



Champion ABA National Finals

1-3 September 2006 - Newcastle, NSW

BULLETIN # 2

FINALS VENUE DETAILS

- **NEWCASTLE BASKETBALL STADIUM**
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BASKETBALL NSW JUNIOR CHAMPS

As one of the three host partners for the 2006 Champion ABA National Finals, Basketball NSW is hosting their Junior State Championship's final round in Newcastle Basketball Stadium this Saturday and Sunday. The presence of so many junior player and parents should add to the interest and attention both events attract.



TECHNICAL MEETING FOR COACHES AND MANAGERS

- A brief technical meeting will be held at the Wests Leagues Club (88 Hobart Road New Lambton) at 10:30am on Friday 1st September.
- The meeting will outline tournament conditions, decide uniforms strips and allocate change rooms etc.
- Attendance is compulsory for all team managers.

REFEREES TECHNICAL MEETING

- A brief technical meeting will be held at the Wests Leagues Club (88 Hobart Road New Lambton) at 11:30am on Friday 1st September.
- Each selected official will receive a referee shirt from ABA National for the Finals. Please still bring your regular uniform.

REFEREES & COMMISSIONERS ACCOMMODATION

- The Referees and Referee Commissioners have been booked into the Newcastle Travelodge, corner of King and Steel Streets, Newcastle Ph: 02 4926 3777
- The ABA will cover the costs of accommodation and breakfast only. All other expenses are the responsibility of the referee, and must be paid for prior to departing.

TRAINING SCHEDULE - FRIDAY MORNING

Main Court

- 8:00 Sandringham Sabres - Women
- 8:30 S'thn Districts Lady Spartans
- 9:00 Sturt Sabres - Women
- 9:30 Bankstown Bruins
- 10:00 Sutherland Sharks
- 10:30 Sandringham Sabres - Men
- 11:00 Newcastle Hunter
- 11:30 Knox Raiders

Court 7

- 8:00 Dandenong Rangers - Men
- 8:30 Forestville Eagles
- 9:00 Ballarat Lady Miners
- 9:30 Dandenong Rangers - Women
- 10:00 S'thn District Spartans - Men
- 10:30 Geelong Supercats
- 11:00 Bendigo Lady Braves
- 11:30 Sydney Comets



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WEBSITE

- The Australian Basketball Association website will provide complete coverage including all results and statistics throughout the Finals: www.ababasketball.net.au

CAR PARKING

- All day free car parking is available at the stadium.

GROUND TRANSPORT TO NEWCASTLE (Interstate teams only)

- All ground travel is at the expense of the individual league or team.
- Ground transport booked covers, 3 x Tarago's per team. All bookings are through AVIS.
- Teams must pay local costs (petrol etc). All other costs incurred will be invoiced back to the relevant League.
- Once your participation in the finals is guaranteed, you MUST provide details of two nominated drivers (over 25) along with their drivers licence details: bp@basketball.net.au
- Teams are encouraged to take Avis's optional additional insurance, in the event of an accident or any traffic infringement, ABA National should be notified. All such charges incurred will be invoiced back to the relevant league.

ACCOMMODATION

- Accommodation costs are not equalised, however every effort has been made to ensure equity in what teams will be charged. Small variations may occur.
- Teams are booked into motels by League.
- Teams arrive on Thursday 31st of August and MUST stay in the accommodation booked.

- Actual accommodation costs are invoiced directly to the various leagues. All other incidental expenses incurred at the accommodation (breakfasts etc.) are the responsibility of the individual teams and must be paid for prior to departing. Leagues are to contact and liaise directly with ABA National to determine individual room listings.
- BANK SA** teams are booked into The Executive Inn
10 Rugby Road, New Lambton
Ph: 02 4935 1100
- BIG V** teams are booked into The Executive Inn
10 Rugby Road, New Lambton
Ph: 02 4935 1100
- QABL** teams are booked into Broadmeadow Motel
144 Brunner Road, Broadmeadow
Ph: 02 4961 4666
- SEABL** teams are booked into The Executive Inn
10 Rugby Road, New Lambton
Ph: 02 4935 1100
- Waratah** teams are booked into Boulevard on Beaumont
131 Beaumont Street, Hamilton
Ph: 02 4940 0088

TICKETING

Newcastle Basketball is handling all ticket sales for the Finals and pre-sales are available:

Telephone: 02 4961 3185

Email: admin@newcastlebasketball.com.au

Ticket Prices

3 Day Pass \$30	Adult
3 Day Pass \$15	Child
Day Ticket Friday \$10	Adult
Day Ticket Friday \$5	Child
Day Ticket Saturday \$12	Adult





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Day Ticket Saturday \$6
Day Ticket Sunday \$12
Day Ticket Sunday \$6

Child
Adult
Child

ABA National Awards for statistical category leaders will be presented during the Grand Final day program.

