

Belmont Saints Basketball NEWSLETTER

WINTER SEASON AUGUST 2024



To our BBF's (Belmont Basketball Families)

As we swiftly progress through the winter season, it's hard to believe how quickly time flies when we're having so much fun on the court. The competition has been fierce, and soon we'll be gearing up for the semi-finals and finals. It's an exciting time for all our teams!

Remember - basketball is more than just a game; it's a fantastic team sport that teaches our kids invaluable life skills. Through basketball, they learn how to solve problems as a team, which is crucial both on the court and in everyday life. The camaraderie built among teammates fosters a sense of belonging and support, creating a strong community spirit, which we love.

Self-confidence is a major value for us. As our players develop their skills and see their progress, they gain confidence in their abilities, which extends beyond basketball into all areas of their lives. Furthermore, we are always striving to show our players how uplifting it can be to practice and display great sportsmanship. Win or lose, we want our players to learn to respect their opponents, handle victory with humility, and accept defeat with grace.

So, whether you're scoring the winning basket or cheering from the sidelines, remember that every moment is a step towards personal growth and community strength. For the remainder of the season - let's continue to support each other as a community, enjoy the game with each other, and make this winter season unforgettable!

Behind the scenes, your Belmont Management Committee has been hard at work developing some exciting new initiatives for our valued members. We have a lot in store for you, so be sure to read ahead and discover more about what we have planned for our community.

Thank you for being a part of our basketball family.



SEMI FINALS > FINALS > PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Just some information for our new members who may be unfamiliar with our processes - To secure a spot in the semi-finals, your team must be ranked in the top four on the ladder. The structure for the semi-finals is as follows: the 1st place team will face off against the 4th place team, while the 2nd place team will go head-to-head with the 3rd place team. The winners of these matches will then compete for the gold and silver medals in the finals. There is no play-off for a bronze medal.

As we approach this critical stage of the season, it's important to note the eligibility criteria for players. To participate in the semi-finals, players must have competed in at least 50% of the games plus one additional game. This rule ensures that those who have been dedicated throughout the season get the opportunity to shine in the playoffs.



Regardless of whether your team makes it to the semi-finals, remember that our club values participation above all else. Every game, practice session, and team meeting is an opportunity to learn, grow, and have fun. Our primary goal is to ensure that every member enjoys their time both on and off the court. We believe that the experiences shared, friendships formed, and memories made are the true victories of the season.

- The last round will roll out in the week beginning 19th August.
- Semi Finals will be played in the week beginning 26th August.
- Finals will be played in the week beginning 2nd September.

NEW SEASON – SUMMER SEASON – PLANNING PROCESS

Whether you're new to Belmont Saints or have been with us for a while, we want to remind everyone about our new season planning process. Next season (Summer), there's a new cutoff date for determining which age group your child will play in. With over 850 members in our Junior and Senior competitions, preparing for the season typically takes us 6-8 weeks. This involves running trials for kids and managing our waiting list of more than 250 children.



The first step is confirming the return of our coaches, which the committee is currently handling. We've also reached out to our Team Managers for help with player return RSVPs. The Summer Season will run from School Term 4, 2024, until the end of Term 1, 2025. If school is on – basketball is on! Here are the age groups for the Summer Season:

- Players born in 2018, 2019, 2020: U8s
- Players born in 2017, 2016: U10s
- Players born in 2015, 2014: U12s
- Players born in 2013, 2012: U14s
- Players born in 2011, 2010: U16s
- Players born in 2009, 2008: U18s boys / Youth Girls
- Players born in 2007, 2006: U20s / Youth Girls

Parents, please inform your team managers as soon as possible if your child will be returning next season. Once we have this data, it will be passed on to our age coordinators, who will facilitate the grading process. Age coordinators and some committee members will also be attending games this term to observe the children's progress. This helps us prepare for grading sessions, which we plan to break into smaller, more manageable groups for our coaches.

Concurrently, we are also reaching out to our Summer Seasonal players to confirm their return. These players participate in basketball during the summer and another sport in the winter. Our priority is to ensure all current members are placed in teams before referring to the waiting list, so your RSVP is important and needs to be timely.

Slight process change notification - As part of our new season planning, once we confirm our coach number and player numbers, you will receive the registration link for the new season in advance. Only children registered in advance will be invited to grading.

A gentle reminder to parents: our age coordinators, coaches, and team managers are volunteers. They have full-time jobs and generously give their time to the club. Please treat our volunteers with respect, as without them, our children would miss out.

Parents - Here's your to-do list for this week:

1. RSVP for your child's return next season.
2. If your child is switching to another sport, let us know so we can invite them back next Winter Season.
3. Encourage your child to give their best effort in the upcoming games.
4. Enjoy the experience! Cheer for your children and celebrate their efforts. Time flies, and soon they'll be all grown up.

