



## **BASKETBALL QUEENSLAND AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP POLICY**

### **1. Area of responsibility**

Governance

### **2. Last Updated**

August 2023

### **3. Purpose**

The purpose of the Affiliate Membership Policy is to provide guidance to all stakeholders on the eligibility of associations to become Affiliate Members, and the benefits that would be provided to Affiliate Members as opposed to Associate Members.

### **4. Policy**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Basketball Queensland recognises the need to provide clear guidelines for what is to be considered when assessing applications for Affiliate membership of Basketball Queensland.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The Board has discretion to accept an association as an Affiliated Member. In exercising its discretion, the Board expects to receive evidence, to the satisfaction of the Board of Basketball Queensland of the following:

- Their status as Incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act or a Company Limited by Guarantee; and
- That the objects of the Association are predominantly to promote and develop basketball; and
- The Association's ability to conduct basketball competitions; and
- The projected and sustainable financial viability of the Association; and
- That there is a population base sufficient to support the Association within the proposed service area; and
- Their ability to register all players in accordance with Basketball Queensland Affiliation requirements; and
- A constitution which provides for:
  - Objects similar in substance to all or any of the objects of BQ. in its constitution; and
  - Staggered Terms for Members of the Management Committee (or Directors); and
  - Clear definition of Membership (i.e. who is and who is not a member and the rights and obligations of these members, particularly in relation voting rights)
  - The exclusion of, or the limitation of the ability to appoint proxies at AGM's to no more than five (5) proxies per person;
  - A process for managing conflicts of interest within the management of the

- Association;
  - A fair democratic process for the governance of the Association as determined by the Basketball Queensland Limited.
- There are suitably qualified personnel to manage the association governance effectively; and
- Venue Hire Agreements in place for the operation of their Association activities for a period of two years; and
- The overall benefit to basketball within Queensland will be provided by agreeing to allow the association to be an Affiliated Member.
- The Board of Basketball Queensland may also consider any other requirements that it deems necessary including but not limited to, the impact the affiliation of the new Association would have on Basketball Queensland's existing member (Affiliated or otherwise) Associations.

The Board reserves the right to allow associations who may not meet one of the criteria to become Affiliate Members, should this be in the interests of basketball in Queensland.

#### **RESTRICTIONS ON NEW AFFILIATE MEMBERS OF BASKETBALL QUEENSLAND**

- To ensure that any new Affiliated Associations are focused on the growth of the sport within Queensland the Board can impose restrictions to any new Affiliated Association. Such restriction can include that the new Affiliated Associations will not be eligible for Representative Basketball for a full 12 months from the date of affiliation.

#### **CONSULTATION WITH EXISTING AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS**

The following consultation is recommended to occur with existing Affiliated Associations:

- The CEO of Basketball Queensland, upon the receipt of an application for affiliate membership from a first time Association, will consult with the three closest member Associations on the impact that any approval would have on their Associations provided such associations are within 30kms of the proposed new affiliated association; and
- The prospective first time Association will attend a quarterly meeting of Association General Managers if necessary to address any questions already affiliated associations may have.

#### **REAPPLICATIONS**

If an application for affiliation is denied by the Board of Basketball Queensland then the Board of Basketball Queensland may require a period of six (6) months needs to pass prior to the consideration of any new application.

#### **APPROVAL**

Once the Board of Basketball Queensland has approved an application then the Association will be notified within 14 days of their successful Application.

### **5. Benefits and Services Provided to Full Members**

The table below provides the benefits between Full Members:

#### **Administration**

Links with Basketball Australia, including all programs.

Development of resources to assist with effective administration of Associations.

Insurance including:

- Public and Products Liability for Associations and their affiliated Clubs.
- Professional Indemnity for claims brought about due to professional negligence.
- Association Liability Cover to protect Association Management Committees for errors or omissions (often referred to as Directors and Office Bearers Insurance).
- Cyber Insurance for claims against you and your own losses arising from any actual or alleged incidents related to our on-line presence and use of our computer systems.
- Participant Injury Insurance.

### Information Technology

Basketball Connect which includes:

- A Website specific to **The Association**.
- A Competition Management Solution.
- Membership Database.
- Integrated E-Commerce Platform
- Referee Management Solution
- The Basketball Connect App

Use of the Basketball Queensland Technology Offering\* made up of:

- Basketball Queensland Coaches App
- Basketball Queensland Referees App
- Basketball Queensland Ticketing
- Inspiretek Wellness Management Platform- for use by all Association Representative players, coaches and officials.
- TidyHQ- For management of Association Governance and Operations.
- ActiveExchange- Access to the ActiveExchange platform for more connected and empowering data.

\*A number of these will be rolled out throughout the year.

### Business Development

- Advice on budgeting financial management, planning, marketing, promotions and volunteer management.
- Access to BQ policies and procedures.
- Regular communication and updates through email, website, Apps and e-newsletters.
- Assistance with sponsorship proposals.
- Advice on Government Grants for **The Association** and affiliated clubs.
- Support letters on request if **The Association** is applying for grants.

### Technical Development

- Access to technical development advice on coach and official development and player, coach and referee development pathways.
- Referee oversight to set strategic direction for referees.
- Procedures for disciplinary tribunals.
- Provision of annual Educational Forums, Conferences and Workshops for administrators, officials and coaches.
- Access to Accreditation courses for coaches, referees, scoretable and statisticians at appropriate levels.
- Provision of opportunities in up-skilling and updating for coaches and officials.

- Ability for Association Coaches to be selected as part of the Basketball Queensland Aspire Coach Programs, and High Performance Pathways.
- Ability for Association Officials do be selected as part of the:
  - Future Referee Development Program
  - State Referee Development Program
  - Accelerated Referee Development Program
  - State and National Championships

### **Player Development Programs**

- Future Development Program
- State Performance Program
- National Performance Program – for athletes who have been identified in the national pathway as potential future Boomers and Opals.
- Deliver of the Next Gen Program for aspiring future Queensland athletes and coaches at Associations.

### **Competitions**

- Organisation and administration of:
  - Junior State Championships
  - Basketball Queensland Junior Basketball Competitions (BQJBC) in the Under 12, 14, 16, 18 as well as any other age group deemed appropriate by BQ for association representative teams in South-East Queensland (SQJBC), Central Queensland (CQJBC) and North Queensland (NQJBC).
  - Queensland State League (QSL) for senior representative teams throughout Queensland.
  - Queensland Youth State League
  - NBL1 North for senior representative teams throughout Queensland.

## **6. Enquiries**

Associations wishing to become Affiliated Members should contact the General Manager-Business Operations: Kimberley Hibbert for further information email [gmbusiness@basketballqld.net.au](mailto:gmbusiness@basketballqld.net.au)