VENUE ACCESS

- All teams will be given up to 15 venue passes according to their nominated team listing as per the official program. These passes will allow entry for team members and staff only.
- Entry passes **MUST** be shown at all times to guarantee entry. The passes are non transferable. Players and officials passes will be issued at the Technical Meeting.
- Other league passes are not valid for gaining entry into the ABA National Finals.

DRESS CODE

To alleviate any embarrassment throughout the Finals, please note the minimum dress codes.

- Team Officials/Staff: dress pants or skirt with sports (polo) shirt or dress shirt.
- Please note that jeans (other than dress jeans) are not suitable.
- Because of nature of their duties, team managers are allowed to wear the team tracksuit.
- Teams **MUST** bring two sets of uniforms with them to the finals, one light set and one dark set.

CHANGE ROOMS

All teams will be entitled to have access to their designated change room after half time of the previous game on their court. Please do not leave anything in the change rooms. A roster will be posted on the notice board.

NATIONAL AWARDS

SATURDAY NIGHT PLAYERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTY

The ABA has booked the Starlight Room at Wests Leagues Club from 7pm on Saturday night for the traditional player party. Coverage of the playoffs from the World Championships from Japan will be shown on a large screen from 9 pm, music and **free** snacks will provided and all players will get **free** refreshment vouchers for use at the party. Wests is located just a short walk from the centre of town.

FINALS FORMAT

The ABA National Board has set the Finals Format and seedings.

- The allocation of games to courts is at the sole discretion of the ABA National Board and will be done on the basis of what is deemed to be best for the event and for its promotion.
- Allocation of games for Saturday will be released on Friday the 1st of September.

Skins™ Dunk Contest & 3-Point Shoot Out

Following on from last year's success, Skins™ the Official Supplier of Compression and Therapeutic wear for the Boomers, Defence Jobs Opals, Gems and Emus are sponsoring a Dunk Contest and 3-Point Shoot Out, with \$500 on the line for the winner of each event.

Teams are to nominate their team entrants (single entrant for dunking and up to two for 3-point shooting) at the Technical Meeting.





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The dunking competition is for the men and the 3-point shoot out will be for the women. These competitions will be held on Sunday the 3rd of September. The 3-point shoot out will be held during the women's grand final and the dunking competition will be held during the men's grand final.

Entries from home State league teams not qualified for the National Finals for both contests will be considered if submitted to the ABA office by Friday September 1.

CORPORATE BOXES

Do you want the best seats in the house? Well avoid the rush and book a corporate box today!

Corporate Boxes are still available for purchase for the main show court and can be configured to suit most needs and catering requirements.

To order a corporate box simply contact Newcastle Basketball on 02 4961 3185 or: admin@newcastlebasketball.com.au

INTERNATIONAL COACHING TRENDS

ABCA (The Australian Basketball Coaches Association) is presenting a FREE coaching session at the ABA Finals weekend on Sunday September 3 from 10:30 am - 11:30 pm at Newcastle Basketball Stadium.

Dean Kinsman (Gems and AIS Head Coach) and Tim Mallon (Emus Assistant Coach) will run a session on the topics, "International Trends in offence and defence - How to play against them" and "Scouting a team, what do you look for and how do you present it to your team?"

INTERNATIONAL REFEREEING TRENDS

FIBA referee Scott Beker will present a FREE refereeing session on Sunday September 3 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am at Newcastle Basketball Stadium in conjunction with the ABA Finals weekend.

Topics covered will include International Trends, Evaluation of Performance at FIBA Tournaments and Communication with language barriers.

VIDEO TAPING OF GAMES

Newcastle Basketball has made arrangements to tape all games at the National Finals. Copies will be available to teams and additional copied may be purchased for the nominal cost of \$15. Why not save yourself the trouble of dragging along the video and let Newcastle take care of it for you.

BASKETBALLS and TOWELS

All teams are advised to bring their own basketballs and towels with them for training and game purposes.

CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES

Winners and Runners up are reminded that there will be only 15 rings (Men), pendants (Women) and runners up trophies presented to each team at the final ceremony.

Please direct all requests for additional trophies to the ABA Office at the conclusion of the event.

The Men's winners will receive vouchers allowing them to receive individually sized Championship trophies after the event's conclusion.