Thank you for your cooperation and support!

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BRAND

WOLFPACK by Belmont Saints

We are thrilled to share some exciting news with you about a new initiative we believe will greatly benefit our community and expand opportunities for young athletes. This season, the Club launched our new brand to the competition - **WolfPack**.

Wolfpack is primarily designed to cater for school teams looking to play as a team in the Southern Districts junior competition. This initiative has been piloted this season with just 4 teams and you may have already seen those teams wearing our new Wolfpack uniforms with pride.

Our intention is to continue to develop interest from new teams in Term 3, with the aim to start additional Wolfpack teams in competitions in Term 4 with the commencement of the Summer Season. We also see Wolfpack as a potential opportunity for us to place some of the children who have been on long waiting lists, often waiting for a year to get into a club.



The creation of this new brand will enable more teams in the competition without saturating the stadium / competition with more Belmont Saints teams.

There will likely also be an opportunity for people to run squad-based training sessions and more information will be posted on Facebook in the near future as the number of teams / players becomes clearer. As for now if you are 15 years of age or older and looking to earn a few dollars, love basketball and would love to work with young kids who are learning to play basketball – then email your interest to president@belmontsaintsbasketball.com.au

Opportunities now exist for Basketball Training Coaches. We'd love to hear from you!

Contact Us Today

president@belmontsaintsbasketball.com.au

We believe Wolfpack will not only enrich our basketball community but also provide valuable opportunities for all involved. The Belmont Saints extended family is growing and we are so proud to welcome WolfPack members to our community!!



WE NEED YOU!!

Belmont Saints Basketball Club is a community of families, and like any family, it will thrive best when everyone does their small part because each person's contribution, regardless of its size, can collectively create a significant impact and help ensure that the club continues to operate and be successful. And whilst we are always keen to have people volunteer to coach, there is also a need for team managers, committee members, fundraising – even someone to help prepare newsletters to keep everyone in the loop. The Club is being flooded with new enquiries and we'd love to hear from you if you can donate a little of your time. Whatever your skill set, we are calling for help to keep the wheels turning!



Offering some of your time can be a very rewarding experience. Firstly, it offers a unique opportunity to make a positive impact on young athletes' lives. By dedicating your time and skills, you help nurture their physical development, teach them the values of teamwork, discipline, and perseverance, and foster a love for the sport. Seeing kids grow, improve, and achieve their goals under your guidance provides a sense of fulfillment that is both profound and enduring.

Secondly, it allows you to build meaningful relationships within your community. You'll interact with a diverse group of people, including other volunteers, coaches, parents, and of course, the kids. These connections can enrich your social network and provide a strong sense of community belonging. The shared passion for basketball will help create a supportive environment where everyone works together towards a common goal.

Lastly, there's an intrinsic reward in knowing that your efforts contribute to something greater than yourself. You can help us ensure that kids have access to a positive and enriching environment where they can thrive. Your commitment helps sustain the club, enabling it to offer more programs, better facilities, and greater opportunities for all its members. The joy and excitement you see in the kids' faces as they play, learn, and succeed are priceless rewards that remind you of the true value of giving back, whilst teaching the new generation how they too can give back when they are much older.



BRISBANE BULLETS X BELMONT SAINTS Inaugural Community Club Partner

In case you missed it - The Brisbane Bullets are thrilled to unveil the initiation of their Community Club Partnership Program, an exciting venture designed to offer junior clubs across South-East Queensland valuable development opportunities for their coaches. Through this program, club coaches will gain access to coaching accreditation, clinics, and personalised support facilitated by the expertise of the Brisbane Bullets Game Development staff.



We are delighted to announce Belmont Saints Basketball Club as the inaugural member of this initiative.

Brisbane Bullets Head of Community and Development, Jay McCracken, expressed his enthusiasm about Belmont Saints Basketball Club becoming their first-ever Community Club Partner, stating, "Welcoming Belmont Saints on board is truly fantastic! Their remarkable history of development and success adds a rich dimension, and I'm genuinely thrilled that the Brisbane Bullets have the opportunity to contribute and support the exceptional work they do within and for their community."



Belmont Saint Basketball President Melissa Parr said "This new partnership is an exciting opportunity for our coaches and players as we prepare to celebrate 25 years as a club. With more than 100 teams and over 780 players from Under 8's through to Veterans competitions, Belmont Saints is committed to providing opportunities for anyone who wants to play basketball and be a part of our valued community. This new partnership will open fresh development pathways for coaches and players of all levels who are looking to improve at a social or representative level. The Bullets are an important part of Brisbane's basketball DNA, and we hope partnerships like this one will see their next generation of players come from within local basketball clubs like Belmont Saints."

