



BASKETBALL ACT



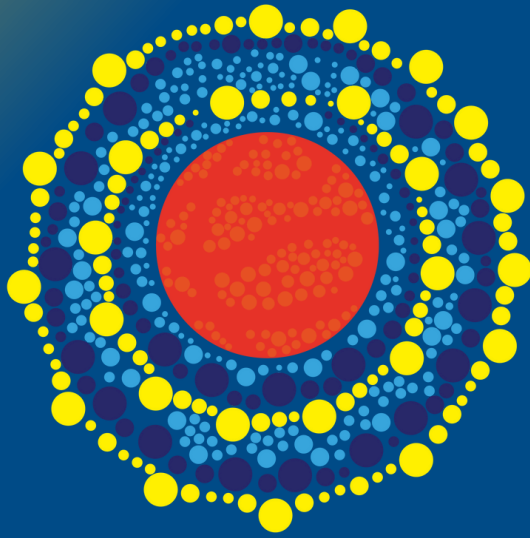
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ANNUAL REPORT



BASKETBALL
ACT

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Basketball ACT acknowledges the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the ACT, and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region.

We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging, and we acknowledge and respect their continuing culture. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make to the life of basketball within the city and region.

BASKETBALL ACT - LIFE MEMBERS

Basketball ACT would like to acknowledge and recognise our Life Members, for their contribution to the game in the Canberra region.

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BASKETBALL ACT

as @ 30 September 2024

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- Connor Brown;
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BASKETBALL ACT

MEMBER CLUBS & SCHOOLS



NORTHSIDE SCHOOLS



SOUTHSIDE SCHOOLS



A group of five women are smiling and posing for a photo. They are wearing blue ACT Basketball ACT jerseys with yellow accents. The woman in the foreground is wearing sunglasses and has a tattoo on her arm. The background shows a crowd of people and trees, suggesting an outdoor event.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Michelle Hocking President

It is with pride and excitement that I reflect on the progress and many achievements of the past year as we delivered, promoted and invested in basketball to make it a leading community sport in the ACT.

We forged new partnerships, increased our community engagement, celebrated significant achievements and laid the groundwork for a bright and promising future.

Our 75th anniversary dinner brought together past and present members, to commemorate our rich history and achievements. This milestone event was not only a celebration but an opportunity to recognize and honour those who contributed to our journey. The stories shared on the night will be cherished for years to come.

We continued to advocate for basketball facilities to meet our growing needs. This year we had a huge win, with an ACT Government Budget commitment of almost \$1million for the planning and design phase of the Belconnen Basketball Stadium expansion. As well, we worked across the ACT government, to secure increased access (and facility improvements) to school courts for our community clubs, and BACT participation and development programs.

We made a significant financial investment into our aging facility at Belconnen, replacing the floors on Court 1 and 2, and undertook much needed maintenance and repairs across the stadium that are typical of a 30+year venue.

Our commitment to recognise, value and celebrate diversity was reinforced as we entered a Memorandum of Understanding with the South Sudanese Eagles Basketball opening up new opportunities and strengthening our ties with the community.

We partnered with Warriors Basketball Club to deliver the biggest NAIDOC tournament to date, celebrating Indigenous culture and the contribution the indigenous community make to our sport.

We highlighted female participation and hosted our first Women's Leadership Breakfast. The keynote speakers shared their experiences and insights on leadership and resilience inspiring those in attendance.

Our All- Abilities programs expanded as we introduced new participation and school initiatives for People with Intellectual Disability and wheelchair programs, increasing access to many new participants. We supported our young referees through the Green Whistle Program for U18s. This program is aimed at protecting young referees and reducing in game abuse. We will continue to expand our efforts to provide a safe and inclusive environment for all in our community.

Our local competitions were (and still are) bursting at the seams. The year culminated in a highly competitive and huge finals weekend which saw many people through the doors, outstanding basketball and the very best of our community on display.

Obviously, basketball is reflective of the broader community we habitate, and challenges such as increased reports of poor behaviour, rising costs, higher community expectations and stretched facilities and resources impacted us, just as it did others. We will continue to respond and address these to strengthen and keep growing our community.

We cannot achieve any of the above without collective effort.

Our clubs and volunteers are instrumental in our success. Thank you for your dedication, passion and commitment. Your contributions have a significant impact on our community, and we sincerely appreciate your hard work.

To the BACT management and staff, Nicole and team, who work tirelessly to deliver our sport in the ACT. Thank you for your professionalism, responsiveness and willingness to go the extra mile and for always looking for opportunity to learn, improve and innovate to keep basketball at the forefront.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Kath Toohey for her contributions to the Board and basketball community. During her tenure Kath has made a significant contribution to BACT supporting and driving strong governance of the organisation. And to the Board for ensuring that the right checks and balances are in place, the organisation is resourced to meet the demands of today and strategically positioned for the challenges of the future.

