

Expressions of Interest – Assistant Coach

Junior Tall Blacks U17-U19 Cycle, 2025-2027

About Us:

At Basketball New Zealand (BBNZ) our values are respect, integrity, connected and our success relies on our people feeling aroha, valued, supported, connected, optimistic and mana.

We are committed to developing Performance Pathways by building elite systems for those who have not yet emerged.

Within our performance pathways we will:

- Identify talented people with the motivation and ability to deliver future elite performances.
- Install promote and celebrate habits of excellence.

Expressions of Interest

Basketball New Zealand is calling for Expressions of Interest for the positions Assistant Coach of the New Zealand Junior Tall Blacks Team.

The term of appointment will be from January 1st, 2025 to 1st October, 2026 (1 year extension option) and will include the 2025 FIBA Under 17 Oceania Cup, 2026 FIBA Under 18 Asia Cup and 2027 FIBA U19 World Cup, dependent on qualification.

Duties and Responsibilities

The Assistant Coach of the Junior Tall Blacks will be responsible for:

- Assisting the Head Coach with talent identification and selection of the athletes to be included in squads and teams throughout the campaign.
- Assist in the implementation and delivery of the campaign preparation in consultation with the Head Coach.
- Assist in the delivery of all talent ID and preparation/selection camps, along with any preparation games or tours.
- Assist in coaching the team at assigned tournaments – for example Oceania Cup, Asia Cup and World Cup.
- Be available for meetings with the Head Coach and Tall Blacks Head Coach as required throughout the cycle.

Desired Experience and Skill Set

- Demonstrated experience coaching elite youth men's basketball.
- Minimum of Assistant coaching experience at New Zealand National Championships, U16 or above.
- Has coached in at least two different environments.
- High level video scouting and analysis skills through Hudl/Sportscube
- Demonstrated player development experience.
- Brings a strong skillset or specialist area.

Preferred Additional Experience and Skill Set

- Experience in coaching Tupu, Taihi/NBL, American Collegiate, NBL1 level or higher.

Personal Attributes

- Values driven – and aligned with BBNZ core values of Respect, Integrity, Connected.
- Strong interpersonal skills – must have a reputation as; selfless, resilient, strong teaching skills.
- Committed to their craft – understands the need to be a lifelong learner and there's always more to learn.
- Ambitious – can communicate their intended coaching pathway and how this role supports their intentions.

Other Relevant Information

This is a volunteer role. Basketball New Zealand will pay all reasonable expenses incurred when the role holder is involved with approved team activities. The successful candidate will be required to undergo a Safety Check of Children's Workers and NZ Police Vetting. Basketball New Zealand will work with the successful candidate regarding their overall Individual Development Plan (IDP) as part of their involvement in the FIBA cycle.

Commitment

The Assistant Coach engagement is for 2025 -2027 dependent on qualification to the World Cup. Given the nature of the FIBA cycle, the Assistant Coach will assist the Head Coach in the planning, lead up to and during the event. In between campaigns, the Assistant Coach will be expected to be available for relevant meetings that continue to drive the objectives of the program.

Travel

National and international travel is required.

Process

Applications will be reviewed by a panel and a short list created. Short listed applicants will be contacted about further requirements in the process, which may include provision of additional information and interview.

Interested candidates should submit a written application via e-mail to Dave.Wildash@nz.basketball Expressions of interest close at **5pm, Friday 29th November, 2024.**

Interviews are forecasted to be held during the week beginning Monday 9th December, 2024 via video-conference.