This partnership marks the beginning of an exciting journey, showcasing commitment to supporting grassroots basketball and fostering the growth of young talent.



NEXT STEPS

COACHING DEVELOPMENT WITH THE BRISBANE BULLETS

Under the new Bullets Community Club Partnership, we have launched our first-ever one-on-one coaching development program with Brisbane Bullets - Community Engagement Officer, George Robinson. Over the past few months, George has been diligently visiting all our coaches to observe their training sessions. He has provided personalised advice and feedback, offering tailored coaching development specific to each coach and their age group. This guidance is designed to help our athletes improve their skills and to provide a pathway forward for the coaches.



George will continue these visits throughout the remainder of the season, and we will endeavour to ensure he meets with every coach whenever possible. Marcus Taylor, Belmont Saints Coaching and Development Coordinator, has been instrumental in coordinating these sessions with the Bullets. With over 70 coaches at various venues and times, this has been a tremendous effort by Marcus and all involved.

We want to thank all our coaches for embracing this opportunity and being open to receiving constructive feedback. At Belmont Saints, we greatly appreciate and are so proud of our coaching network for their time and expertise. We are committed to providing the best opportunities for our coaches to develop their skills as their teams grow.

Partnering with the Brisbane Bullets brings modern, effective, and successful expertise to our club. The Bullets are at the forefront of contemporary player development, emphasizing innovative techniques and strategies that align with today's game. Unlike old-fashioned methods, the Bullets' approach incorporates cutting-edge training methodologies.

This partnership ensures that our coaches are equipped with the latest knowledge and tools to maximize player potential and performance. By embracing these modern techniques, we are fostering an environment where both coaches and athletes can thrive and achieve their best.

Thank you to everyone involved for making this initiative a success and we look forward to seeing our efforts reflected on the court. Stay tuned for more updates on how the Community Club Partnership Program will continue to make a positive impact on the basketball community at Belmont Saints Basketball Club.



ELEVATE ACADEMY

As we mentioned earlier, the Belmont Saints Management Committee has been working diligently on numerous new initiatives for our members. We are excited to introduce our new player development program called Belmont Saints Elevate Academy.

Mal Porter, Belmont Saints Player Development Coordinator – “This academy focuses specifically on player development and is designed for players who seek more than the standard one-hour training per week. At Belmont Saints, we recognize that some players within our club aspire to train at a higher level. We aim to create robust pathways for these dedicated athletes who want to excel in this sport. The Elevate Academy offers exclusive training opportunities for Belmont Saints members, allowing them to invest further in their development beyond regular club activities.”



With access to modern training facilities, Belmont Saints believe the Elevate Academy is the first step in creating more opportunities for young athletes to continually grow and enhance their skills. Our commitment is to provide an environment where ambitious players can thrive and reach their highest potential.

You will learn more about our Academy Program over the next few months. So, stay tuned for more updates.

Or visit our website:

<https://belmontsaintsbasketball.com.au/product-category/clinics/>

COACH DAVE LOVE

AND

BELMONT SAINTS BASKETBALL ELEVATE ACADEMY

are excited to announce that NBA Shooting Coach Dave Love will be running an extensive shooting clinic for the players in Carina, 22nd September

Coach Love has recently been a shooting consultant for both the **Dallas Mavericks and the G-League Ignite**, and has worked for the **Orlando Magic, Cleveland Cavaliers, and Phoenix Suns** over the last 15 years. Coach Love has worked with some of the best players in the world, including **Aaron Gordon, Tristan Thompson, Dewayne Dedmon, Elfrid Payton and Bismack Biyombo, and Ron Holland**.

Every player that Coach Love has worked with has shot a career high during that time, *including several players improving as much as 30% in one season.*

Coach Love is world renowned for helping players make subtle adjustments to their shooting mechanics that **UNLOCK HUGE POTENTIAL!** He has taught everyone from youth players to NBA players alike how different parts of their bodies affect their shot, and how small changes can lead to ***BIG RESULTS!***

Coach Love also helps players understand how to isolate bad habits, relearn them as better habits, and layer drills to apply those habits. Too many coaches just tell players what to do and expect the player to try to break the habit, and to do it at game speed. All too often the players fail, and it isn't their fault. Coach Love teaches players how to layer drills to unlock their potential.

REGISTER BY CLICKING HERE

At this special camp, Coach Love will take players through the same progression of drills that he uses with his NBA clients that help them identify their weaknesses and learn a process for improving the details that are holding them back. Throughout the event, Coach Love will tell stories of details that NBA players struggled with, how they are the same as many youth players, and what those players did to improve.