As we move into 2025 and the final year of our current strategic plan, we are excited to not only deliver on our current commitments but also lay out a plan that builds on our history and positions us for continued success for the next 75 years and beyond.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT





CEO REPORT

Nicole Bowles CEO

As we reflect on the past year, Basketball ACT has continued to grow and achieve success both on and off the court. Our commitment to excellence, integrity, and community engagement has strengthened our position as a leading sporting organisation in the region. Our vision of sustainable growth of the community involved in basketball by 100% by 2029 continues to take strong steps having recorded 19% growth in the basketball community between 2022 – 2024 (note this number includes both on and off court participants, fans and supporters).

In 2024 BACT completed a self-assessment against the Australian Sports Commission Sports Governance Principles. Overall BACT demonstrated we are excelling across the area of Governance and are developed in Financial Management categories for a sporting organisation. From this assessment the following key actions will be undertaken in 2025 – review of the BACT Constitution against modern governance standards, review the Board Charter and code of conduct in conjunction with organisational policies to ensure alignment of values and the establishment of multiyear financial projections in relation to budgets and cash flows.

We invested in our people, providing opportunities to build capability through the many coaching and referee courses and education activities held throughout the year, as well as bringing a governance expert in to provide training to Member Clubs and their Committee Members.

We utilised technology to increase community engagement. We ramped up our social media presence and launched Glory League, a new automated video system. The feedback from our community has been overwhelmingly positive. The Basketball ACT app was released providing our NBL1 fans with up-to-date information and an interactive online experience as well as providing a resource platform for our coaches.

We celebrated as our Nationals Academy team and Canberra Gunners Wheelchair team won their respective Waratah competitions. The Nationals and Gunners reached the finals of NBL1 East while the Gunners Academy fell just short of a Waratah finals spot.

The Canberra Gunners and Nationals were the most watched Association in the NBL1 East competition for the 2024 season. The dedication and hard work of our athletes, coaches and officials paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements.

The success at the senior levels is testament to the strength of our pathway programs. Our junior teams proudly represented our community across the Nation throughout the year. The growth and development of the group was reflected in the individual recognition awarded to our athletes, coaches and officials through selection and appointments at various national and international events.

None of this would have been possible without the continued support and trust of our Member Clubs, whose unwavering belief in our vision has been our guiding light. Your investment in the basketball community fuels our growth and empowers us to push the boundaries of what's possible.

I would like to acknowledge and express our deep appreciation for our sponsors and partners. Their generous support and collaboration have been vital in delivering quality programs, enhancing facilities, and ensuring the continued growth of basketball in the ACT. We are grateful for their commitment and look forward to strengthening these valuable relationships in the future.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our dedicated staff, whose hard work and commitment have been instrumental in our success this year. Their efforts in administration, program delivery, facility management, and community engagement have ensured that Basketball ACT continues to thrive. Your passion and professionalism are truly appreciated, and I thank each of you for your invaluable contributions.

The future remains bright for Basketball ACT as we aim to build on our success. Our strategic priorities include further facility enhancements, sustainable growth in participation, and sustained excellence in performance and governance. We remain committed to fostering an inclusive, supportive, and high-achieving basketball community.

Thank you to our players, coaches, referees, volunteers, and staff for their dedication and passion. Together, we continue to drive Basketball ACT forward.

CEO REPORT



BASKETBALL ACT
@ A GLANCE - 2024



5K+ INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS



8.6K+ FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS



7.2K+ FACEBOOK LIKES



15K+ MEMBERS OF BACT



MOST VIEWED NBL1 EAST CLUB





FACILITIES REPORT

Nick Janssen
Vice President

In 2024 BACT competitions were played across eleven (11) competition courts catering to the delivery of over 10,000 games of basketball for 15,000 playing members. Stretching games and trainings to be played late at night and early mornings. Schools and community courts / gyms continue to be utilised but remain a challenge to cater for the growing needs of the community despite some mild increases in additional facilities from these sectors over recent years.

Basketball ACT (BACT) has been actively working to address the increasing demand for basketball facilities in the Canberra region. Currently BACT and Member Clubs are at a point where additional games are extremely hard to find courts and clubs have had to turn away participants due to capacity constraints.

BACT signed a Heads of Agreement (HoA) with the ACT Government in the last financial year in respect to expanding the Southern side of the existing facility in Belconnen with an additional three courts. The ACT Government announced \$938,000 in funding for the 2024-25 financial year. This money is for ACT Sports and Recreation to utilise for preliminary work towards the expansion of the Belconnen Stadium. This will include a condition audit of the existing facility, environmental impact study and some design and planning work.

In April 2024, BACT invested \$362,000 into the replacement of the court flooring on courts 1 and 2 at the Belconnen Basketball Stadium. A FIBA Level 1 certified KTL FlexiPro 12 V3 + solid parquet flooring system was installed on top of the existing court system, which will revive the life and suitability of the playing surface for another 30 years.

Whilst the stadium has been well maintained, the ageing facilities will require ongoing maintenance and replacement of core infrastructure over the coming years to ensure that the stadium continues to provide facilities that meet the required standards. Additional investment in the current stadium as part of this maintenance program will be required to continue over the short term.

BACT's Strategic pillar to provide fit for purpose facilities at all levels of basketball to cater for both the current and future requirements of the basketball community, has taken a positive step forward throughout 2024 and we look forward to further milestones in the Belconnen Stadium expansion to continue this journey.

TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS

In 2024, Basketball ACT worked with several providers to adopt new platforms and apps designed to our provide members, with a greater ability to manage game information, registration, and connectivity. Apps and Programs adopted included:



GLORY LEAGUE

BACT, procured Glory League to provide fully automated video system to all players across all competitions. The video system, installed at the Belconnen and Tuggeranong venues links to the competition management platform (PlayHQ) and provides post-game video links to individual team members and coaches, allowing them to view their games, collect statistics and share content.



In 2024, BACT, in partnership with Play HQ, introduced competition app MY HOOPS, for participants to keep abreast of competition news, results, draws and statistics. MY HOOPS also incorporates real-time updates for game cancellations, rescheduling or forfeits, which allows teams and team coordinators, to ensure information sharing is shared quickly, amongst participants.



The official BACT app for the Canberra Gunners and Nationals, powered by Tiparra was launched in 2024. The app allows you to receive notifications during games, find tickets and buy merchandise. Whilst taking part in competitions and giveaways. Work has commenced with Tiparra to expand the app content for coaches and technical officials assisting in resources and education for all levels.

FINANCE REPORT

For the year ending 30 September 2024, Basketball ACT (BACT) reports a deficit of \$212,868 on total revenue of \$4,606,108 and net assets of \$7,382,991.

Total Revenue for the 2024 financial year of \$4,606,108 (2023: \$4,436,819) represents an increase of 3.82%. Competitions revenue of \$2,949,146 in 2024 represented approximately 64% of total revenue (2023: 60%).

Development Revenue from U12/U14 Canberra Basketball programs have been reallocated to the Performance department in line with how the programs are currently structured hence a decrease from the previous year (30.4%). Despite this reallocation, Performance Revenue only increased by 15.3%. Development Revenue as whole decreased due to factors already highlighted in the participation report (i.e. low school clinic programs etc).

Total expenditure for the 2024 financial year was \$4,819,278 (2023: \$4,437,689); an increase of 8.6%. The increase is primarily driven by employee benefits with an increased number of employed staff during the 2024 year and increased travel and court hire costs which together account for 54% of the total expenditure.

The cash position as of 30 September 2024 was \$293,184 and reflects a decrease of \$580,079 (99%) from the same time in 2023. Net Assets as of 30 September 2024 are \$7,382,991 (2023: \$7,595,859). The decreased cash balance reflects increased investment in facilities.

Whilst PKF Canberra have noted a going concern the Board and Management are confident that the Association will be able to pay its future liabilities in the ordinary course of business and have taken steps in the 2025 financial year to address this.

COMPETITIONS

Tanya Sharp Manager

The 2023/2024 year was another successful year where we continued to grow in competitions.

It was fantastic to see the growth in Winter 2024 in our girls competitions with the highest number of teams in the last 10 years, particularly in U19's where we were able to bring back a Division 4 for the first time in 8 seasons.

Our 2024 Winter Season saw the exciting introduction of Glory League across both our Junior and Senior competitions. The introduction of Glory League allows players to access footage of their entire game. Glory League uses state-of-the-art AI software that includes ball tracking and player statistics.

The Glory League features are useful to players to create highlight reels from their games, share highlight clips to those who can't make it to the games, and even vote on the Basketball ACT top 10 plays of the week.

In Juniors space we were fortunate to pick up a new venue at Radford college, the newly built Collegians Centre. With two brand new courts available to us, Radford hosted games on most Friday nights, Saturdays and Sundays.

Our school competitions were very successful in 2024 and had a large surge in team numbers, increasing by over 29% which will mean we will be able to increase the number of days we hold these competitions going forward.

As always venue space is a challenge with the continued growth across competitions. Basketball ACT continues to scout venues across the ACT, particularly in the school space.



PREMIER LEAGUE 1



MEN



WOMEN



PREMIER LEAGUE 2



MEN



WOMEN





BOYS

GIRLS



U12 JPL



U14 JPL



U16 JPL



D1



U19 JPL



D2



CLIFF ELLIS MEMORIAL SHIELD

1ST



Ginninderra Rats

2ND



Weston Creek
Woden Dodgers

3RD



Marist College



COMPETITIONS



Sue Geh Cup

Jamie Pearlman Cup



YR 3/4 GIRLS

Radford College

YR 3/4 BOYS

Holy Trinity Primary School



YR 5/6 GIRLS

Canberra Girls Grammar School

YR 5/6 BOYS

Radford College



KATE TOMINAC CUP

Daramalan College

JOHN STELZER CUP

Radford College



U15 Boys

Team Clowry

U15/U17 Girls

Team Gooch



U17 Boys

Team Hunia

Women

Team Norton



Men

NBA Global Academy



BASKETBALL ACT

COMPS & CLUB GALLERY





TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Ryan Buchaniec Coordinator

2024 was another big year in the technical official's space, we saw growth within our referee cohort, big numbers in our courses and coverage improving each week across junior and senior competitions. The rate of growth in competitions seeing over 10,000+ domestic games creates a high workload within our official's community.

