

Welcome to Magic (MM___)
Training is (Insert Day & Time) at (Insert Location)

I am (*insert your name*), parent of (*insert your child's name & player number*) and I have volunteered to be Team Manager this season.

This is long, but if you bear with it, it might make the season run smoother, answer questions before you realise you have them, and prevent problems from arising. The information is basic to cover all levels of experience.

PREGAME

So as the team can have some warm up time and final words with the coach before the game, please **be at the court 15 minutes before the game time each week**. If you are running late or can't make the game or training, **PLEASE LET MYSELF OR THE COACH KNOW**.

Every week you can double check game details on the internet, and it is definitely worth doing this in the grading period, as details can sometimes be changed quite late in the week. The Sporting Pulse app is good, but does not seem to work well at the start of the season, so the best place to go for information is ...

http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-179-0-0-0
...and find our age group, level and team number.

A reminder that the cost involved to enter the stadium on game day is \$2.50 per player, adult, and teenager. Younger kids not playing are admitted free. You can get a stamp which allows you in and out of all the venues for that day. Some stadiums also offer multiple visit cards at a slightly cheaper rate.

Each week the team manager has to pay the game venue a court fee, (which varies depending on the team's age group, eg. Under 12+ is \$37.00). To cover this there is a weekly team fee of **\$5** collected, or, if you would prefer you can pay a lump sum to cover several weeks, but please make sure it is noted down in the folder!! (This money not only covers the weekly court fee, but hopefully also accumulates money towards a Coach gift at the end of the season, and maybe some towards a break up party for the team.)

SCORING

Every week the team has to provide a scorer. **All players families have to score a couple of times each season**, with the exception of the Coach's family, and the Team Manager's family.

If you are unsure how to score, please try and sit with the scoring family the week before it is your turn, so as you learn.

There are two separate scoring roles from which to choose, however first person on the bench traditionally gets to choose and 2nd gets the other. However it makes for a more harmonious experience if this can be agreed upon between the two parties scoring before positions are taken up. Throughout the game it is also a good idea to continually check that the score on the computer and score board are the same, and to definitely check that they match at the end of the game.

One scoring role operates the computer, and enters points, fouls, etc against individual players from each team. You have to read the ref's hand signals, but have them come to you by pushing the buzzer continuously, until you get the referees attention, if you are unsure.

The other scoring role operates the scoreboard on the stadium wall so that all spectators know the game progress. This scorer also has to operate 'the arrow' so as refs know which team gets the next free throw, and 'the clock', which delays the game for time outs, notifies refs of subs, stops play in the last 3 minutes, etc.

In the grading rounds there may not be a computer, but rather a paper sheet on which you have to score.

The following link is to the clubs documents where there is a 'New Scoring Instructions' tab with which you might like to familiarize yourself before it is your turn to score when using the computer.

http://www.foxsportspulse.com/club_info.cgi?c=1-179-39334-325929-21340527&sID=140686

When we are the first named team we need to provide floor sweepers at half time.

A scoring and sweeping roster will be organized after the grading rounds have finished. Until then we will work alphabetically.

When we play another Magic team and we are second named, the team has to wear their reversible yellow shirts.

Also, please just reply to this text to confirm I have your correct phone number and that you have received it. I hope I have all your details correct, if I haven't, please advise me of the changes.

Below are the team and coach details. It is valuable to get to know each other, so as we can give the boys the best support possible, whilst having the most enjoyable time ourselves.

My contact details are *(insert name) (insert mobile no.) or (insert email)*

Coach *(insert name)* mobile is *(insert mobile no.)*.

PLAYERS

NO.	SURNAME	CHILD	MUM	DAD
<i>Insert</i>	<i>Alphabetical Insert</i>	<i>Insert</i>	<i>Insert</i>	<i>Insert</i>

I encourage everyone to be respectful of the coach and the referees. There can be a great variation in the experience of both coaches and referees, but they all deserve your respect. Coaches are often just parents volunteering their time so as your child has the opportunity to play. Many referees are young kids starting out and doing so as their first job. Penalties can be imposed on the team if it is felt that there is unsportsmanlike behaviour, and spectators can be asked to leave the stadium. So, please treat all others like you would like to be treated yourself. The Maroondah Magic website has individual Code of Conduct documents for Players, Parents & Spectators, which you might like to look at.

If you think you would like in future to be a coach, the club would welcome you contacting them.

Looking forward to a great season, where the kids learn new skills, hone others, make new friends and enjoy playing the game.

Thank you for reading to the end.

(Insert Name)