



# MAROONDAH MAGIC BASKETBALL CLUB



Maroondah Magic Basketball Club Newsletter

February 2018

Happy New Year to you all, welcome back to Term 1 of Summer season 2017/18.

Good luck to all of our teams as they count down, and head into finals.

Remember, even if your team isn't in the finals series, you are all winners, having played fairly and with passion.

The Grand final day for boys is the 24th March, and for girls is the the 27th and 28th March.

We will send further details regarding Presentation day, on Sunday 22nd April.

Winter Season commences 17/4/29018, 18/4/2018 and 20/4/2018. Please remember to pay your registrations early to take advantage of the discount offered.

Join us on 25th February for a fun afternoon of basketball with players from the Melbourne United team. At Lilydale stadium from 2pm.



## Important Dates to Remember:

Feb 25 : Melbourne United "GAMETIME"

March 2 : MB-U9 Clinics (4:30 girls;5:30 boys)

March 9 : MB-U9 Clinics (4:30 girls;5:30 boys)

March 16 : Come and Try Clinics (4:30 girls;5:30 boys)

March 23 : Come and Try Clinics (4:30 girls;5:30 boys)

March 26 : Coaches Night (7:30-9:00pm)

April 15 : Uniform Sales Day 11am—1pm

April 22 : Presentation Day



# 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.**

## **ALL CODES OF CONDUCT**

### **POSITIONS VACANT**

We have 2 Positions Vacant on our committee for a dedicated member of our Maroondah Magic family to join our committee as a volunteer.

#### **SPONSORSHIP/MARKETING CO-ORDINATOR**

We feel that this position would best suit a junior player who is specialising in marketing as a University student or a Further Education student.

Tania Anderson is our current Sponsorship co-ordinator, and if you think you may have the skills to take on this exciting role, please contact Tania to discuss.

Her phone number is 0417 052 347.

#### **TROPHY CO-ORDINATOR FOR GIRLS AND BOYS TEAMS - MINIBALL TO UNDER 12**

We feel that this role will be best suited to someone who has a child playing in the age group of Miniball to Under 12's.

Jenny Smit is our current Trophy co-ordinator and will continue in this role for all teams, under 13 and above

If you think you may have the skills and ability to take on this exciting role, please contact Jenny to discuss.

Her phone number is 0417 992 038

## 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	megan.deayton@gmail.com	0413 303 746
U12 - U14	Pam Dando	pamela.dando@hotmail.com	0408 871 544
U16	Rebecca Smith		0404 929 238
U18-21	Megan Deayton	megan.deayton@gmail.com	0413 303 746

**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 Teali Langcake (Club Secretary) (PH) 0404 174 366 and Teali 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](#)



## **Maroondah Magic Basketball Club Inc.**

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## **K&MDBA**

[www.kilsythbasketball.com.au](http://www.kilsythbasketball.com.au)

## **Basketball Victoria**

[www.basketballvictoria.com.au](http://www.basketballvictoria.com.au)

## **Executive Committee Members:**

President: David Eastwood

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Vice-President: David Blyth

(PH) 0413 489 816

Secretary: Teali Langcake

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Treasurer: Pam Whitehead

(PH) 0419 554 429

Winter registrations are now due. Due to increases in costs in hall hire fees for training and team registrations at KMDBA, we have unfortunately had to increase our fees from Winter 2018.

**Take advantage of our early payment discount (\$10 saving per player) which is available until 6th May 2018. Payments made after midnight on 6th May 2018 will be at our full rate.**

Winter 2018 season registration fee is \$90 - \$10 discount available if you pay by midnight on 6/5/2018.

2nd child \$80, 3rd child \$60 - \$10 discount available per child if you pay by 6/5/2018. The fourth and subsequent children in your family will be free.

Miniball Winter 2018 season registration fee is \$65 - \$10 discount available if you pay by midnight on 6/5/2018. Miniball is Under 8's and below.