The interest in joining the Basketball ACT community as a referee was huge with 320 participants completing the community Level 0 referee course. Level 0 courses were held in conjunction with the U14 Canberra Basketball programs and Indigenous Game Development Program (IGDP) allowing participants to gain accreditation and broaden their rules knowledge.

The Willyama Performance Officiating Academy saw 10 Referee's undertake the program in 2024. Referee's selected for the program have been identified within the BACT Senior Premier League and National Championships pathway. Focusing on looking at the game from a different angle, with the group experiencing on court and off court sessions from sports specialists such as physiotherapy, psychology and nutritionist while also looking at the game from an athlete's perspective.

Fourteen Referee's were selected into the Junior Referee Development Program. The program targets Referee's beginning their representative journeys touring within the Basketball NSW Southern Junior League and BACT Performance Camp. A key focus for participants was to enhance their basic understanding of how the game is played this was achieved through game analysis and on court training.

A significant part of referee training and development is attributed to the team of Referee Supervisors who support Referee's each week in the local competitions. Their effort and support to our Referee Program sometimes goes unnoticed, I would like to thank each and everyone of the Referee Supervisors for their contribution, support and guidance to Referee's within the BACT system and pathway.

The score-table team have done an outstanding job covering games within the ACT and performance pathways. 52 participants completed the Level 1 Score-table course, which is continuously building growth within that cohort. The Score-table team were able to cover 11 WNBL Games, 43 NBL1 East Games (including finals), 15 Waratah League Games, 65% of Senior Premier League 1 Games, including additional National scrimmages or Basketball Australia camps.

Statisticians have had a big year and their dedication to the sport and their craft is applauded. The small group were able to complete 11 WNBL Games, 43 NBL East Games and 75% of Senior Premier League 1 Games in 2024, as well as supporting National camps and scrimmages at the AIS. Five new statisticians joined BACT in 2024 and we will continue to focus on growing the cohort in the coming years.

A special congratulations to Mark Harris who was selected as a reviewer/evaluator for the Paris Olympic Games in 2024.

After over 30 years of service as a statistician Bob Miller retired from officiating at the WNBL/NBL and NBL1 levels. BACT thanks and recognises Bob for his years of service to the game.

I would like to thank all of our Referee's, Referee Supervisors, Score-table, Statisticians and Volunteers for their amazing contribution to basketball within the ACT and look forward to achieving more goals in 2025!

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Referee Coverage (%)

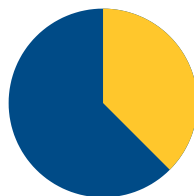


100%
Senior & Molten Junior Premier League

93.5%
Junior Competitions (Div 1-6)

87.3%
Senior Social Competitions

Male/Female Referee (%)



70.6%
Male Referees

29.4%
Female Referees

Additional Technical Officials highlights through the year, include:

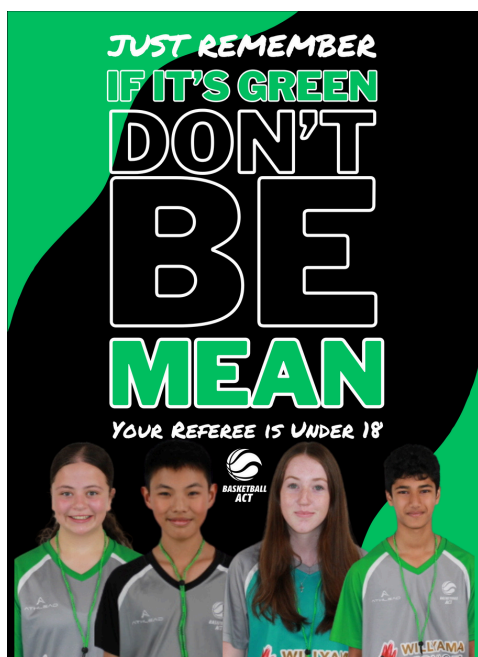
- Jack Taylor officiating at FIBA U18 Asian Cup;
- Mitch Hudson & Jack Taylor appointed to the WNBL Panel;
- Jack Taylor being awarded the NBL1 East Men's Finals and named as NBL1 East Referee of the Year;
- Ethan Tulk being selected to the National Referee Development Program;
- Olivia Young representing as a Technical Official at FIBA Women's Asian Cup.

DEPARTMENT FOCUS

In 2024, Basketball ACT introduced a new campaign to help arrest the potential of abuse of referees under 18 years of age, and allow young developing referees to build their skills in a safe place.

The "Green Whistle" campaign saw referees under 18 years of age issued with green whistles and lanyards to quickly identify their age, and allow complainants to adjust their interactions accordingly.

Adopting the slogan "If it's GREEN, Don't be MEAN. Your referee is under 18", the program was rolled out across Belconnen and Tuggeranong, with signage reminders displayed on each court and throughout both stadiums.



**REMEMBER IF IT'S GREEN
DON'T BE MEAN**



A group of children, mostly girls, are wearing orange basketball jerseys with 'Aussie Hoops' written on them. They are outdoors on a paved area, reaching up with their hands towards several basketballs that are suspended in the air. The background shows green trees and a clear sky. The image is positioned on the left side of the page, partially overlapping a dark blue header.