REGISTER BY CLICKING HERE

This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience to get up close and personal with one of the best shooting coaches in the world.

Sign up early to reserve your spot as space is limited.

Date: Sept 22, 2024

Times:

U12 & U14 – 9am-12pm.

REGISTER HERE

U16 & U18 – 1pm-4pm.

REGISTER HERE

Location: Rowland Cowan Stadium

Cost: \$97

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SHOOTING REFINEMENT CLINIC

DIRECTED BY NBA SHOOTING COACH

DAVE LOVE



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DAVE LOVE IS ONE OF THE PREMIER SHOOTING COACHES IN THE WORLD.

Coach Love has worked for 5 different NBA teams and dozens of NBA players, plus national federations, agencies, and youth groups all around the world to help players and coaches improve their shooting.

AT THIS CLINIC YOU WILL LEARN

- The fundamentals of **great shooting form** that Coach Love teaches to his NBA Players
- How to **diagnose the personal habits** that are causing players to miss
- Drills that players can use to **isolate bad habits** so that they can actually **learn to change them**
- How to **layer drills** so that a player can finally learn to apply a **new habit** into a game

Learn so much more than just "what to do in games". Coach Love will teach players how to become their own personal NBA Shooting Coach and **UNLOCK THEIR POTENTIAL.**

BONUS EXTRAS: Direct access to NBA shooting Coach Dave Love • Discount on CDL SHOT DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM after the clinic • Bonus content provided by email before and after the clinic, including a development course to continue building the skills learned • Access to Coach Dave Love's Newsletter



TO REGISTER VISIT www.coachdavelove.com

SPACE IS LIMITED.



Join the Fun, Parents!

Why let the kids have all the fun? Our club also fields teams in the Seniors Competition at Southern Districts, and we're gearing up for the Summer Season for our older members. If you're itching to get back on the court and relive your youth, let us know you're interested!

We have plenty of opportunities for you to join existing teams or even create new ones. One of our most popular offerings is our Father and Sons / Mother and Daughter Teams. It's a fantastic way to spend an evening with your child, sharing a sport you both love, creating memories, and having a blast in the process.

Interested in joining us next season? Reach out today and discover how you can enjoy a great night out with a mid-week basketball game. Contact us now at

info@belmontsaintsbasketball.com.au.

Or visit our website for more information:

<https://belmontsaintsbasketball.com.au/adult-basketball-clubs-brisbane/>





Nicky Golden!

Our Information Officer

We would like to remind everyone that Nicky Golden is our Information Officer. If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to Nicky first.

With her extensive background in customer service and administration, Nicky brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the table. Her primary responsibility is to ensure that all your inquiries are promptly addressed and to provide you with exceptional customer service. In addition to managing member inquiries, Nicky plays a vital role in facilitating communication between our coaches, team managers, and the management committee. She assists in organising events, ensures the smooth running of our teams, and maintains our player and training registers. Moreover, Nicky provides valuable administrative support to various committee members whenever required.

To get in touch with her, please use the following email address:

info@belmontsaintsbasketball.com.au. Nicky is available to assist you with any inquiries, feedback, or suggestions you may have.



Make sure you have applied for your FAIRPLAY VOUCHER to receive \$200 to put towards your children's sport costs!

Belmont Saints is a registered Activity Provider for the Queensland Government's [FairPlay voucher program](#).

FairPlay supports parents, carers or guardians to apply for a voucher valued up to \$200 for eligible Queensland children aged 5-17 to use towards sport and active recreation membership, registration or participation fees.

FairPlay Vouchers are no longer means tested. That means if your child is between age 5-17 years and have a Medicare Card – you can apply for a FairPlay voucher.

Once applied online, you'll instantly receive your voucher - Please forward that voucher to our Treasurer Lesley at treasurer@belmontsaintsbasketball.com.au

Need more information - <https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/fairplay/apply>

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FOR WINNING OUR SIGNED BULLETS ARON BAYNES JERSEY IN LAST SEASON'S RAFFLE!



Get ready for our next raffle featuring a signed Brisbane Bullets jersey with Josh Bannan's name on the back!

Tickets start at just \$5.00 each,
and we offer discounted rates for group purchases.

The raffle will close on August 31st at 12 noon. Good luck!



THAT'S A WRAP!.... for now....

As we wrap up this edition of our Winter Season Newsletter, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our members for their dedication and support this season. We are incredibly proud of our basketball community and the commitment and loyalty you show to Belmont Saints. Your enthusiasm and passion are what make our club truly special.

We have a lot more to announce in the near future. We are so committed to our members and are always looking for more ways to create more for those involved. Here's to many more successful seasons together!

