



# Shellharbour City Basketball Association Inc

## Referee Handbook

Welcome to the Shellharbour City Basketball Association's referee handbook. At Shellharbour we understand that without referee's games cannot be played.

Whether you're stepping onto the court for the first time or you're a seasoned veteran, this handbook is designed to provide you with information on the expectations of referees at Shellharbour City Basketball Association.

As a basketball referee, you play a critical role in ensuring fair play, upholding the rules of the game, and promoting sportsmanship among players, coaches, and spectators. Your decisions have a direct impact on the outcome of the game, making your role both challenging and rewarding.

Thank you for your commitment to the sport of basketball and for your dedication to upholding its values of integrity, respect, and fair play.

## REFEREE PATHWAY

LEVEL	AGE	COURSE	SHIRTS
Associate Community	MIN AGE 12	Free Online Course	Green
Associate Development	MIN AGE 13	3.5 hr course plus on court assessment	Black and White Stripes
Associate Intermediate	MIN AGE 15	3.5 hr course plus on court assessment	Black and White Stripes
Associate Advanced	MIN AGE 16	3.5 hr course plus on court assessment	Black And White Stripes

LEVEL	WHO CAN YOU REFEREE	ACTION REQUIRED
Associate Community	U8s to U14s Domestic Comps	On court training under accredited ref until advised you are ready for Development assessment
Associate Development	Domestic plus up to U16G at Waratah League	Can referee unassisted. Expected to ref at domestic comps on a regular basis and with Barrengarry until ready for Intermediate assessment
Associate Intermediate	Senior Domestic plus up to U18B at Waratah League	Can referee unassisted. Expected to ref at domestic comps on a regular basis and with Barrengarry and SJL until ready for Advanced assessment
Associate Advanced	Everything up to Junior Premier League	Can referee unassisted. Expected to ref at domestic comps on a regular basis and with Barrengarry and SJL

Note: If you are new to Shellharbour City Basketball Association, you will be required to undergo an on-court assessment prior to refereeing unsupervised, regardless of your accredited level. This ensures our referees are of the highest standard.

## REFEREE BEHAVIOUR AND EXPECTATIONS

At Shellharbour City Basketball Association we expect nothing but the highest standards of our referees and officials.

We expect them to be always impartial, consistent in their calls, professional on and off the court, and always communicate clearly and respectfully.

Our referees should strive for continuous improvement in their officiating skills and knowledge of the sport.

Respect should always be shown, especially to the score table officials, senior referee's and the Referee Co Ordinator and Assessor.

It is an expectation that the Shellharbour referee's fulfill their roles effectively and contribute to the integrity of the game and ensure a positive experience for all participants.

All Shellharbour Referee's will need to have a valid BNSW membership and Shellharbour Bulls membership prior to any assessment or issuing of shirts.

## REFEREE UNIFORM

The referee uniform holds significant importance in various sports for several reasons:

**Identification:** The uniform helps players, coaches, and spectators easily identify the officials on the court. This is crucial for maintaining order and respect for the authority of the referees.

**Professionalism:** A well-designed and standardized uniform lends an air of professionalism to the officiating crew. It sets the referees apart from the players and reinforces their role as impartial arbiters of the game.

**Visibility:** Referee uniforms are designed with a distinctive pattern to enhance visibility. This ensures that officials can be easily seen by players and spectators, even from a distance or in crowded environments.

**Consistency:** By wearing a standardised uniform, referees present a unified and consistent image across different games and levels of competition. This consistency helps establish credibility and reinforces the integrity of the officiating process.

**Adherence to Regulations:** Basketball leagues and governing bodies have specific rules and regulations regarding referee attire. Adhering to these guidelines ensures compliance with the standards set forth by the organising bodies and helps avoid potential penalties or disputes.

Overall, the referee uniform serves as more than just clothing—it's a symbol of authority, professionalism, and adherence to the rules of the game. Its importance cannot be overstated in maintaining order, fairness, and respect for the officiating process in sports.

#### **UNIFORM / EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST**

- Black Shorts or Long Pants
- Black Shoes
- Black Socks
- Striped or Green Shellharbour Bulls Referee Shirt – TUCKED IN!
- Whistle – with yellow lanyard if under 18
- Drink Bottle

#### **REFeree CO ORDINATOR AND ASSESSOR**

The Shellharbour City Basketball Association's Referee Co Ordinator and Assessor is:

**Adam Woodward – 0493192821 – [scbasketballclub@outlook.com](mailto:scbasketballclub@outlook.com)**

Referee Coordinators serve as the primary point of contact for referees, coaches, and officials. They communicate important information such as game assignments, rule changes, and scheduling updates to ensure everyone is on the same page.

Referee Assessors provide ongoing evaluation and feedback to referees to help them improve their officiating skills. This may involve observing games, on court shadowing, reviewing performance, and offering constructive criticism and guidance.

In the event of disputes or disagreements involving referees, players, coaches, or spectators, the Referee Coordinator may step in to resolve conflicts and maintain order. The Referee Coordinator will help all referees handle tough decisions or disputes on or off the court.

Referee Assessors serve as experts in the rules and regulations of the sport. They are responsible for ensuring that referees have a thorough understanding of the rules and are able to apply them correctly during games.