PARTICIPATION

Elijah Duke Manager

With another big year across Basketball as a whole, Participation saw great change and fluctuation in participation numbers with the beginnings of new programs, initiatives and partnerships.

Participation saw early change with a restructure of the department, by seeing the removal of the U14s and U12s Canberra Basketball programs that now sit under the Performance Department. With this change made the newly named Participation Department has shifted its focus primarily on BACT's community programs and focusing heavily on refining inclusion in a more wholistic approach to participation of our game. Participation also gained a new member in Che Peters as a Participation Trainee to help with the delivery of programs and administration.

The development of a Participation Plan (Grow the Game Strategy) was a key focus throughout the year. This will assist with a wholistic view of community and inclusion in a strategic approach focusing on the development of Wheelchair basketball, Intellectual Disability Basketball, Female Retention/Participation and Diversity.

Ford Aussie Hoops had a fluctuation in numbers across the year. Ford Aussie Hoops had a total of 1,546 participants across 10 different locations across Canberra. With the help of the Ford partnership Basketball ACT was able to utilise new equipment used in the delivery of programs and with a new inflatable hoop and signage helped promote the program across 14 different community events and fetes.

Pink Stars, saw growth with the addition of a southside program that hit capacity in the first term. Pink stars experienced a 16.8% increase in participation. From this success, BACT will be expanding the Pink Stars program to an older cohort of participants. BACT had the pleasure of hosting the first set of She-Hoops camps across Australia. The Camp was a huge success with 162 girls participating in the camps activities and meeting basketball legend Lauren Jackson.

Sporting Schools saw decline across the country due to the new system implemented by the National Sports Commission.

BACT engaged with 20 Schools, BACT created a new Wheelchair Basketball Clinic package which provided schools 2 free trials across Term 3 and 4 to give students and schools a taster of Wheelchair Basketball before launching the program as an official clinic option for 2025.

After a successful pilot in 2023 the Indigenous Game Development Program (IGDP) grew in strength during 2024 following positive feedback from the participants and parents. IGDP ran in Term 2 (2024) with 21 participants in the program. IGDP successfully received a grant from Coolamon Advisors, to assist the program offerings and delivery model into the future. Program participants had the pleasure and opportunity to design a singlet for the Canberra Gunners and Nationals 2024 First Nations Round (see Program Highlight, right). From the program an U16s team entered the annual Warriors NAIDOC Tournament. With the success of IGDP will continue to run and grow and will also look to grow a younger variation of the program for 2025.

Another great highlight in Participation was its new and already established Inclusion programs, with the creation of a Home School Hoops program, designed for kids that are home schooled to still be able to participate in physical activity in a team environment and have fun doing so. The All-Abilities 11-15 year old program was also established this year with 9 participants register for the first term of the program.

Walking Basketball also saw massive growth, with a 44.4% increase in participation from 2023. Basketball Australia has confirmed a Walking Basketball category in the Masters Games for 2025 which BACT will plan on entering.

BACT had the pleasure of signing a MOU agreement with The Eagles Sports Association, which is a South Sudanese association that runs a basketball program for South Sudanese peoples. With this partnership BACT will support with the resourcing for the delivery of the program and future initiatives.

With the end of another big year across the department, I would like to thank all the Participation Coaches, for always being enthusiastic, engaging coaches and for creating a welcoming environment for new participants of the sport each and every session. And very excited to see what 2025 brings with a lot of new initiatives in the works.

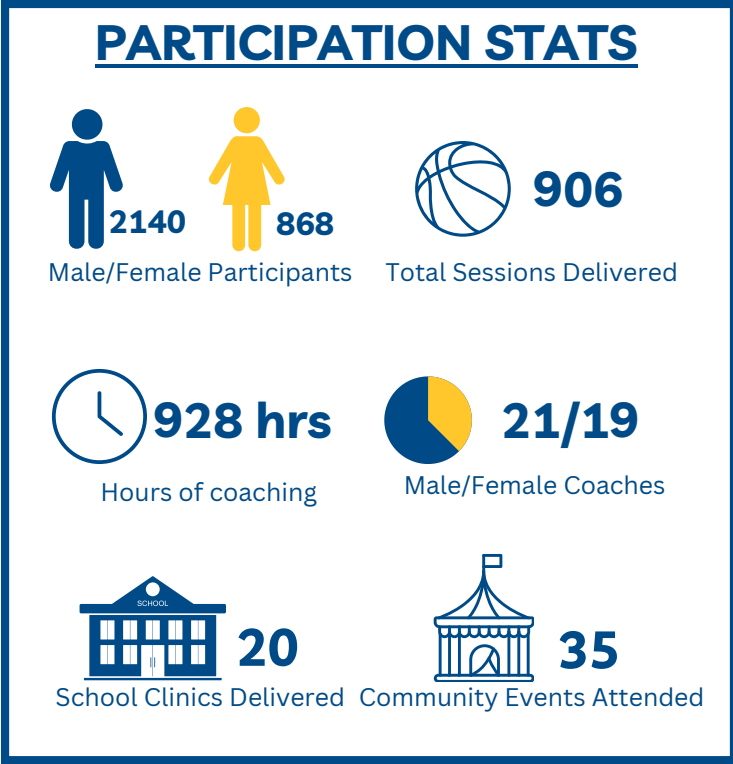
PARTICIPATION



In the lead-up to our NBL1 East First Nations Round, Basketball ACT's Indigenous Game Development Program (IGDP) played a massive hand in designing the uniforms for the Gunners and Nationals.

