

Parent & Player Information Handout

This handout has all the information for you to begin playing basketball at Western Magic

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# **WELCOME**

Welcome to the Western Magic Basketball Club (WMBC).

Western Magic competes in the Basketball SA (BSA) district competition. WMBC provides basketball opportunities for Males and Females of all ages, to play in South Australia’s representative basketball competition, from Junior, Youth and Senior levels.

Our Program provides players of all ages a fun enjoyable and affordable place to learn how to play basketball while players are supported in reaching their playing potential.

We hope the players, parents and friends of WMBC have a meaningful and rewarding time at the Club both on and off the court.

# **TEAM STRUCTURE**

## **COACH**

The Coach is responsible for the development of the team and individuals, game play and strategies, structured training and team and parent leadership.

## **TEAM MANAGER**

The Team Manager is typically a parent in the team that the Coach has selected to assist them with the administrative duties in managing the team and inward and outward communication.

Duties of a Team Manager include (but are not limited to):

• Receiving communication from the Club in regards team and competition news

• Maintaining the Team List

• Organising the team scoring roster

• Completing the scoresheet at games and the collecting of player tickets in readiness for the referee.

• Running the ‘bench’ during game time with respect to drinks, first aid, tidiness and player welfare.

• Organising team registration for carnivals and accommodation options if required

## **TEAM**

The Basketball Team typically consists of 6-8 individuals. This is ideal, as it creates options for the ‘bench’ regarding player rotations, substitutes, 5-foul replacements and court time.

As a guide, it is not desired that teams have 9 or more players.

# **GAME DAY**

Players are required to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time for warm-up drills and team huddle. The Coach and/or Team Manager will inform you of the stadium location and game time.

On entering the stadium, you are required to purchase a player ticket and a spectator ticket. The cost is $6 for U10 and $8 for U12+ players. Spectators pay $3 on entry to Stadiums. The player ticket needs to be handed to your Team Manager. If you have more than one child playing and are required to attend multiple stadiums in the same round, a BSA Transfer Pass will save you buying another spectator ticket. Passes can be purchased at any stadium.

Each player is expected to have a full drink bottle and be in full playing uniform as outlined in the Uniform Policy.

The Coach, players and the Team Manager are the only people to sit on the bench during the game. After the game the Coach, staff and players may spend a few minutes in a team huddle.

# **TRAINING**

Teams will have a mid-week training session and a weekend session. The Coach or Team Manager will advise the specific times and training locations.

Training sessions run for 90 minutes with the exception of some sessions.

All players are expected to attend every programmed training session unless arranged with the Coach.

If a player is unable to attend a training session the Coach or Team Manager must be notified beforehand.

# **Admission Prices**

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| Grade | Price |
| Senior Division 2-5/Youth League Division 1 Player | $9.50 |
| Junior Division 1 Player (U14, U16, U18) | $7.00 |
| Junior Division 1 Player (U12) | $6.00 |
| Junior/Youth League Division 2-5 Player | $6.00 |
| Junior Player (U10) | $5.00 |
| Spectator | $3.00 |
| Children (Under 16 years old) | Free |
| Transfer Ticket (per person, per season) (plus 1 daily admission) | $15.00 City of Adelaide Season  $18.00 Junior State League Season |

# **TRIALS & SELECTION**

All new and existing players are required to email the club to inform of their intent to attend trials

The selection process for all teams is a process that ideally is finalised during pre-season training session (before first game) however the League allows movement and re-allocation of players during the season.

Trials are only one aspect of this process. Selection of players is also based on:

• Player ability, skill-level, and determination during training, try-out sessions and games

• Player fitness

• Player coachability

• Player focus, maturity, attitude and work ethic

• Player commitment to Club values

# **FEES**

There is two main seasons per year, the “Championship Season” and the “Grading Season”. However there is only one fee payment per year.

Club fees cover player registration with Basketball SA (the sport’s governing body), player and club insurance, training sessions (normally 2 hours per week) and other expenses involved in running the club.

Under 12- to Seniors $265

Under 10 $65

NOTE:

There is also a "Volunteer Levy", this is $55 per championship season. This amount is refundable provided sufficient volunteer efforts are provided back to the club. For more information, please refer to the “Ways to Volunteer” section below.

