

Basketball New Brunswick
Provincial Team FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Selection Process and Teams

1. How are the teams selected?

- Selection committees are used to determine which athletes will be on each team.
- The committees are made up of BNB staff and a mix of coaches involved with our High Performance Spring League and provincial teams.
- Players are evaluated on their “body of work” (Tryouts, High School, BNB Provincials, Sr EDP, Spring League, Previous Years, Input from outside coaches, etc.)

2. What are the eligible age groups and teams being selected?

- 17U Provincial Teams (2007-2008) - Male/Female
- 16U Provincial Teams (2008-2009) - Male/Female
- 15U Provincial Teams (2009-2010) - Male/Female
- Maximum of 12 players/team

Preparing Yourself and Your Child

1. What are BNB’s goals for the summer provincial team program?

- Our goal is for every athlete to have a positive experience this summer - both on and off the court. Players may need to play a different role than what they are used to on their high school team. We recommend that parents talk to their children about this prior to the season starting and be prepared for how they and you will handle this.

2. Will there be equal playing time at games and tournaments?

- Equal opportunity ≠ Equal Play
- Every player will be given an equal opportunity to earn their playing time on a provincial team. Player commitment, work ethic and skill development are all factors that are taken into consideration.

3. What will the expectation be for Parents and Spectators Conduct?

- BNB has a Spectator Code of Conduct that will be in effect during all BNB Provincial Team events - you can view the Code of Conduct [HERE](#)
- BNB representatives have the right to ask any spectator to leave an event if they exhibit inappropriate behavior. Please note any instance reported to BNB will be followed up on using our [Discipline and Complaints Policy](#).
- Parents and spectators should not contact BNB coaches with basketball specific questions or comments, this includes but is not limited to: technical/tactical aspects of play, playing time and substitution patterns. Any contact whether it be by email, text, in person at the gym before or after team events, through

someone else, or outbursts in the stands during games to discuss these or related topics is prohibited.

- We encourage athletes to approach coaches directly if they have questions in regards to their own development, basketball decisions, and playing time. We definitely encourage parents/guardians to help the athletes to prepare for those discussions or if the child wishes the parent to be present for the discussion that could also be considered.
- Spectators should be positive and encouraging in the stands and refrain from providing coaching from the stands which can be confusing for the athletes to decipher and avoid negative talk towards players, coaches or officials at all times.
- If you as a parent/guardian have a concern that you feel necessary to bring forward we ask that you wait 24 hours before sending your concern. This concern can then be forwarded to your **head coach by email only** or to the BNB High Performance Lead, Ryan Chase at ryan.chase@basketball.nb.ca

Time Commitment - Training & Competition

1. What will the training schedule look like?

- Athletes can expect to have team events whether it be training or competition on almost every weekend leading up to Nationals.
- The training is typically on weekends with some exceptions.
- Training locations typically depend on the hometowns of the coaches and players, as well as available gym facilities and rental rates.
- Travel or billeting/hosting teammates will likely be required.
- Individual training during the week may also be provided locally.

2. What will the competition schedule look like?

- 3 events
 - Halifax Competition - June 21-23(Girls) or July 12-14(Boys)
 - Montreal Tournament - June 28-30 (all teams)
 - Summerfest held in Fredericton - July 19-21 (all teams)
- Each team will schedule additional exhibition games with other provincial teams or Club/University teams in conjunction with training weekends

3. Is the U16 schedule any different?

- The U16 team will follow the exact same training and competition schedule as any other team
- The exception is there is no National Championships for the U16 age group
- With no nationals the U16 season will wrap up at the conclusion of Summerfest weekend on July 21st

4. When and where are the National Championships?

- 17U/15U Women's - National Championships in St. John's, NFLD
 - Travel Days: Aug 3rd & August 11th (Flying in/out of Moncton)
 - Competition Days: August 5th - 10th
- 17U/15U Men's - National Championships in Toronto, Ontario
 - Travel Days: Aug 3rd & August 11th (Flying in/out of Moncton)
 - Competition Days: August 5th - 10th

5. Are parents expected to travel with the team?

- Parents will be responsible for their child's travel to/from exhibition games and tournaments prior to nationals.
- Hotel/Accommodations will be covered by BNB for the Halifax and Montreal Events. Anything above and beyond that will be at the discretion of the coach/team as it relates to their budget.
- All travel to/from and onsite at National Championships is taken care of, as well as accommodations and meals (breakfast/lunch/supper) when at the event. Players should bring additional spending money for snacks, as well as meals on the travel days.

6. Will my child be allowed to spend time with their family while at Nationals? What if we want to continue on a family trip after the tournament?

- Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend National Championships as spectators/fans. Please be aware that athletes will not have a lot of free time away from their team and the host site. Each team will handle this differently.
- If you would like to extend your child's trip beyond the tournament your options are as follows:
 - 17U/15U Women - St. John's, NFLD - You will need to notify BNB well in advance and we will put you in touch with our travel agent. Any difference in fare/flight change cost will be the responsibility of the parents.
 - 17U/15U Men - Toronto, Ontario - You will need to notify BNB well in advance and we will put you in touch with our travel agent. Any difference in fare/flight change cost will be the responsibility of the parent

Financial Commitment

1. What are the player fees?

- The fees for Summer 2024 are:
 - \$1900/player for U17/U15 teams
 - \$900/player for U16 teams

2. What does the player fee include?

- The player fee includes an Under Armour team gear package, travel/meals/accommodations/banquet/tournament fee at national championships, accommodations at the Montreal tournament and Halifax events, all training (practice) costs including facility rentals, all competition costs including tournament fees and referee costs, and coach expenses.

3. Will there be fundraising opportunities?

- Individual Fundraising: Players will be given a letter they can distribute to local businesses and organizations asking for donations. Each athlete is permitted to raise up to 100% of their fee, plus an additional \$500. Anything beyond that amount will go into the overall Provincial Team budget
- Team Fundraising: We encourage parents to take a lead role if the team has an interest to fundraise. Money raised can go towards offsetting individual player fees or applied to cover pre-approved expenses for the entire provincial team program

4. Does BNB contribute additional money to the team's budgets?

- Yes! BNB contributes a significant amount towards our provincial team program (approx \$1,400+ per athlete).
- Example of average National Championship Cost:
 - Transportation - \$980/person
 - Accommodations/Meals - \$952/person
 - Tournament Fee - \$1500/team
 - Banquet Fee - \$720/team

5. When is the player fee due?

- The player fee can be paid in 2 installments of \$950 for U15 & U17 - the due dates are June 15th and July 15th.
- For U16 the fee can be paid in two installments of \$450 - the due dates are June 15th and July 15th.
- **NOTE:** If you are not able to meet these deadlines or require an extension, or cannot afford this amount, please contact our office in advance of the dates so that we are aware and can help make alternative arrangements.

Outcomes - BIG PICTURE

1. What can we expect our child to get out of this summer?

- Many of our athletes go on to play at the next level: USports, CCAA, NCAA, Pro
- There will be intense physical and mental development - through both their basketball skills and the opportunity to be part of a team and experience that goes beyond the community level they are used to.
- Our program and coaches will have high expectations of the athletes, both on and off the court.
- Playing on a provincial team isn't easy but it can be incredibly rewarding. It offers the athletes a chance to make friends for a lifetime and become leaders in their communities.

