



# MAROONDAH MAGIC BASKETBALL CLUB



Maroondah Magic Basketball Club Newsletter

July 2016

This season has seen our club field 132 teams, competing in the Maroondah Magic green and gold. It is wonderful to see games played hard but fair, played in good spirits and players having fun.

As we are moving through the season we 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.

GO MAGIC!



## Important Dates to Remember:

### REGISTRATIONS

Registrations are due by 11:59PM, Sunday the 23rd of October, please pay via sporting pulse, the link is in the top right hand corner of our website - [www.maroondahmagic.com.au](http://www.maroondahmagic.com.au)

### INTENT TO PLAY

Please complete the Intent to play form for the Summer 2016/17 season, that your Team Manager has now received by the 6th August to enable our Age Co-ordinators to complete team allocations for next season.

### PRESENTATION DAY

23rd of October, for Under 12 teams and below - times will be advised closer to the day.

### COME AND TRY

Friday September 2nd (changed from 16th) and Friday September 9th - Miniball and Under 9 at 4.30pm; U10 upwards at 5.30pm at Dorset Primary School

### SALES DAY

Sunday 18th September 10am-2pm at Dorset Primary School

### COACHES NIGHT

Monday, 12th September, 7.30pm Dorset Primary School



## **SUMMER 2016/17 REGISTRATIONS:**

Are now open – please pay via our Link on our Web site. The Link is at the top of the home page. Our summer season registration fee is \$80 – this is discounted by \$10 to \$70, if you pay by midnight on 23/10/2016. Get in early and save \$10 on your child's registration fee.

The second child in your family will be \$70 – discounted \$10 to \$60, if paid by 23/10/2016, the third child in your family will be \$50 – discounted \$10 to \$40 if paid by 23/10/2016. The fourth and subsequent children in your family will be free. If you have an queries or issues, please feel free to contact

Pam Whitehead, on 0419 554 429 or [pamwhitehead@bigpond.com](mailto:pamwhitehead@bigpond.com)

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## **PRESENTATION DAY:**

Please put the date of 23<sup>rd</sup> October in your diaries for our Presentation day. Times will be advised closer to the day.

Presentations will be for Under 12 teams and below.

## **TRAINING:**

The Club has been approached a number of times by parents complaining that training has been cancelled by their coach because the team has a bye.

We understand coaching can be taxing and onerous, but also can be very rewarding as you watch players learn new skills, improve their existing skills and for their social development and for a player to spend an hour a week doing each of these is great to watch. Parents have paid their fees for the season and the Club has already paid for the training venue and when teams do not train, the Club is out of pocket and players miss out on their ongoing skill and game development.

We know coaches may have work or family commitments from time to time that also may preclude them from attending training, however, we strongly suggest you have one or two parents, where possible, assisting you at training, who can then fill in for you. It would great if parents could approach coaches to offer assistance at training as the more people involved and participating, the better for morale and development of all.

# 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 parents.**

**[Click here for Codes of Conduct](#)**

## **UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS**

Uniform Shop hours for Term 4 are Monday the 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th October 5pm-7pm at Dorset Primary School, after that by appointment only.

Our new Maroondah Magic backpacks are here and they look great, they can hold a basketball, shoes, drink bottle, clipboard and a Maroondah Magic hoodie. They are only \$40, so come down on a Monday and grab one before we run out!

Cassy Hamilton, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

## **Some Words of Wisdom**

Do not criticise your or others children in front of others. Reserve constructive criticism of your own children for more private moments. Children can be very sensitive and feel strong humiliation if they are criticised in front of their peers. When you do feel the necessity to speak to your child about something that displeases you, make the effort to explain what the problem is and why you are concerned about it. If you can see some way of avoiding the problem in the future, also explain this to the children. Give your children an opportunity to offer you an explanation. You are not communicating with your children effectively if all the communication is one way.

Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their called to the best of their ability. Referees and officials have a difficult task to perform and your children could not play the game without them. They are there to enforce the rules of play but they cannot always be right. Accept bad calls graciously. Abuse of referees is unacceptable behaviour. Players who consistently dispute decisions or do not accept bad decisions are bad sports. If you disagree with a decision, discuss it with your children in a constructive manner.

Set a good example by your own conduct, behaviour and appearance. Children often learn by example. You are the prime role models for them. Make your parenting rewarding and beyond criticism by leading by example. Do not criticise opposing team members or supporters by word or gesture. Accept loss graciously and applaud the efforts of all playing the game.

**DO NOT** be one of the "ugly" parents occasionally seen at sporting events.

## 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
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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. Thank you to every parent that steps up at their Child's game and scores for Maroondah Magic. Please remember that if you have a child away DO NOT tick their name on the computer screen. This is particularly important if the child is injured and has a Doctors Certificate, you will be forfeiting the importance of the Doctors Certificate if the child is deemed to be playing. This is also particularly important for those Teams that have Rep players absent, and can earn Penalty Points if the player is deemed to be playing.**





## Coaches:

Have you considered coaching for Maroondah Magic? We have 132 teams in our winter roster, and a large number of our Coaches train and coach our kids in more than one team. We appreciate the time and effort all of our Coaches bring to our Club, and without them we have no Team. We are often short of coaches, and occasionally have to increase the numbers in a team because of this shortage. Have you ever thought 'I wonder if I can do that' – the answer is 'YES' you probably can. Please contact Peter Cunningham or Megan Deayton to find out how you can begin.