# **PAYMENT OF FEES**

SUMMER SEASON Pay Summer fees in total due November 15

WINTER SEASON Pay Winter fees in total due April 15

STRICT CLUB POLICY - NO FEES PAID = NO PLAY

HARDSHIP & PAYMENT PLANS

Families can request a regular payment plan for the term of the season.

To activate the request, the family must contact and make arrangements with the Club Treasurer.

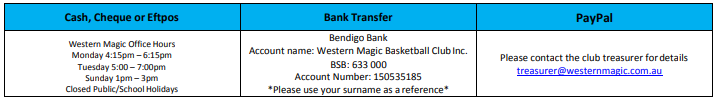
## **FEES – Terms and Conditions**

c) Families with three of more children are eligible for a sibling discount on the third and subsequent players. See the Fees Policy for full detail.

d) Families with financial hardship may contact treasurer@westernmagic.com.au to request a variation and/or allowance to the invoicing schedule or terms.

e) Refunds are provided by way of credit to your account and therefore applied against future invoices when raised.

f) Fees can be paid via



g) Fees need to be upfront when registering to play through SportsTG. If you wish to setup a payment plan, please contact the club treasurer via email treasurer@westernmagic.com.au. Western Magic no longer generates and sends invoices. Outstanding fees will deem you “un-financial” and you will not be permitted to train or play until all outstanding fees have been paid.

h) Refunds may be given due to injury or major, unforeseen circumstances. Injuries that incapacitate a player from playing for 4 or more consecutive weeks. Refunds will be provided on a pro-rata basis and at the discretion of the Finance Committee.

# **CLEARANCES**

All clearance requests will be processed within the BasketballSA timeframe of 14 days

after all of the following conditions have been met:

• Clearance requests must be sent in writing to secretary@westernmagic.com.au

• All loan or hire uniforms must be returned

• All outstanding fees/invoices must be finalised

• A $55 Clearance/Transfer fee must be paid

# **UNIFORM**

Each player is expected to purchase a uniform consisting of:

• 1 x playing shorts

• 1 x white/blue reversible jersey

• 1 x warm-up top (long-sleeve or short-sleeve)

Uniform orders are placed by emailing [merchandise@westernmagic.com.au](mailto:merchandise@westernmagic.com.au). (form attached)

Uniforms will need to have the deposit paid in full at the time of ordering.

Please note that uniforms can take upto 4 weeks to arrive from the manufacture

– Orders should be placed promptly.

In the interim if available, the Club can offer players a loan uniform while waiting for their uniform to arrive.

A $50 bond is required and will be refunded on return of the loan uniform. (The bond is waived if there is a uniform on order)

In addition, Club merchandise available from the WMBC office.

All uniform and merchandise enquiries can be forwarded to merchandise@westernmagic.com.au

# **CLUB COMMUNICATION**

WMBC has a strong focus on communication and it uses a number of channels for sharing Club and Team messages quickly and efficiently.

## **OTHER WAYS WE COMMUNICATE**

CLUB WEBSITE @ <http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?client=1-4567-0-0-0> - Regular News, Club Updates, Document Releases and Club Success.

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/westernmagicbasketballclub/>

Email, Phone and Handouts - There are occasions when the Club or your Team Manager will use email, printed handouts and may even need to ring or text you.

# **STADIUM LOCATIONS**

The district basketball competition is played at various stadiums located throughout metropolitan

and outer metropolitan area.

**Central District Lions**

STARplex Alexander Ave, Evanston

**Southern Tigers**

Morphett Vale Stadium Wilfred Taylor Reserve, States Road MORPHETT VALE

**Woodville Warriors**

St Clair Rec Centre 109 Woodville Road WOODVILLE

**North Adelaide Rockets**

The Lights Community  & Sports Centre

Corner Hampstead Road & East Parkway

Lightsview SA 5085

**South Adelaide Panthers**

Marion Stadium Norfolk Road MARION

**Forestville Eagles**

Wayville Sports Centre Rose Terrace WAYVILLE

**Sturt Sabres**

Pasadena Sports Centre Daws Road, PASADENA (Corner of Goodwood Road and Daws Road)

