



Albury Basketball Association Albury Cougars Representative Commitment Policy

ALBURY COUGARS JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM

APPENDIX A: REPRESENTATIVE COMMITMENT POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of this policy statement is to ensure that current and prospective representative players are aware of the expectations of the Albury Cougars representative program with respect to combining involvement in the program with representing other associations and sports

Background

Beyond participation in the Albury Basketball Association domestic basketball competition, Albury Cougars recognises and supports junior athletes participation in a variety of sports and development programs. Such involvement provides for valuable experiences and skills development in a variety of areas and allows athletes the opportunity to experiment and actively participate in a wide array of competitions and team environments.

Given the effort involved in establishing and running clubs, teams and competitions from administrators and coaches, it is natural that all sporting codes and clubs require a level of commitment from athletes to ensure the smooth running of these programs.

The Albury Cougars program is no different in this regard. From the time of squad and team selections through to league finals and NSW mandated competitions such as State Championships, it is important that the program runs in a manner that respects the commitment and efforts of coaches, administrators and other players in providing the opportunity for participation in the representative program. This is reflected in the policy statement.

Policy

In accepting a squad position with Albury Cougars, each player agrees to commit to the Albury Cougars Representative Program as a priority as below:

1. Players are expected to prioritise attendance at the weekly squad training session ahead of other domestic sporting commitments or representative basketball programs (other than those endorsed by BNSW).
 - a. In the event of injury, players are expected to attend training if possible. Players are expected to actively participate and engage in any team activities and discussions where possible. This should be communicated to coaching staff as soon as possible.
 - b. In the case of illness/sickness, players should not attend training, but notify the Coach/Team Manager ahead of training regarding their non-attendance.



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2. Participation for the Albury Cougars for all Representative commitments (competitions & trainings - including finals or qualifier tournaments) is to be prioritised ahead of:
 - a. Representation for any other basketball associations or teams;
Where a player wishes to represent two Associations, it is the expectation that upon acceptance of the Albury Cougars squad position the player commits fully to the Albury Basketball Representative program at all games and trainings as a priority if there are any clashes.

eg. (1) The two Associations you wish to play for are playing at a tournament on the same weekend, the player must play with the Albury Cougars as a priority.
eg. (2) There are Rep games for the other Association you wish to represent and you also have Albury Cougars Rep Training sessions scheduled for the same time, it is the expectation that you attend the Albury Cougar Representative trainings as a priority
 - b. Participation in other domestic sporting competitions - without the express prior consent of the lead (and team) coach;
 - c. Participation in any basketball high performance programs **not** administered by Basketball NSW and/or Basketball Australia.
3. Where players are considering nominating for (or are selected) for representative honours in other sports, please discuss their participation and any clashes in these events (in advance, where possible) with the Lead coach.
4. Should you request any exemptions to this policy please consult with the respective lead coach, prior to sending a written request to the email below (cc:ing in the lead coach). This is to ensure that due process for endorsement/ratification of any exemptions is applied transparently and consistently by the Representative Committee and the Albury Basketball Association Board, in collaboration with coaches.
5. Any failure to comply with this policy will be referred to the Representative Committee who will determine what action(s) will be taken, in consultation with the relevant Lead (and team) coach.

All exemptions to be completed in writing and e-mailed to:

repcommittee@alburybasketball.com.au

Attention: Albury Basketball Association Representative Committee Chairperson