



# MAROONDAH MAGIC BASKETBALL CLUB



Maroondah Magic Basketball Club Newsletter

March 2016

This season has seen further growth within the club with 135 teams competing in the Maroondah Magic green & gold. It is wonderful to see games played hard but fair, played in good spirits and players having fun.

As we are approaching the finals I would ask all parents and people associated with Maroondah Magic teams that our conduct at games is professional. We have in the past had parents reported for poor behaviour, and would remind you that basketball is a fun sport and it's not always about winning at all cost. We would also like to thank all the parents, coaches, team managers and administrators for their dedication to the sport of basketball and the Maroondah Magic Basketball club, for without you it would make it a very difficult task to put teams on court.

Best of luck for the finals and play hard.

We are accepting registrations for next season and you will need to pay on-line at our new web-site using the security of Sporting Pulse. There are instructions in this newsletter. Registrations need to be paid by 30th April.

GO MAGIC!



## Important Dates to Remember:

Registrations are due by 30th April 2016. Payments made after 11:59PM, 13th May will incur a \$10 administration fee. If registration is not paid by 11:59PM, 27th May, the unregistered player will not be allowed to play until the registration is paid.

Grand Finals for Winter 2016 season will be Tuesday Girls 13th September, Wednesday Girls 14th September and Boys 17th September.

Season Winter 2016 will kick start on: Girls: 12th + 13th of April, Boys: 16th of April

Coaches Presentation and Pizza night - 21<sup>st</sup> March

Come and Try Sessions – Dorset Primary School – 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March

. 4.30 – 5.15 pm – Miniball to U9

. 5.30 – 6.15 pm – U10 and up

The uniform shop will be open from 4pm—5.30pm at both of these

Come & Try sessions

Uniform Sales day – April 10<sup>th</sup> - 1pm to 4pm

Players Presentation day – 1<sup>st</sup> May – U12 and below - time to be advised



# LOOKING AFTER OUR VENUES

Important points for everyone to remember when using any venue :

- siblings are not to be left without a parent
- No food is to be taken into the venues
- please make sure children **DO NOT** climb on or use any equipment that is in the gym
- it is most important we all abide by these simple rules so Magic can continue to use these great venues.

When entering or exiting training venues from a car park (eg at Ruskin Park and Tinternvale for example) can you please ensure all players, parents and siblings use the footpaths and not walk through the centre of car parks... This is for the safety of all pedestrians, as it can be difficult to see when reversing in these areas.

We are extremely fortunate to be able to train at all the wonderful school facilities that we do. For the good relationship to remain, and the ability to retain these training facilities there are a few more points to remember:

The last team to train at the facility must turn off lights, turn off heaters, ensure that the facility is locked and alarms set.

Periodically through the training night, please everyone check the bathrooms and ensure the taps are turned off, and there is no water running in the bathrooms or at the drink taps.

Please remember there is a NO food policy in any of these venues—there have been occasions when siblings have brought food with them.

Please ensure that all basketball training shoes are clean, and non marking, and wipe them at the door before entering the facility. The schools do not allow their children to wear everyday shoes in these facilities, and the floors are becoming scratched and marked. If they need to reseal the floor, we would have disruption to our training schedules as well as Increased costs for hire, and this would ultimately be passed on to all our playing children.

# **CODE OF CONDUCT**

**Players and parents need to be aware of their expectations on and off the court. Please take the link to Maroondah Magic web site to read the Code of Conduct for both players and**

## **ALL CODES OF CONDUCT**

We have again sponsored Rachael Watson, who is playing with the Ringwood Hawks. Rachael has been playing with Maroondah Magic since 2007, and has enjoyed success being selected to play with Ringwood Hawks in their Youth League women programme for a number of years. She is also coaching one of our teams in the Winter season.



Congratulations on your selection again this season, Rachael, and good luck!



We are also sponsoring Connor McGrath, who plays with Warrandyte Venom. Connor has played with Maroondah Magic for many years and has coached a junior boys team for a number of seasons with our club. Congratulations to Connor!

## Team Selection Process

One of the more common points of discussion heard around the club is about team selection – why is that player in there/ I do not like this coach / my child is better than others are and deserves to be in a higher team/ etc. The process of putting teams together is a long, involved and carefully considered one and begins at least two months before the new season.

It starts with finding out who is playing next season (via the “intent to play forms” currently being filled in) and who will be available to coach. Players who play representative basketball also need to be factored in – each rep player carries points and there is a maximum amount of points allowed per team. In addition, new players and player transfers also need to be catered for.

The second step is to consider the players – their strengths/ability and what their needs are for development (do they need to consolidate their skills before going into an “a” grade team? Are they too intimidated by other players in their current team...). We also aim - particularly in the younger age groups - to keep children in the same half year (birth date) together where possible so they get used to playing with each other (although this is not always possible because of ability, number of players and coaches etc.).