**West Adelaide Bearcats**

West Adelaide Rec Centre 50 St Vincent Street PORT ADELAIDE

**Norwood Flames**

The ARC Leisure Centre 531 Lower Northeast Road CAMPBELLTOWN

**Mavericks**

Adelaide Hills Rec Centre – Eastern 2 Howard Lane MOUNT BARKER

**Titanium Security Arena**

44A Crittenden Rd FINDON

# **HOT WEATHER POLICY**

On days when the forecast maximum temperature as published in the Advertiser/Sunday Mail that day is 38 degrees or higher, all district games will be cancelled or postponed, except those at air-conditioned stadiums

On days when the predicted maximum temperature as published in the Advertiser/Sunday Mail that day is 35

degrees or higher, timing rules for all games will be modified as follows:

1. Referees to call a time-out at the half way point of each period, if one has not already been called

2. The quarter, half and three quarter time breaks to be extended by a minute

# **CODE OF CONDUCT – PARENTS & FRIENDS**

Western Magic Basketball Club subscribes to and promotes the directives within

"Play by the Rules". [www.PlayByTheRules.net.au](file:///C:\Users\Cameron%20Richards\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\FR644LC1\www.PlayByTheRules.net.au)

[BSA Policy: BasketballSA Code of Conduct](http://www.basketballsa.com.au/assets/docs/general/code-of-conduct.pdf)

[Member Protection Policy – From BasketballSA](https://australia.basketball/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/BA-Member-Protection-Policy-Revised-June-2018.pdf)

[Video and photography policy – From BasketballSA](http://www.basketballsa.com.au/assets/docs/general/Video_and_Photography_Policy.pdf)

[Cyber Bullying Policy – From BasketballSA](http://www.basketballsa.com.au/assets/docs/general/Cyber_Bullying_Policy.pdf)

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| **PLAYERS** | **COACHES** | **PARENTS** | **SPECTATORS** |
| Play by the rules | Remember that children participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun. | Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours. | Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours. |
| Never argue with an official.  If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during the break or after the competition. | Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing. | Encourage children to participate, do not force them. | Applaud good performance and efforts from each team.  Congratulate all participants upon their performance regardless of the game's outcome. |
| Control your temper.  Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport. | Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm. | Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing. | Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do the same. |
| Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team.  Your team's performance will benefit, so will you. | Teach your players to follow the rules. | Encourage children to always participate according to the rules. | Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake.  Positive comments are motivational. |
| Be a good sport.  Applaud all good plays whether they be your team or the opposition. | Whenever possible, group players to ensure that everyone has a reasonable chance of success. | Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game. | Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players. |
| Treat all players as you would like to be treated.  Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player. | Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players. | Remember that children learn best by example.  Applaud good plays by all teams. | Show respect for your team's opponents.  Without them there would be no game. |
| Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and opponents.  Without them there would be no competition. | Develop team respect for the ability of opponents and for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches. | Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. | Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions. |
| Play for the fun of it, and not just to please parents and coaches. | Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition. | Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise. | Do not use foul language or harass players, coaches or officials. |
|  | Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of children. | Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators.  Without them, your child could not participate. |  |

# **CLUB EXPECTATIONS**

The Western Magic District Basketball Club is an expanding club, with a focus on player enjoyment and development.

The success of the club relies heavily on the attitude and involvement of players, coaches, parents and friends.

## **BEHAVIOUR and CONDUCT**

As a district basketball club, Western Magic comes under the guidelines and policies as set by Basketball SA in relation to Coach, player and parental behaviour and conduct.  (Copy attached).  Where the Code of Conduct is primarily aimed at the junior ranks, it is not unreasonable to expect that the principals are maintained by all involved at all levels.

Any departure from the guidelines reflects poorly not only on the player or person involved, but on the team and the club.

Western Magic as a club will not tolerate any form of bullying or harassment, abusive behaviour or language that is directed to any member of this club or any opposition club, or umpire.

Any breach of the Code of conduct may lead to disciplinary action by the club, and in extreme cases, Basketball SA.

## **TRAINING AND GAMES.**

District level basketball requires a higher level of commitment than school or social basketball.