We have a number of junior coaches that step up each season, and train our littler people. These are valuable members of our Coaching staff, please remember that they are giving up their time to train your children, and like Referees they are protected by the Anti-Harassment and Abuse Policy for Referees and Officials. If you have any complaints with any of our Coaching staff, DO NOT harangue them at a game, speak to them away from the venue, and away from your child. Your child is learning behaviours from you every day, and if you cannot calmly solve your issue with the coach, please speak with Peter Cunningham or Megan Deayton.

## Extra Games:

We are presently putting teams together for the Summer 2016/17 season commencing in Term 4 and part of that involves including players who may want to play a second game of basketball during the day. The conditions of a second game are to put your main team as priority in the event of a clash and to attend training where possible, for both teams. We usually have over thirty players who are happy to help out and enjoy playing a second game, where a spot is available. If you would like to do so, please email [peter@pcunningham.com.au](mailto:peter@pcunningham.com.au) to go on our list and we will come back to you in due course, to discuss placement and avoid clashes.

## Come and Try Sessions

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## Coaches Night

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# Club Sponsorship

Over the next few months, we will be offering opportunities for interested businesses and members to become sponsors of various club events and activities. There will be various tiers of sponsors, which will be reflected in the rewards and benefits provided by the club and sponsors will be limited in number to ensure they get the most rewards. These will include bold presentation on our website, our Facebook page, our newsletters and at various club events; and for next season Pancake Parlours will be providing a voucher for a Short Stack Pancake meal for all players - we are sure all players and their families will enjoy these encouragement awards. You will see our new major sponsors La Porchetta Croydon and Pancake Parlours highlighted in our current newsletter and in due course, promotion of their businesses will appear in all of our club social media in recognition of the fact that earlier this season La Porchetta Croydon have provided a \$20 voucher for all players at the club. We will also have on our website a Community Noticeboard, where families can place their business details for free and if members are looking for a particular type of service, they are welcome to contact that business. If families and businesses are interested in obtaining further details on how they could be represented, whether as a sponsor or on our new Community Noticeboard, please forward an email to Peter Cunningham at [peter@pcunningham.com.au](mailto:peter@pcunningham.com.au) and we will contact you to discuss your options.



## **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.

Please 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](https://www.instagram.com/mm_basketball_club)



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Secretary: Sue McGrath

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Treasurer: Pam Whitehead

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**REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 2016/17****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 Summer 2016/17” 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 editing 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 23rd October, the early bird discount will not apply.
  - Players must have paid their fees by the due date to secure their place in a team.



# OFFICIAL BY-LAWS ON WEARING SKINS

There has been a significant rise in the wearing of skins, coaches please pass onto all your teams, players coaches etc., that the wearing of illegal skins will mean your team will be penalised 10 points for each breach of our bylaws.

Ruling from our By-Law regarding full length compressions garments -

Article 16.5 - Full length compression garments may be worn with a signed medical certificate lodged to the competitions convenor. These compression garments must be uniform colour or black. Medical certificates are valid for the season in which they are issued, exceptions will be granted for ongoing medical conditions.

Also, Basketball Victoria Domestic Uniform Policy (our By-Law - Article 16.7 Basketball Victoria Domestic Uniform Policy is applicable to all domestic competitions)

DOMESTIC UNIFORM POLICY (ARTICLE 4.3) -

INCORPORATING JEWELLERY, HEADWEAR, UNDERGARMENTS, GLOVES, WRIST BANDS AND PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

The following are permitted:

Shoulder, upper arm, thigh or lower leg protective equipment if the material is sufficiently padded.

Undergarments that extend below the shorts of the same dominant colour as the shorts.

Compression sleeves of the same dominant colour as the shirts.

Compression stockings of the same dominant colour as the shorts. If for the upper leg it must end above the knee; if for the lower leg it must end below the knee.

Knee braces if they are properly covered.

Protector for an injured nose, even if made of a hard material.

Non - coloured transparent mouth guard.\*

Spectacles, if they do not pose a danger to other players.

Headbands, maximum five (5) cm in width, made of non-abrasive, unicolour cloth, pliable plastic or rubber.

So if wearing protective equipment (i.e. knee/elbow padded garment) there is no restriction on colour, however if not protective equipment (i.e. no padding) and they are wearing just for the fact they want to wear it, then they must comply with the rule (i.e. same colour as dominant colour of uniform).

## SALES DAY

If you are requiring an update in Uniform for next season, our shop will be open on Sunday the 18th of September between the hours of 10am-2pm at Dorset Primary School.

Cassy is currently opening the shop in Term 4 on Monday the 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th October between 5pm-7pm and after that by appointment only.

Have you seen our new Back Pack – black in colour and it fits a basketball, shoes and drink bottle, together with your Maroondah Magic Hoodie. These Backpacks are great value at only \$40. Go and grab one from the uniform shop now!





# 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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