**If registration is not paid by 20th May 2018, the unregistered person will not be allowed to play until the registration is paid.**

Payments are made via our website ([www.maroondahmagic.com.au](http://www.maroondahmagic.com.au)). To register online, please have your Visa or Mastercard ready. Follow the prompts, taking care to enter;

- o The number of players
- o 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
- o Enter username/password for player.
- o Select "Maroondah Magic" as club.
- o 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...)
- o Once all player/s added, proceed to payment.
- o Follow prompts to process payment using credit card

If you have any queries, please contact Pam Whitehead (treasurer) on 0419 554429.



# The 4 Roles of Basketball

## Role #1 – Player

Players role during the game: Play the game of basketball. Commonly trespasses into the role of: Referee. Let's start with the easiest one — the player. The players have the most fun role of all... They get to participate in the game of basketball we all love so much! Being a player involves giving 100% effort, having fun, and treating the game, opposition, and teammates with respect. If a player can do that, they've fulfilled their role. Occasionally, players might become frustrated and begin to trespass into the role of the referee by arguing calls and forgetting their main focus — playing.

## Role #2 – Referee

Referee's role during the game: Enforce the rules and maintain order on the basketball court to the best of their ability. Ensure that the players compete in a fair and safe environment. Commonly trespasses into the role of: None. The referees are by far the best at sticking to their role during a game. Coaches might joke that there are a lot of referees who simply spectate and never blow their whistle, but the majority of referees know their role and stick to it. One important thing all coaches must remember: The ability and skill level of the referee doesn't change their role or your role. They're still the referee and you're still the coach. Just because you have a young or inexperienced referee calling your game doesn't give you the right to switch into the role of a referee and abuse them. Always use proper coach to referee etiquette.

## Role #3 – Coach

Coach's role during the game: Be a positive leader. Continually motivate, coach, and support your players. Commonly trespasses into the role of: Referee. The role of a coach is to be a positive leader of young people by motivating, coaching, and supporting your players. The way a coach executes this role depends a lot on what level of basketball they're coaching... For youth basketball, the coach must ensure they distribute playing time correctly (according to the expectations they set at the beginning of the season), and encourage, educate, and motivate their players, all while making sure the players are having fun! For higher-level coaches, winning becomes a far higher priority and decisions become based on what gives the team the best chance for success. The role that the coach too often tries to take on is that of the umpire. Nothing saddens me more than watching a coach berate umpires who are clearly trying their best. This isn't to say that coaches aren't allowed to speak to the referees, but it must be done appropriately and with respect.

## Role #4 – Spectator

Spectator's role during the game: Watch the game and encourage the players. Commonly trespasses into the role of: Umpire and coach. The spectators have the simplest role of the four by far... The spectators role is to relax and enjoy the game. If a spectator feels the need to yell out (which is completely within their right), it should only be words of encouragement. They must refrain from yelling at the referees, and even more importantly must refrain from coaching the players. Here's a simple tip all spectators should remember: As soon as you stand out from the crowd, you're doing something wrong. One of the worst things a spectator can do is coach from the sidelines. If a spectator is yelling out instructions which conflict with what the coach is telling the players to do (this happens all the time), then it will only make the player confused. You'll be forcing the player into a lose/lose situation where they must decide whether to follow the coach's advice (and risk a verbal thrashing from their parents on the car ride home) or follow their parent's advice (and disrupt the team's game plan). Here's an example of this: I'm against players following their shot. It ruins shooting technique, puts doubt in a player's mind before they've even shot the basketball, and I'd rather players get back on defense. Most parents want their son or daughter to follow their shot. I guess this is because they assume it will miss and the player will have an opportunity to secure the rebound. As you can imagine, this leads to some incredibly confused players when they know my philosophy is opposed to what they're hearing their parents yell out from the sidelines. If you're not the current coach of the team playing, then you're a spectator and it's best for everyone to keep your coaching thoughts to yourself.



# MaroonDAH Magic

## Pre-Season

# Sale Day

Sunday 15th April 2018 11am—1pm

Dorset Primary School  
1 Rescorla Ave, Croydon

Gymnasium—enter via back door  
Eft/cash facilities



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