



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

HEAD COACH

AUSTRALIAN UNDER 18 MEN'S TEAM (THE EMU'S) 2026 FIBA UNDER 18 MEN'S ASIA CUP

Basketball Australia is inviting Expressions of Interest for the role of **Head Coach of the Australian Under 18 Men's National Team ("The Emu's")** for the 2026 FIBA cycle.

The appointment will run from **1 March to 30 August 2026** and includes preparation for and participation in the **2026 FIBA Under 18 Men's ASIA Cup**, to be held in Doha, Qatar, July 2026 (dates to be finalised)

About Basketball Australia

Basketball Australia (BA) is the national governing body for one of the country's fastest-growing and most-loved sports. In partnership with our State and Territory member associations, we lead, develop and promote the game from grassroots participation through to our world-class national teams - the Boomers, Opals, Rollers, Gliders and 3x3 programs.

With the launch of our new 2025–2028 Strategic Plan, our ambitious Basketball 2040 Vision, refreshed BA Values, Innovate RAP (2024–2026), and Women & Girls Strategy, BA is entering a period of significant growth and momentum. Our mission is simple and powerful: for basketball to be Everybody's Game.

All employees are expected to role model our Values of Belonging, Safety, Leadership, Excellence & Teamwork, they are at the core of how we go about representing ourselves, how we treat each other and underpin all we do.

Our Values



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Role Overview

The Head Coach will lead the Australian U18 Men's program throughout the 2026 campaign, overseeing athlete selection, preparation, performance, and competition. The role works closely with Basketball Australia's Centre of Excellence, National Youth Programs, and State Sport Science and Medicine (SSSM) staff.

Key Responsibilities

- Identify and select athletes for squads and teams across the campaign
- Plan and deliver preparation programs in consultation with the Head of National Youth Programs
- Lead all selection camps, preparation games, tours, and competitions
- Coach the team in all games, including the FIBA Under 18 Men's ASIA Cup
- Collaborate with National Team and Centre of Excellence coaches on style of play and international trends
- Lead Assistant Coaches and SSSM staff throughout the campaign

Required Experience and Skills

- Demonstrated experience coaching elite youth men's basketball
- Coaching experience at NBL, or NBL1 level
- Head coaching experience at Australian Junior Championships
- Active involvement in the Basketball Australia NPP or State Performance Programs
- High-level video scouting and analysis skills (Hudl / Sportscode)
- Strong background in player development within high-performance environments

Engagement Terms

- Basketball Australia will cover all reasonable travel and activity-related expenses
- Injury coverage provided under Basketball Australia's sports injury insurance policy

Eligibility Requirements

- Current Working with Vulnerable People / Children Check (or equivalent)
- Minimum Basketball Australia Association Coach accreditation
- Commitment to Basketball Australia's Child Safeguarding Policy and Integrity Framework

Application Process

Applications will be reviewed by a selection panel, with shortlisted candidates invited to provide further information and attend an interview.

Submit Expressions of Interest via email to:
coe.nyp@australia.basketball

Applications close:
5:00pm (AEST) Friday, 13th of February 2026

Indicative interviews: week of 23-27 February, 2026

Child Safeguarding

- Basketball Australia is committed to providing children and young people with a positive and enriching environment that promotes their social, physical, or emotional development. We are committed to safeguarding children through the National Integrity Framework and the Child Safe Policy and ensuring young people in our care feel safe and are safe.
- The National Integrity Framework and Child Safeguarding Policy can be accessed here <https://www.australia.basketball/about/governance/national-integrity-framework>
- We expect representatives of the organisation, regardless of their role or level of responsibility to support such an environment.
- As part of your duty, you must recognise that children and young people require special care and attention to feel safe and you will be committed to protecting and prioritising the safety of children and young people involved in Basketball programs and services.
- It is an inherent requirement of this role that the incumbent role holds and maintains relevant, current, Child Safety certification through a Working With Children or Vulnerable people Check