



Koru Tour Outline - Players

Each January for the past 29 years Basketball Pacific (BBP) and/or Basketball New Zealand (BBNZ) have been sending teams to the Country Cup in Australia. Teams are Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18. This event has been seen as an important development opportunity for top level players. Literally 100s of New Zealand age group players have been on the Tour and many Tall Blacks and Tall Ferns started their international experience at the Cup. BBP and the Cup event are endorsed by BBNZ.

What is the Country Cup?

The Country Cup is a tournament for Australian Country State squads (10 best players in their state – excluding players from the main capital cities). In 2020 teams from New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, ACT and New Zealand all competed. Queensland and Western Australia have also been involved in the past.

This link is for the Cup website for more information: https://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-3872-0-0-0

Who is Basketball Pacific?

BBP is an associate member of BBNZ. BBP is made up of twelve BBNZ affiliated Associations: Thames Valley, Waikato, Tauranga, Rotorua, Gisborne, Taranaki Country, New Plymouth, Franklin, Waikato Country, North Harbour and Hawkes Bay. The goal of BBP is to provide development opportunities for members of these Associations, that individually they cannot provide themselves. As well as involvement in the Koru Tour each year BBP run the Mel Young Easter Basketball Classic, a New Zealand Under 12 Jamboree and an Under 12 tour to Australia.

What does selection for the Koru Tour for 2022 look like?

Information will be provided as soon as to hand.

What is the cost?

Information will be provided as soon as to hand.

Who coaches and manages the teams?

BBP member Associations will nominate their best coaches and managers. From this pool BBP will select the coaches and managers for each team. BBP also send over to the Cup Tour management, coach and referee mentors.

What is the next step?

Information will be provided as soon as to hand.

***Any questions about the above please contact your Association in the first instance.
You are also welcome to contact Mark Rogers from BBP on 021 451433.***

