

**River Valley Basketball Association (RVBA)**  
**Representative Team Guidelines**  
(updated Nov 12, 2012)

**Objectives:**

- To form Representative Teams from appropriate RVBA League categories
- To be as competitive as possible in provincial-level competition
- To graduate at least 50% of the players into NBIAA level competition

**Purpose:**

- To represent the RVBA at invitational tournaments, and at Provincial Championships as organized by Basketball New Brunswick (BNB)
- To provide advanced skill development for Representative Players in the RVBA
- To challenge Representative Players to achieve a high level of performance
- To develop Representative Players' life skills in sportsmanship, work ethic, dedication and teamwork

**Team Name:**

All RVBA Representative Teams (along with League Teams) will be branded TBD

- Example           RVBA TBD – Rep team  
                      RVBA Blue TBD – House team with blue tees

**Uniforms:**

Uniforms are the property of the RVBA. At the coach's discretion, players may keep the uniforms in their possession until the end of the season, but the coaches are responsible for the prompt return of the uniforms at the end of the season.

Coaches should emphasize proper uniform care:

- Wash inside out in cold water only
- Do not use hot clothes dryer
- Do not cut or make alterations
- Return cleaned uniform promptly at season-end

**Coaches:**

Coaching applications for Representative Teams will be advertised following the AGM. Applications will be received until August 1. Selection will occur for approval at the August Board of Directors meeting.

Coaches will be selected by the Representative Team Committee, and approved by the Board of Directors. The Rep committee consists of 3 members of the Board of Directors, and the President if required.

Selection criteria considered but not limited to:

- Coaching experience
- Commitment to continuity
- Feedback from previous seasons and references
- Commitment to conform to RVBA standards and expectations, particularly sportsmanship
- Level of Coaching Certification in line with BNB requirements.
- Agreement to provide a Criminal Background Check

Coaches have a major influence on players during the season, and must be good role models. Coaches must present a positive image of the RVBA, and ensure team members do the same. They must display good sportsmanship and respect for opponents and officials at all times, including staying within the boundaries of the rule, and preventing humiliating scores when playing a weaker opponent.

Failure to do so may result in suspension or dismissal, as determined by the Representative and Discipline Committees.

Each Representative Team must have a bench coach with a level of Coaching Certification in line with BNB requirements present at each game.

### **Team Selection:**

Every age-appropriate player in the RVBA league is eligible for the appropriate BNB age division rep team. When forming a Representative team, consideration will first be given to players who are members of the RVBA.

Whenever registration numbers permit, it is recommended that Skill Development and Evaluation Clinics be held for a 3 to 4 week period, where all age-appropriate players are encouraged to attend. Player Evaluation will occur during this period to aid in selection of rep players, as well as balanced League teams.

A minimum two week open tryout option is available to coaches, particularly when there is low registration at the age division.

Skill Development clinics will begin in September, with the selection of the Representative Teams completed by November 1. Representative Teams will still have the opportunity to draw from the League beyond this date, to complete their roster. Teams will consist of a minimum of 12 (unless restricted by availability) and maximum of 15 players.

After a Representative Team has been selected, the Representative Team Committee may, at its discretion, permit the formation of a second Representative Team from the players within the RVBA. Formation of any such team must be approved by the Board of Directors, and such team must follow guidelines provided by the Board of Directors.

### **Fees:**

Each player on an RVBA Representative Team is required to pay an additional fee to the RVBA. Amount of additional fee is determined by the Board of Directors.

### **Commitment:**

Barring medical issues, players on Representative Teams must participate in at least 50% of league practices and 50% of league games.

Players on Representative Teams must attend practices and games. While representing the RVBA, they must be well-behaved and display good sportsmanship, both on and off the court. Failure to do so may result in suspension or dismissal from the team.

Coaches must also be committed to the Representative Team. They must make every effort to produce the best team possible. Development of players should emphasize basketball skills, sportsmanship, and teamwork.

Representative Teams must attend Provincials. At the beginning of the season, players must commit to attend the BNB Provincial Tournament.

### **Travel:**

Travel to practices and games is the responsibility of parents.

### **Practices:**

Each team must receive a minimum of 2 hours of practice per week. Practices must begin the week following team selection. RVBA recommends a minimum 2:1 ratio of practices to games achievement over the course of the season. The RVBA Facility Scheduler will manage and distribute practice gym time for the season.

### **Games/Tournaments:**

Representative Teams shall endeavor to play games prior to the BNB Provincial tournament, assuming competition can be located. These games should include games with at least 3 Representative Teams from other areas.

It is recommended that game and tournament scheduling should begin no later than November 15, with the exception of midget and juvenile, which are subject to player availability secondary to high school commitments.

Individual games cannot be scheduled on Saturday when such games would conflict with League Team games.

Representative Teams are limited to 3 tournament weekends which conflict with league games over the course of the League schedule – and no more than 1 tournament in a calendar month - to minimize conflicts in participation with League Teams. When an unavoidable conflict occurs, players shall commit to the Representative Team.

All Representative Teams shall endeavor to attend at least 2 tournaments during the season, assuming sufficient invitations are received. In addition, teams must attend the BNB Provincial Tournament. The team registration fee for BNB will be paid by the RVBA. All other away game and tournament expenses throughout the season are the responsibility of the individual teams. RVBA does provide each Representative Team with a stipend for expenses, with the amount determined by the Board of Directors on a yearly basis.

When a team must travel to the BNB Provincial Tournament, reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the head coach (to a maximum of \$100) will be reimbursed upon submission of receipts.

In all other circumstances, coaches are responsible for their own expenses.

Coaches and/or managers will arrange their own games and tournaments. All home game gym time must be coordinated through the RVBA Facilities Scheduler, as appointed by the Board of Directors.

### **Playing Time:**

Coaches will make every effort to dispense floor time as fairly as possible. However, there is also a responsibility to be as competitive as possible. Parents and players must accept that there is no guarantee of floor time in games that affect provincial placement.

### **Referees:**

Referee fees will be paid by the individual team from RVBA stipend and/or additional funds raised. Whenever possible, rated officials will be used for games with other representative teams.

### **Fundraising:**

Teams may organize their own fund raisers. Events and business donation requests must be approved by the Board of Directors. Requests will be responded to within 1 week of submission. All fund-raising activities will be posted in the RVBA website.

### **Budget Management:**

Representative teams should establish a bank account, to be used in conjunction with team operation and fund-raising. This account should require two signatures for withdrawal, and one of the signing officers on the account must be a member of the RVBA Executive, who is not directly involved with the team. Bank statements on these accounts should be retained by the RVBA Treasurer.

Teams should designate a manager or treasurer to report income and expenses to the team parents at least twice per year. This report may also be requested for review by the Representative Committee. Budget templates are available on the RVBA website. A final revenue / expense report must be promptly submitted to the RVBA Board of Directors at the conclusion of the season.

At the end of the season, a reasonable amount of funds shall be left in the team account, as a starting point for the following season's team.

### **Problems or disputes:**

For resolution of difficulties, coaches are to contact the RVBA Representative Teams Committee.