Utilising the artistic skills of IGDP participants, the unique design captured their individual stories and journeys, love of basketball and pride in their culture.

The Gunners and Nationals wore their uniforms during First Nations Round, when they took on Sydney Comets in 2024.





PERFORMANCE & COACHING

Leonard King Manager

2024 has been a period of growth, development, and achievement for BACT's Performance Department. From expanding our foundational programs to achieving some exceptional results on the court, we've laid a strong platform for future success.

Our foundations saw Adrian Kirk join the department as Canberra Basketball Coordinator, a significant appointment that has become instrumental in managing and delivering the U12 and U14 Club Representative Programs. The Associations representative Program now form the entry point into ACT's Performance Pathway, and has a focus on:

- Foundational skill development;
- Teaching good training habits; and,
- Introducing athletes to ACT's style of play.

These programs are integral to setting up young athletes for long-term success and establishing a clear link between grassroots basketball and the Performance Pathway.

BACT was able to invest in coaching support and development, with the appointment of Jontee Brown to the role of Coaching Coordinator. This new role represents a significant focus on supporting and upskilling the coaching community. Under Jontee's stewardship, BACT has implemented programs and processes to:

- Support club and representative coaches;
- Deliver coach education courses across the Territory;
- Drive alignment and consistency in coaching standards

We anticipate that Jontee's leadership will lead to improved performance outcomes for players and coaches alike, ensuring we continue to raise the bar in coach development.

On the court, our representative teams demonstrated resilience, skill, and improvement throughout the 2024 performance year, with standout performances across multiple age groups and programs.

A common trait amongst our junior representative teams is a "never give up" attitude, that was prevalent in all squads. While the standard at the National Championship level is of a high quality, all of our Territory teams were able to make the step up during the tournament, and improvements were seen as the rounds played out.



2024 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

U20's

U20 Women

0 wins/7 losses
Final Placing: 8th

U20 Men

0 wins/7 losses
Final Placing: 8th

U18's

U18 Girls

1 win/6 losses
Final Placing: 12th

U18 Boys

2 wins/6 losses
Final Placing: 10th

U16's

U16 Girls

3 wins/ 5 losses
Final Placing: 10th

U16 Boys

3 wins/6 losses
Final Placed 12th

2024 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

U14 Girls

6 wins/3 losses
Shield Champions

U14 Boys

3 wins/4 losses
Final Placing: 11th

U18 Girls

2 wins/4 losses
Final Placing: 13th

U18 Boys

2 wins/5 losses
Final Placing: 10th

JUNIOR PERFORMANCE



Congratulations to local juniors, and Basketball Australia Centre of Excellence athletes, Ajak Nyuon and Zara Russell on their selections for the following teams and tournaments:

Ajak Nyuon

- Selection to Australian U17 Crocs for FIBA U17 Asian Cup;
- Selection to Australian U18 Crocs for FIBA U18 World Cup;

Zara Russell

- Selection to Australian U17 Gems for FIBA U17 Asian Cup;
- Selection to Australia U18 Gems for FIBA U18 World Cup.



COACHING STATS



365

Total Accredited Coaches



199



166

Male/Female Coaches



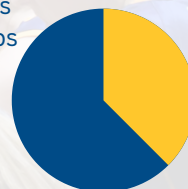
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Coaching Courses Delivered to Clubs



150

Coaches Accredited in Reporting Period



54.5%

Male Coaches

45.5%

Female Coaches

SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE



10-9 8th
Play-Offs

- #1 Jasmyrn Boutzos
- #3 Lizzy Tonks
- #6 Callie Bourne
- #9 Claudea Waihape Andrews
- #15 Maddi Penn
- #14 Amelia Motz
- #5 Elise Finney
- #4 Bianca Dufelmeier
- #7 Chloe Tugliach
- #2 Caitlin Rowe
- #10 Sophie McWatt
- #11 Nikki Worner
- #8 Ilijana Matijevic
- #13 Laura Shortt
- #0 Mikala Williams
- #12 Ella Collins

Head Coach Kristen Veal
 Asst Coach Shane Wallace
 Asst Coach Sarah McAppion
 Asst Coach Tony Plunkett
 Manager Tracey Peacock



16-3 1st
Grand Finalists

- #10 Austin Clarke
- #12 Glenn Morison
- #2 James Toohey
- #5 Cam Pender
- #7 Lachie Smith
- #8 Will Mayfield
- #14 Lucas Schmidt
- #9 Derek Emelifeonwu
- #11 Angus Byatt
- #1 Mitch Robinson
- #4 Rob Emelifeonwu
- #13 Zac McDermott
- #0 Ryan Tobler
- #3 Abraham Riley

