in Turkey from July.

The New Zealand Tall Ferns, coached by Shawn Dennis, have a proposed schedule that includes a series of camps as well as the potential for a home and away international programme.

While the team schedules are still to be confirmed, they will undoubtedly provide the unique opportunity to work with elite international team at the highest level of competition. Applicants are expected to have relevant experience to the position as well as a professional and enthusiastic attitude.

Expressions of interest must contain:

- Current contact details
- Relevant manager experience and basketball CV (no more than one page)

Please send your applications to:

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