



Wallan Basketball Inc. CBL Program 2015/16

CBL Men 2015/16 – Squad Announcement

Congratulations to all competitors who attended try-outs for this year. It was certainly hotly contested.

We now move into pre-season, with up to two more cuts prior to the final team selection.

Pre-season sees selected senior athletes joining the development squad for final selection. The development squad were well represented at try-outs by Jack Dodd, James Metaxotos, Luke Liesegang, Brad Butler, Dean Campbell and Tasman Clark. They performed to a high standard and will be pushing for roster spots.

Some hard decisions had to be made considering team competitiveness, team balance and with an eye on future development. Selection was based on the elements outlined in our CBL guidelines being condition, eligibility and the TEAM criteria:

Tenacious - We compete hard and never allow easy baskets; we have excellence in attitude as demonstrated by player willingness to push themselves to improve as an individual by 'trying-out' with 100% intensity, focus and effort;

Executers - We show fundamental basketball skills and play our roles; we have excellence in basketball fundamentals as per the WBI Player Development Program;

Assisters - We pass the ball unselfishly and are stingy defenders; we have a high level of teamwork and leadership as demonstrated by assistance, encouragement and support of other players;

Mindful - We are coachable, composed under pressure and good sports; our level of coachability is demonstrated by player adaptability and willingness to accept constructive criticism from coaches.

The athletes selected from tryouts are:

Dylan Cole
Matthew Cornish
Kane Molloy*
Michael Perkins
Jaak Ponsford*
Daniel Stavrinou
Nick Stavrinou
Jesse Witmitz
Nick Witmitz

* Exemption (two try-out minimum) granted as per CBL guidelines

We're excited to announce that Mark Bilyj* will join our CBL squad during the preseason. Mark, who has several years' experience in BigV, is currently in Taiwan captaining the Australian Goannas at the 2015 World Deaf Basketball Championships. We also look forward to the return of our 2014/15 captain Aron Pantano* who is currently recovering from off-season surgery and inaugural team member Luke Mitchell*.

This gives us a total of 24 athletes listed at the commencement of pre-season, with 12 senior and 12 development squad members, from which our 2015/16 CBL team will be selected.

Training commences on Monday 13th July at 8pm, Robson Stadium (Court 2). A second weekly session is expected to be confirmed shortly.

Development squad members, Sunday evening training has now concluded and you will join the senior squad for pre-season training from Monday.

In order to promote growth and competition in the region, domestic senior basketball is set to make its return to Wallan in the very near future. All who attended try-outs are encouraged to keep an eye out for updates and invited to register an expression of interest at that time.

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