Other factors that are taken into account include friendships, personal likes and dislikes, training time availabilities, are they playing other sports that impact on training availability, etc.

When all of the above are taken into account, age coordinators spend a lot of time juggling player needs, club needs and last minute changes! Last minute changes are the biggest hurdle to overcome as it takes a number of phone calls and team revisions just to accommodate one last minute player not playing or someone who decides they now want to play - that is why Intent to Play forms are very important.

If you have any concerns/ considerations about your child/children and team placement, please discuss them with your age coordinator as soon as possible. Whilst everything is considered, we cannot commit to catering to all requests.

## Backpacks

We have introduced backpacks to our range of merchandise, available at our shop. They are \$40 each, black with our logo, and have space for a ball, drink bottle and a Maroondah Magic hoodie. Great price, great product.



**Q: What's the difference between a basketball player and a dog? A: One drools, the other dribbles.**

## •Age Coordinator Contacts :

### BOYS

Miniball	Natalie McCartney	natmccartney@bigpond.com	0419 545 533
U9-U12	Peter Cunningham	peter@pcunningham.com.au	0400 577 476
U13-U15	David Blyth	dandlblyth@bigpond.com	0413 489 816
U16 - U21	Faye Putney	putneys@bigpond.com	0411 343 755

### GIRLS

Miniball - U10	Megan Deayton	meganmatt@dodo.com.au	0413 303 746
U12 - U14	Pam Dando	pamela.dando@hotmail.com	0408 871 544
U16 - U21	Ashley McConnell	mcnob9le@gmail.com	0413 648 424
Special Needs Coordinator: Sam Shiell		samshiell@iprimus.com.au	0408 392393

Please contact the related co-ordinator with any queries you may have.

## 12 ENTRIES FOR THE PRICE OF 10

Did you know that Kilsyth Basketball have an offer available for advanced purchase entry to their venues? You can purchase a card from Kilsyth Basketball Stadium (only) for \$25, which will give you entry to 12 games, this means 2 of the games are free entry. You can use these cards for all players and adults, and at all venues—Kilsyth, Oxley and Lilydale.

## Scoring:

**Just a reminder that when scoring, you are an official of the game and as such, should not yell out/barrack etc when sitting at the score bench. Please also abide by the 'Code of Conduct' set out by Basketball Victoria regarding officials of the game.**



## **ASSISTANCE REQUIRED**

Our club has a number of regular events where we could really use some additional help. Uniform sale day (held twice a year just before the beginning of each season), Presentation Day (twice a year, early in the season), Grand Final day (we need volunteers who are experienced scorers and would be willing to score for other Magic teams) and Come and Try Sessions (held on Friday evenings late in each season to recruit new players for the next season).

Our hard working committee devote a lot of time to make these events happen but as our club grows we would love to have some more help. If you could give up a few hours please email your details to Sue McGrath (Club Secretary) [suemcg@tpg.com.au](mailto:suemcg@tpg.com.au) and Sue will keep a list of people we can call on to help out at these events.

This list is for those people happy to help on an irregular basis. Let us know!

## **FACEBOOK**

Have you 'liked' our Facebook page? Maroondah Magic Basketball Inc. - Follow the link, and keep updated with any news.

## **INSTAGRAM**

Have you 'followed' our new Instagram page? Go and chuck us a follow and a shoutout! [mm\\_basketball\\_club](#)





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Secretary: Sue McGrath

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**REGISTRATION FOR WINTER 2016****ON-LINE REGISTRATION**

**NOTE:** To complete this process you will need to pay online via credit card. Please have your Visa or Mastercard ready.

- Go to Maroondah Magic “home” page [www.maroondahmagic.com.au](http://www.maroondahmagic.com.au) and click on “Register for Winter 2016” in the top right hand corner.
- Follow prompts, entering
  - Number of family members
  - If registering for first time, please request username and password (and enter email address for user information to be sent to). This will be used for subsequent seasons’ registrations
  - Enter username/password for player .Select “Maroondah Magic” as club. Edit (or add if a new player) member information if required. (note : if doing more than one player, complete edits for player 1 before going to player two...)
  - Once all player/s added, proceed to payment. Follow prompts to process payment using credit card
  - If payment is not received by 11:59PM, 13th May , a \$10.00 administration fee will apply.
  - Players must have paid their fees by the due date to secure their place in a team.



# rebel

Rebel sport is supporting us every time you shop in their store.

Simply by joining the Rebel Season Pass loyalty program and nominating Maroon Magic as your club, every time you shop in Rebel Sport we accumulate credit to spend on things like new training equipment etc.

**You** will also receive in house discounts and sale items just for being a member as well. It costs you nothing to join and all you have to do is flash your card or tell them your name when you shop and the credit just keeps adding up.

You can sign up in store or online.

We purchased, with your contribution to store credits, 8 basketballs for our Presentation day. We have also purchased training equipment including : set sprint hurdles; 8 reaction balls; and skipping ropes.



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