



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ASSISTANT COACH AUSTRALIAN UNDER 17 WOMEN's TEAM (THE SAPPHIRES)

Assistant Coach – Australian Under 17 Women’s Team (The Sapphires)

Basketball Australia is calling for Expressions of Interest for the position of **Assistant Coach of the Australian Under 17 Women’s National Team (“The Sapphires”)**.

The appointment will run from **1 March to 30 August 2026** and includes two preparation camps in March and May, for and participation in the **2026 FIBA Under 17 Women’s World Cup**, to be held in Brno, Czechia, 2 – 20 July, 2026

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 Assistant Coach will support the Head Coach in delivering the Australian U17 Women's program across the campaign, contributing to technical preparation, athlete identification, international scouting, and performance outcomes.

Key Responsibilities

- Support the Head Coach in technical preparation, planning, and delivery of the program
- Assist with talent identification and selection of athletes for squads and teams throughout the campaign
- Liaise with Head Coach and Basketball Australia Centre of Excellence coaches to align style of play and respond to international trends
- Conduct high-level scouting and analysis of international opponents and competitions

Desired Experience and Skills

- Demonstrated experience coaching elite youth men's basketball
- Coaching experience at WNBL, NBL or NBL1 level
- Head coaching experience at Australian Junior Championships
- Active involvement in the Basketball Australia National Performance Program (NPP) or State Performance Programs
- High-level video scouting and analysis capability
- Strong demonstrated player development experience
- Understanding of Basketball Australia's style of play philosophy

Conditions of Appointment

- Basketball Australia will cover all reasonable expenses incurred during approved team activities, including documented phone, travel, and accommodation expenses
- Any injury sustained while undertaking official national team duties will be covered under Basketball Australia's sports injury insurance policy

Eligibility Requirements

- Current Working with 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) Monday, 16th of February

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