



Wolves Junior Coach Agreement

The Wolves are committed to giving young coaches the chance to learn, grow, and lead within our club. Coaching not only builds leadership and communication skills, it sharpens your own game by deepening your understanding of basketball strategy, improving court awareness, and strengthening decision-making. By stepping into a coaching role, you'll see the game from a new perspective, gain valuable experience managing players, and contribute positively to both the club and the wider community.

Application process

Potential Junior Coaches will complete the Coaches EOI issued at the end of each season and will be considered by the Basketball Coordinator and Coaching Coordinator for their appropriateness as either an Junior Assistant (Developing) Coach or as a Junior Head Coach. Junior Coaches will be notified either by email or in person and will be required to sign the below agreement prior to commencing as a Junior Coach.

Club Support & Commitment

The Wolves are committed to ensuring Junior Coaches feel confident, supported, and equipped to succeed in their role. This includes:

- Providing a safe and inclusive coaching environment.
- Allocating a Blue Card Holding Assistant Coach and/or Game Day Team Manager to supervise Junior Coaches.
- Offering structured coaching development opportunities during the season, including learning *Read and React* concepts and *Motion Offence* principles such as spacing, timing, and movement to improve game flow and create scoring opportunities.
- Assisting with training plans and game day preparation.
- Supplying resources to support effective coaching delivery.
- Teaching and reinforcing the Wolves style of play.
- Providing regular feedback and guidance to help coaches progress.
- Maintaining clear communication via WhatsApp group chats for teams and coaches.
- Supporting aspirations to progress to representative-level coaching.

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Position (select one):

☐ **Junior Head Coach**

- ☐ I have basketball playing and coaching experience.
- ☐ I am confident leading training sessions and games.
- ☐ I understand and will follow the TMB Coaches Guidelines.
- ☐ I will lead training sessions and coach on game days.

☐ **Junior Assistant (Developing) Coach**

- ☐ I have basketball playing experience and want to learn coaching.
- ☐ I understand and will follow the TMB Assistant Coaches Guidelines.
- ☐ I will attend training sessions and assist on game days.

Commitments (all coaches):

- ☐ I will maintain respectful, positive communication with players, parents, and officials.
- ☐ I will attend training and games on time.
- ☐ I will work with the Blue Card Holding Assistant/Head Coach and Team Manager.
- ☐ I will participate in coaching development opportunities during the season.
- ☐ I will learn and apply the Wolves style of play.
- ☐ I will use WhatsApp (my own or my parent/guardian's account) for essential club communication.

I, _____, understand and accept the above responsibilities, requirements, and commitments, and will fulfil this role to the best of my ability.

Signed: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Parent/Legal Guardian Consent

I, _____ (full name), am the parent/legal guardian of
_____ (full name).

I give consent for them to participate as:

- ☐ Junior Head Coach
- ☐ Junior Assistant (Developing) Coach

Acknowledgements:

- ☐ I understand the responsibilities, commitments, and expectations of this role.
- ☐ I acknowledge my child will be supported by Blue Card Holding adults.
- ☐ I support their coaching development and progression.
- ☐ I understand they will be learning the Wolves style of play.
- ☐ I agree to provide ongoing support to help them succeed.

WhatsApp Communication:

- ☐ My child will use their own WhatsApp account.
- ☐ My child will use my WhatsApp account.

Signed: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Dear Future Youth Coach,

My name is Brayden, and I've been coaching youth basketball for just over three years. I started as an assistant at 14 and a half with an U15s (U16s now) team and later became their head coach. Since then, I've kept coaching, and it's been one of the most rewarding experiences I've had. Personally, I began as an overly shy teen, but through coaching I've grown into someone who can confidently interact with parents and even give speeches in front of people I don't know.

Before I get into the nuts and bolts, I want to congratulate you on stepping up to coaching! It's a big milestone and shows you're ready to take on a new role in the sport while giving back to the community. Coaching gives you so much, you'll build leadership, communication, and management skills while learning how to bring a group together. Most importantly, you'll see your players grow not just as athletes, but as people. That's something I look back on with the most pride.

This is a challenging role, but you're never on your own. You'll have team managers, head coaches, and plenty of others to support you along the way. Parents often aren't just looking for their kids to improve in basketball—they want to see growth in mindset and personal enjoyment, too. That's one of the biggest strengths of the Wolves Basketball Club: we focus on both the individual and the team.

Of course, there will be challenges. Depending on your age and experience, players might not always take you seriously at first, especially if the age gap is small. Over time, though, you'll earn their respect through consistency, fairness, and showing that you care. Another challenge is balancing your own expectations. If you've taken basketball very seriously yourself, it can be frustrating when your players don't share that same level of commitment. Remember, not every player will love the game the way you do—and that's okay. Your role is to make it a positive experience for them, whatever their goals may be.

Coaching won't always be easy, but it will always be worth it. Stick with it, enjoy the process, and never forget the difference you're making.

Best of luck,

Brayden

