

HILLS RAIDERS WABL PLAYER SELECTION CRITERIA



WHAT DO OUR COACHES LOOK FOR?

Player selection is based on more than basketball ability alone. Coaches assess each athlete across the following key areas to select teams that will perform well together while supporting long-term player development.



ATTITUDE & RESILIENCE

At Hills Raiders, attitude is just as important as ability.

We look for players who demonstrate:

- Coachability
- Positive attitude
- Teamwork
- Leadership
- Mental toughness
- Resilience after mistakes or setbacks
- Commitment and determination
- Humility and respect



POTENTIAL

Where can this player be in 12 months?

Coaches consider:

- Willingness to learn
- Work ethic
- Self-motivation
- Capacity for improvement
- Physical growth potential
- Rate of development



BASKETBALL SKILLS & GAME UNDERSTANDING

Technical and tactical ability.

Including:

- Ball handling
- Passing
- Shooting
- Finishing
- Defence
- Rebounding
- Decision making
- Basketball IQ
- Understanding offensive and defensive concepts





TEAM FIRST

Being a great teammate matters.

We value players who:

- Understand and embrace their role
- Encourage teammates
- Celebrate others' success
- Positively influence team culture
- Put the team before themselves



PHYSICAL ATTRIBUTES

Athletic qualities that support performance.

Including:

- Speed
- Agility
- Strength
- Fitness
- Endurance
- Vertical leap
- Height and reach (where relevant)



APPLICATION & EFFORT

How you train is just as important as how you play.

We look for athletes who:

- Train with intensity
- Compete in every drill
- Give maximum effort
- Are reliable and available
- Show respect to coaches, teammates and officials
- Demonstrate professionalism and commitment

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

- When finalising teams, coaches also consider:
- Overall team balance and player roles
- Commitment to the Hills Raiders WABL Program
- The mix of top-age and bottom-age players
- Injury status – players should contact the WABL Coordinator regarding possible exemptions)

Remember

Selection is based on the complete athlete – not just points scored or athletic ability. Our goal is to select players who demonstrate the attitude, commitment and potential to contribute positively to the Hills Raiders WABL program while continuing to develop both on and off the court.