



MINUTE OF THE MAYOR

Dated: 28 October 2019

RE: 54th International Children's Games

The Northern Suburbs Basketball Association (NSBA) has contacted me to ask whether North Sydney Council would consider taking a delegation of young athletes aged 12 to 14 years to the 54th International Children's Games which will be held in Hungary next year. The games will run from 30 June to 5 July 2020 in the city of Kecskemet.

The NSBA is hoping to send a male and female team to the games to compete in the 3x3 basketball competition. The NSBA girls team are the national 3x3 champions and the NSBA boys team were undefeated at Marvel Stadium in the curtain raiser games before the international matches played as a warm up to the FIBA Basketball World Cup in September. The NSBA considers both teams would be very competitive at the international level.

The NSBA cannot compete in Hungary unless North Sydney Council provides an official to lead the delegation. There are nine sports played at the games, so if Council were to support a delegation, other sporting clubs and local schools could also be invited to send teams. The nine sports are: athletics; swimming; tennis; table tennis; judo; football; handball; basketball 3x3; and beach volleyball.

As the leader of the delegation, the person nominated by Council would need to attend some official ceremonies at the event. The only cost to Council would be the cost of the airfare to Hungary as the host city will provide other costs including accommodation, transfers and activities. Any students participating in the games would be required to pay their own airfares. Parents travelling with their children need to meet all their own costs.

The NSBA is the first NSW club training athletes in the fastest growing participation sport in the world. 3x3 basketball has been played for many years in Europe and will be an official Olympic event starting in the 2022 Olympic Games. A 3x3 game is played on a half court so it makes good use of scarce stadium space. The teams can't be coached during the game so the players learn additional skills in subbing themselves on and off and devising strategy during the game.

If Council wants to support the NSBA request, it can select either a Councillor or senior member of staff to lead the delegation

I therefore recommend:

- 1. THAT** Council determine whether it is prepared to support a delegation to the International Children's Games in 2020; and
- 2. THAT** Council determine who should lead the delegation.

**COUNCILLOR JILLY GIBSON
MAYOR**