

COACHES NIGHT SUMMARY – SUMMER 2023/24

Thank you for volunteering to coach this season – it will be a monster season and your decision to volunteer to coach a team(s) is much appreciated by the players, parents as without your assistance, we could not take to the courts each week.

We have put together some information to assist you and hopefully answer some commonly asked questions – but please do not hesitate to reach out to your age coordinator, Megan, or Peter if you have any questions.

Season :

Round 1 starts from Tuesday 3rd October (girls (U7-10), Wednesday 4th October (girls U12-23) and boys Saturday 7th October. The season will finish with Grand Finals on Saturday 23rd March 2024 for boys, with the Tuesday girls on the 26th March and 27th March with Easter and school holidays to follow. There will be three grading rounds – games during this time can be switched around at short notice, so please keep a close eye on fixtures. There will also be three rounds after that where Kilsyth administration believe that a team has been incorrectly graded, that a re-grade can occur. Finals will run over three weeks – the makeup of finals (teams and format) is at the discretion of Kilsyth administration.

Grading :

- teams have been graded into A/AR, B/BR, C/CR or D (depending on the number of teams in an age group) and then ranked in order of what we believe is strength.
- There are no clash requests for the grading period – this may create difficulties and we suggest you check your games and see where clashes will occur, so that we can try to find fill in players, coaches or you may be able to use your assistant coach.
- The first three rounds are grading games (and may be considered as practice for some), but we should be trying to improve our teamwork and skills right from Round 1. Our Co-Ordinators know which grades our teams should be in, so please avoid trying to manipulate results.

Team Lists :

- Please contact your team(s) as soon as possible as training commences from Monday 2nd October and we really would like them to know their coach and training time as soon as possible. This also reduces the number of calls and emails a coordinator gets at this time of the season!
- Please look at your team sheet for players with no singlet numbers or duplicate singlet numbers – The player will need to contact our Uniform Co-Ordinator Emily McNamara 0417 712267 and order their uniform online through XR8. We have a small supply of temporary uniforms that can be used, in an emergency, by contacting Emily or your Age Co-Ordinator. Duplicate singlets/numbers can be simply swapped at no cost to the parent. There is a three week “grace” period on uniforms; after this, score penalties will be applied for each player out of uniform.

Team Managers :

- You will need to ask a parent in the team to be team manager. They are responsible for paying team sheet fees, communication within the team, doing scoring rosters etc. All players who are selected in the initial team must contribute to the weekly team sheet fee, even if they do not play or are away or injured etc – emergency fill ins are not expected to pay for their second game for the day.
- Kilsyth are continuing to actively encourage Team Pay as the method of paying for team sheets, usually around \$90 per team per week (Team Pay cost is \$0.26c plus 2.5% of the fee per player) and this requires each family to download the Team Pay app and provide information that will enable their share of the team sheet fee to be paid by credit card on the day before the game. The Team Manager will be the responsible person to co-ordinate this collection (as has been the past by cash) and pay Kilsyth administration from this collection, via the app. Alternatively, the Team Manager may, by agreement with the team, have team sheet fees transferred to their bank account and either pay Kilsyth by direct credit or by Team Pay on the day before the game. Teams can still pay by cash, however, this is least preferred alternative.
- Please ensure your team manager is aware of our Team Manager Co-Ordinator (Samantha Rowland 0430 413417 (sam.MMBC@gmail.com)) who is here to assist with any queries etc regarding the role and any situations they may encounter.

Working With Children Check :

- It is a requirement that all coaches and assistant coaches have a WWC.
- If you do not have a WWC, you need to apply for one at the Post Office. Please notify Peter Cunningham peter@pcunningham.com.au with a copy of the card once received.
- If you have an existing card, please ensure that Maroondah Magic is added as an organisation.
- All coaches need to record their WWC number (or exemption) on PlayHQ.

Resources :

- Equipment and gear - collect tonight or by calling our Uniform Co-Ordinator Emily McNamara 0417 712267 (emilymcnamara@gmail.com) - (coaches' shirts/jackets/hoodies, cones, whiteboard, pens, coaches' bags and first aid kits).
- We have training equipment resources (including videos, books, alternate training tops, bump bag, no peek glasses and other equipment. A full list of what we have available is on our website, or contact Megan Deayton 0413 303746 (megan.deayton@gmail.com) to borrow any training equipment

Training Venues :

- Please ensure parents are aware that siblings are not to left to run amok and players and siblings are to supervised by their parents if going to the toilets.
- Because several schools now have after school care programs, we have limited scope to have training at 4.30pm – this means teams having to train slightly later than in the past, but we are doing the best we can.