Head Coach Peter Herak
 Asst Coach Andrew Martin
 Manager Marty Capon

NBL1 EAST AWARD WINNERS

2024 NBL1 EAST ALL STAR 5



AWARD NOMINEES

Cam Pender – Youth Player of the Year
 James Toohey – Defensive Player of the Year
 Peter Herak – Coach of the Year
 Lizzy Tonks – Defensive Player of the Year

2024 Squad

Abbey Emerton
Jayelin Janssen
Mikala Williams
Laura Shortt

Katiah-Ann Tait
Achol Agok
Sophie McWatt
CC Huang

Emily Wilson
Ella Collins
Ava Boyes
Ilijana Matijevic

Georgia Noak
Grace Kent
Wendy Woodward
Ali Francis



CHAMPIONS

16-0 - 1st

Coach - Shane Wallace

Manager - Jasmin Shortt

2024 Squad

Abe Riley
Aleer Chol
Che Peters
Damian Cooney
Solomon Duggan

Dante Bruton
Ted Bigg-Wither
Jordan Jonathon
Jordan Sembel
David Dut

Mason Bruce
Mal Fitzgerald
Reuben Layton Thomson
Matthew Beard-Browning
Will Paterson

Owen Nihill
Sam Bates
Ryan Tobler
Seliano Melekiola
Yannick Deng

RECORD

15-7 - 7th

Coach - Reece Kaye

Asst Coach - Tom Commins

Asst Coach - Mark Mackenzie

Manager - Megan Nihill

2024 Squad

Jontee Brown
Dean Gerke
Rachael Gerke

Zoe Bartlett
Jackson Gray
Brad Burns

Michael Gray
Amad Chatah
Victoria Simpson

Luke Grecco
Coach - Rohan Foy



CHAMPIONS

6-3 - 1st

WARATAH AWARD WINNERS



Jayelin Janssen
- All Star 5, DPOTY,
MVP & GF MVP



Ilijana Matijevic
- All Star 5



Laura Shortt
- All Star 5



Shane Wallace
- Coach of the
Year



Jontee Brown
- GF MVP



Jackson Gray
- 3 Point Player



Zoe Bartlett
- 2 Point Player

2024 AWARDS & MILESTONES

Life Member, Outstanding Service & Merit Awards

LIFE MEMBER

- Allan Yates
- Kelly Grandin
- Bruce Minerds

OUTSTANDING SERVICE













- Sean Bradbury
- Darren Stephenson

MERIT AWARDS

INTERNATIONAL


-  Alex Toohey - Australian Boomers (Select Team) - Nippon Life Cup;
-  Bul Kuol - South Sudan - 2024 Paris Olympics;
-  Ajak Nyuon - U17 & U18 Australian Men's - FIBA U17 Asian Cup and U18 World Cup;
-  Zara Russell - U17 & U18 Australian Women's - FIBA U17 Asian Cup and U18 World Cup;

NATIONAL

-  Alex Toohey - Sydney Kings - NBL;
-  Bul Kuol - Cairns Taipans - NBL;
-  Jesse Wagstaff - Perth Wildcats - NBL;
-  Issie Bourne - Adelaide Lightning - WNBL;
-  Lizzy Tonks - Adelaide Lightning - WNBL;
-  Claudea Waihape Andrews - UC Capitals - WNBL;
-  Abby Solway - UC Capitals - WNBL;
-  Chloe Tugliach - UC Capitals - WNBL;
-  Jontee Brown - Darwin Salties - NWBL;
-  Michael Gray - Manly Wheel Eagles- NWBL;
-  Jackson Gray - Manly Wheel Eagles- NWBL;
-  Victoria Simpson - Manly Wheel Eagles/Sydney Blues - NWBL/WNWBL;

(* NBL - National Basketball League; WNBL - Women's National Basketball League/NWBL - National Wheelchair Basketball League/WNWBL - Women's National Wheelchair Basketball League);

