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Open response to queries raised at TCBA AGM

At our recent Annual General Meeting some questions were put from the floor. In the interest of our membership, it is appropriate to ensure that all members are aware of the executive committee's response:

1. TCBA stance on representative players playing in other tournaments

A query was raised that TCBA disadvantages players who participate in 'non-endorsed' competitions. This query is reflective of an ongoing discussion at national level.

TCBA is clear as to its expectations of its players when trialling for representative honour.

Players are expected to commit to the team, its required training sessions and to attend and represent a particular team in tournament commitments.

TCBA are aware that some players choose not to participate for TCBA on the basis that they believe other (basketball) tournaments run are better for their sporting development, or that they have other personal commitments.

If the decision (personal, sporting or school/work) is made by the individual, these circumstances are beyond the control of and boundaries of TCBA.

TCBA is however bound by the rules and regulations of Basketball New Zealand (BBNZ) as well as our own rules and regulations.

- Rule 5.7 of TCBA
- Rule 8.3 BBNZ Rules
- BBNZ Book 4 Players and Officials Registrations

Accordingly, as a member of BBNZ, TCBA is bound to comply with the requirements set by BBNZ.

With respect to individual players, TCBA must consider on an annual basis, where individuals sit in accordance with those predetermined rules. These rules and regulations apply not only locally but at national selection level (see BBNZ Regulations Book Four – Part 2 Eligibility Reg 2.1(a); and 2.1(g) in particular).

See also:

- Reg 2.3 Associations Representative Transfer
- Reg 2.4 Loan Players
- Reg 2.5 Compliance with eligibility

If you have any questions about BBNZ's approach to the above, please direct your queries to them.

2. Uniform rules

A query was raised relating to TCBA following BBNZ (and FIBA) rules around players not being able to wear t-shirts under their playing singlets; and that this may be a barrier to some participants who have body image concerns.

TCBA follows FIBA rules in regard to uniforms, and we do not view that it is in the interest of the local game to make changes away from these consistent expectations. However, we wish to note that TCBA has an existing process whereby a player can make a submission to be considered for an dispensation to this rule. This follows the same dispensation process as for underage players, which is located [here](#). To be considered, this must be supported by appropriate supporting evidence.

On behalf of the TCBA Executive Committee and hardworking staff, we thank our community for your ongoing interest and support.

Yours in basketball,



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