- Please do not leave to go home until you have ensured that all team members have left or with a responsible adult. If you see something that will reflect on the Club, please ensure it is stopped. Do not leave a training venue unattended and unlocked.
- Ensure you text or email Aileen McCullough (0450 066199) if you are not going to train due to public holidays or need assistance with opening or locking up. Please put her number in your phone.
- We don't want Aileen going out at night alone to solve issues such as locking up. If you are not training, advise Aileen well beforehand as we still have to pay for court hire.

Game Considerations :

- Give equal court time where possible in domestic competition. The only exceptions are children with disabilities and, with the consent of parents, their court time can be managed a little differently.
- Zone defences are not allowed up to and including U14, meaning each player must account for a player in the back half of the court, when the opposition has the ball. Presses are allowed at all stages of the game.
- Please give consideration to rotating your starting five, so that all players feel part of the team. Generally, we suggest starting your weaker player and perhaps rotating with your second weakest after that and then upgrading the team throughout the half. No matter how large or small your team is, try and improve them all, so all children have the opportunity of playing to their ability.
- There is a two-minute warning before the game by the referees and ensure you get it and use it to warm up, give instructions and ensure players are ready to play.
- There is no mercy rule, however, nothing is served by smashing a team by say 20 points in mini ball or 30 and 40 points with older children. If you are playing a much weaker team, use the game to try different tactics e.g. half court, 3/4 court defence, stronger players with a few less minutes etc
- Call your subs through the bench in the first instance and have your players ready in front of the bench - ask the scorers to use the buzzer when you want the referee/s attention
- Make sure your team manager checks the computer score and the scoreboard score that they agree - the computer is the correct score and whatever is on the computer stands and can't be amended
- Do not tick off players who are not at the game, as this will invalidate any medical certificate. Players who arrive late can still be ticked off at a break in play.
- Players must play at least 50% of the total number of games for the season, including grading games. You can deduct byes and forfeits given to your team to calculate the number of games for the season
- When two Maroondah Magic teams play each other, the second named team wears the alternate singlets

General Comments :

- There are new rules around technical fouls - the first technical foul results in two shots to the opposition and retention of possession; the second technical foul results in removal from the stadium for that game and a week's suspension as well as two shots and retention of possession. A third technical foul that season results in further weeks of suspensions irrespective of whether they end up on report and going to the tribunal.

- We have mentor coaches to help coaches who would like some assistance - you only have to ask Megan, Peter or your age coordinator to get assistance. Don't be "embarrassed" to ask as we all started somewhere... and we are here to make everyone's time enjoyable and knowledgeable.
- Please note coaches cannot pick their own teams and those coaches that try and protect their patch make a Co-ordinators job very difficult. There is a pathway for all players to go from the lowest grade to A grade and there are a lot of matters considered in Co-ordinators putting teams together. Co-ordinators see many games across different grades, whereas an individual coach will usually see only a quarter of those, and we also take into account training availability etc.
- Please do not try and listen to what parents are "saying" about team selection. Only the Age Co-Ordinator knows the makeup of teams and the factors considered.
- Endeavour to find an assistant coach from the parents to help with drills, fill in when you cannot be there, give advice during games, check the scores. Hopefully, they will take a team in their own right at some stage, so please work together to improve players skills - for the good of the team, the club and yourself!
- Please let your Co-Ordinator know if you need fill ins, due to Covid, other sicknesses, injuries or holidays; the earlier in the week the better.
 - In the boys competition, because of the way fixturing is now done, time slots are, in general, U8,11,9,13,10,15,12,14,16,18,23 throughout the day, with Mini Ball (U7) only at Kilsyth during the morning. It is usually fairly easy to find fill ins, but please let us know of your requirements as soon as possible.
 - Girls teams : where players may be on camp etc midweek during the season/finals, please let the coordinator know as early as possible in the season – we may be able to request byes / game changes etc if known by the end of grading.
- Medical certificates: please let your parents know that to get credit for games missed due to injury or illness, to help with the 50% finals qualification rule, the certificate must be in our hands to forward to Kilsyth within fourteen days of the event, no exceptions.
- There is a Code of conduct: you are responsible for your behaviour, your players behaviour and if aware of parent(s) bordering on losing it - speak to them. Use a timeout to cool things if becoming heated and ask the refs if you can have the time out back if you believe it is a game issue, rather than your team

<https://www.kilsythbasketball.com.au/basketball-victoria-codes-of-conduct/>

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