## PRE-GAME CONFERENCE

A pre-game conference with your partner before you step on the court to referee a game of basketball is absolutely necessary. The concept is to ensure you and your partner(s) are on the same page from the tip off when officiating together. This promotes good teamwork and good officiating. Some general topics for pre-game discussion are:

- Know your areas of responsibility on the court and avoid having both referees watching the ball and the players immediately surrounding it.
- Referee the play away from the ball when the ball is not in your primary area of responsibility.
- With double whistle calls, establish eye contact with your partner before proceeding with your signal.

***Remember: The referee nearest to the play or towards whom the play is moving shall have primary responsibility.***

- Give help when required on out-of-bounds situations, but only when requested to do so by your partner. Get into the habit of establishing eye contact.
- Try to know at all times, not only where the ball is and all the players are located, but also the location of your partner.
- In fast break situations, especially where the offensive players outnumber those on defence, let the nearest referee make the decision on whether or not to call the foul. Avoid the temptation to make a call when you are (10) metres or more away from the action.
- Blow your whistle for a foul only when it has an effect on the action. Incidental marginal contact should be ignored, however repeated contact or contact on contact that has an effect must be called, for example, was the player displaced or restricted.
- Establish your standards early in the game. The game will become easier to control. Rough and over-aggressive play must be penalized. The players will adjust to the way you allow them to play.
- Try to maintain the best possible position and a wide angle of vision between the defensive and offensive players. Be on top of the play having proper distance and being stationary when you make the decision (call or no call).

## PRE-GAME CHECKLIST

A pre-game checklist for basketball referees ensures that they are adequately prepared for the game ahead and helps maintain consistency and professionalism.

**Review Game Details:** Confirm the date, time, location, and teams participating in the game. Double-check any special instructions or requests from the league or organizers.

**Inspect Equipment:** Ensure that all officiating equipment is in good condition and functioning properly. This includes a whistle, stopwatch, scorecard, game clock, and any other necessary tools.

**Uniform:** Wear the designated referee uniform according to league or organizational guidelines. Make sure the uniform is clean, properly fitted, and in good condition.

**Arrive Early:** Arrive at the game venue well ahead of the scheduled start time to allow for ample preparation and to address any unforeseen issues.

**Warm-Up:** Perform light stretching and warm-up exercises to prepare physically for the demands of officiating a basketball game.

**Pre-Game Meeting:** Meet with the other members of the officiating crew to discuss game assignments, review officiating mechanics, and clarify any questions or concerns.

**Inspect Court and Facilities:** Conduct a visual inspection of the playing court, including the condition of the floor, hoops, and surrounding areas. Ensure that the facilities are safe and free from any hazards.

**Meet with Coaches:** Meet with the coaches of both teams to exchange lineups, discuss any specific concerns, and reinforce sportsmanship and respect for the officials. Having this discussion helps during the game when a coach has a request or question.

**Review Game Rules:** Review the rules of basketball, paying special attention to any recent rule changes or points of emphasis. Discuss any rule interpretations or mechanics with fellow officials if necessary.

**Check Scorer's Table:** Confirm that the scorer's table is set up correctly, with the official scorebook, game clock, shot clock (if applicable), and any other necessary equipment in place.

**Pre-Game Conference:** Gather both teams at centre court for a pre-game conference. Introduce yourself and your fellow officials, review sportsmanship expectations, and remind players of any specific rules or points of emphasis for the game.

**Final Equipment Check:** Double-check all officiating equipment to ensure nothing has been overlooked. Test the whistle and communication devices (if used) to ensure they are functioning properly.

**Centre Court Meeting:** Before tip-off, meet with the captains of both teams at centre court to review any last-minute instructions or reminders.

**Game Time:** Take your position on the court and be ready to officiate the game with confidence, fairness, and professionalism.

## REMUNERATION

Referee remuneration will vary depending on the level of competition you are officiating.

As a guide, Shellharbour City Basketball Association referees will be paid as per below:

- Green Shirts / Trainee – \$10 per game
- SCBA Social Domestic Comps - \$20 per game
- SCBA Representative Comps - \$20 per game
- Barrengarry Conference – U12/U14 - \$20 per game. U16/U18 - \$25 per game
- Waratah League – U12/U14 - \$25 per game, U16/U18 - \$35 per game

All referees will need to complete the below forms:

Shellharbour City Basketball Association Employee Personal Details

Statement by a Supplier – Payment Declaration – separate attachment

All referees must hold a BNSW Current Registration and Shellharbour Bulls Membership

Referee payments will be made weekly.

## BNSW LINKS AND ATTACHMENTS

BNSW Become a referee - <https://www.bnsw.com.au/officials/become-a-referee/>

BNSW Free Community Referee Course - <https://www.bnsw.com.au/officials/become-a-referee/>

BNSW Upcoming Referee Courses - [https://www.bnsw.com.au/events/list/?tribe\\_eventcategory\[0\]=205](https://www.bnsw.com.au/events/list/?tribe_eventcategory[0]=205)

BNSW Referee Information and Rule Books - <https://www.bnsw.com.au/about/resource-directory/>

FIBA Rulebook - <https://www.fiba.basketball/documents>



## Employee Personal Details

This form is a requirement of Shellharbour City Basketball Association in relation to your employment. Should any information change it is your responsibility to provide updated information to us.

Name	
Address	
Mobile Phone	
Email (required to send payslips)	
Date of Birth	
Medical Conditions	

Emergency Contact	
Mobile Phone	

Bank Account Name	
BSB	
Account Number	

This form needs to be completed prior to payment being made.

Regards

Simone Ivanovski

Treasurer

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