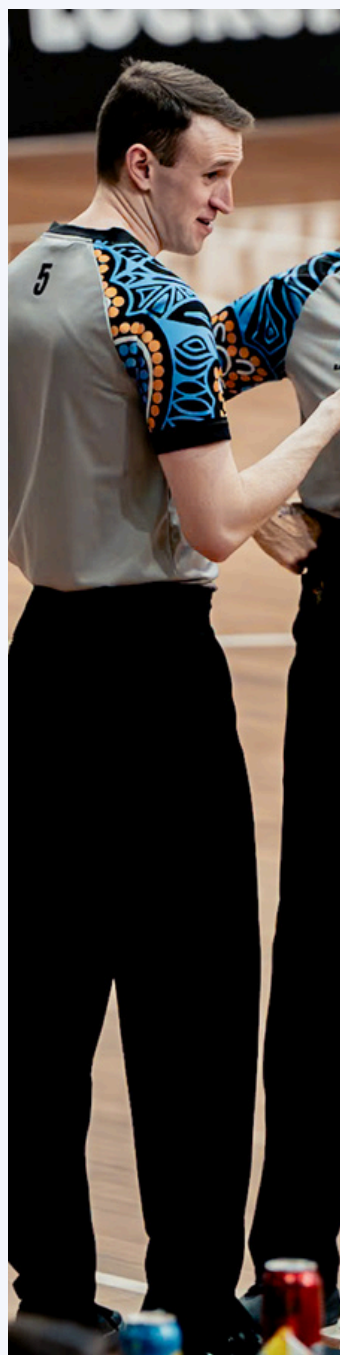
COACHING & TEAM SUPPORT

-  Natalie Hurst – Adelaide Lightning – Head Coach – WNBL;
-  Aiden Barnett – UC Capitals – Asst Coach – WNBL;
-  Tracey Peacock – UC Capitals – Manager – WNBL;
-  Rohan Foy – Manly Wheel Eagles – Head Coach – NWBL;



OFFICIATING (REFEREE/ STATISTICIAN/SCORE-TABLE,

-  Mark Harris – Officiating (Statistician) – 2024 Paris Olympics & FIBA U17 Women's World Cup;
-  Jack Taylor – Referee – WNBL/NBL;
-  Mitch Hudson – Referee – WNBL;
-  Sharna Edwards – Officiating (Score-Table) – WNBL;
-  Carolyn Ackland – Officiating (Score-Table) – WNBL;
-  Paul Vels – Officiating (Score-Table) – WNBL;
-  Cheryl Olley – Officiating (Score-Table) – WNBL;
-  Annette Anderson – Officiating (Score-Table) – WNBL;
-  Patrick Munn – Officiating (Statistician) – WNBL;
-  Suzanne Helson – Officiating (Statistician) – WNBL;
-  Olivia Young – Officiating (Statistician) – WNBL;
-  Erica Cooper – Officiating (Statistician) – WNBL;
-  Bob Miller – Officiating (Statistician) – WNBL;
-  Michael Hanley – Officiating (Statistician) – WNBL;





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2024 AWARDS & MILESTONES

PREMIER LEAGUE 1

PREMIER LEAGUE 2



Derek Emilifeonwu



Mikala Williams

Most Valuable Player (MVP)



Charlie Potter



Katie Williams



Angus Byatt



Emily Wilson

Defensive Player Of The Year (DPOTY)



Max Majstorovic



Kandis Ivas-Duncan



Mark McKenzie



Kate Tominac

Coach Of The Year (COTY)



Michael Lloyd



Kristen Ayre



Mitch McGee



Jayelin Jansen

Leading Scorer



Jessie Tait



Emily Wilson

Best & Fairest

Most Valuable Player (MVP)



Marcus Te Moananui - U12 Boys



Alicia Lopez - U12 Girls



Tanish Shinde - U14 Boys



Samyra Mahajan - U14 Girls



Hamish O'Sullivan - U16 Boys



Poppy Smith - U16 Girls



Josh Buchaniec - U19 Boys (D1)



James Power - U19 Boys (D2)



Katiah-Ann Tait - U19 Girls

Referee Awards & Milestones

ACT Referee of the Year

- Ethan Tulk

Premier League Referee of the Year

- Ryan Blundell

Alan Roberts Merit Award

- Marlene Leonard

Referee's Referee Award

- Ethan Tulk

Score-Table Official of the Year

- Carolyn Ackland

Statistician of the Year

- Erica Cooper

First Year Referee of the Year

- Alba Murphy (Female)
- Noah Dougan (Male)

Willyama Services Junior Referee of the Year

- Kelsy Welfare (Female)
- James Morton (Male)

300 Premier Games



Ryan Blundell

Jackson Tomas

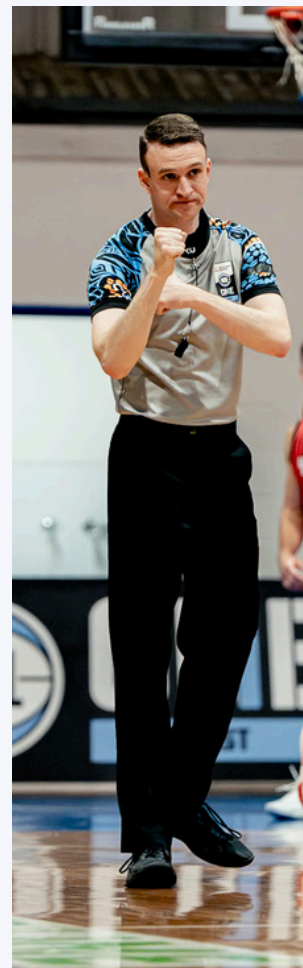


National/Club Championship Appointments

U20's - Kevin Poulton - Referee;
U18's - Jackson Tomas - Referee;
U18's - Annette Anderson & Erica Cooper - Technical Officials;
U16's - Ryan Buchaniec & Ryan Blundell - Referees;
U16's - Ethan Tulk - Referee Coach;
U16's - Carolyn Ackland & Patrick Munn - Technical Officials;
U14's - Ashton Tulk & Hannah Creighton - Referees;
U14's - Marlene Leonard - Referee Coach;



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