It is expected that players attend all training sessions where possible and arrive at training PRIOR to the commencement time of the training session to maximize the teams allocated court time.  Players arriving late can have a disruptive effect on the session where individual coaches have specific training programs developed.

Players are also expected to be at nominated games venues 20 minutes prior to the commencement time of the games to enable coaches to speak with the player group prior to the game and for the team to warm-up as a team.

Where a player is aware they will not be able to attend either a game or training, or they know in advance they will be late, it is asked that either the player or parent advise the coach prior.

## **VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT.**

Western Magic, like all clubs, relies heavily on volunteer involvement with the teams, and encourages the involvement of parents, friends, husbands/wives and boyfriends/girlfriends.

Each team requires a Team manager, who will assist the coach with the management of the team by assisting with the maintaining of team lists, writing up score sheet prior to games and being an additional contact point for the team.

It is a club expectation that parents of players assist with scoring duties at games.  Team managers are encouraged to use a roster system to `share' scoring responsibilities.  This alleviates the unfair situation of one or two parents having to do it every week.  Example score sheets and training are available.

The support of teams at games is also strongly encouraged, as this can often lift players and a team in a game.  It must be reinforced, however, that barracking must be done in a fair and positive manner in line with the code of conduct.  It is requested that parents and friends, particularly in the lower junior divisions, refrain from calling out directions to players, as these directions are likely to be contrary to any direction given by the coach.

With juniors, it is likely to confuse the player who is put in an unfair position of trying to decide whose directions to follow.

## **UNIFORM**

All players in the District Competition MUST wear the Basketball S.A. approved uniform for the club.

This includes during warm-ups prior to a game where the correct uniform must be worn, which includes the Club polo top and windcheater.

The wearing of non-club clothing; i.e. Surf brands or Sport company apparel, is a contravention of Basketball S.A. by-laws, where in extreme case can lead to action being taken against either the club, team or both.

Players should, at all games, carry their usual playing uniform AND training uniform to be worn where a uniform clash occurs.

Again, the alternative uniform requirement is a Basketball S.A. requirement and by-law, which can also result in action against the Team, Club or both if not complied with.

## **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

In the majority of cases where there is an issue between players or player and coach, they can, and should be resolved in a civil manner between the parties.

If for some reason the matter cannot be resolved informally, or a party involved is not happy with the initial outcome, then the matter should be referred to a committee member, preferably in writing.

Under no circumstances should any person allow any discussion in relation to a dispute to degenerate into a verbal `slanging match', in contravention of Clubs Code of Conduct.

The Club WILL NOT tolerate any form of verbal abuse and aggressive behaviour by a member to be directed towards another.

The Western Magic District Basketball Club strives to promote a friendly, family oriented club that to date has displayed a strong and close relationship between all involved.  The Club strives to foster a close-knit association between players, coaches and family members.

## **RAISING A CONCERN, ISSUE OR COMPLAINT**

For a Spectator or Parent to raise a matter, their first point of contact is the Team Manager. Depending on the subject or request, the Team Manager will engage the Coach if required.

If no action or outcome results, or the issue involves either role, a formal submission can be placed to Jed Mcintosh, Member Protection Officer [resolutions@westernmagic.com.au](mailto:resolutions@westernmagic.com.au)

The case will involve a process to obtain information, history and consulted opinion. Tasks typically taken include documented witness statements, interviews, summary, conclusions and recommendations. Parties that are or can be involved in a case include Junior Panel Case Team, Junior Development Officer, Club Chairperson, Coach(s), Parent(s), Player, Team Manager, Spectator Witnesses, Stadium Officials, Umpires and BasketballSA.

Findings and conclusions from the process result in Recommendations that are presented to the WMBC Committee for discussion and/or ratification. Once ratified, the recommendations are actioned and implemented. (E.g. corrective plan, changes to team/personnel, an apology, a suspension, a penalty of some type, etc)

## **WAYS TO VOLUNTEER**

Volunteers are crucial to the success of any sporting organisation. WMBC relies on the support and contribution of volunteers. Volunteering provides opportunities to meet people, share experiences, to utilise/develop skills and interests, and to be actively involved in the Club and sporting community. In sharing time, energy, skills and resources, volunteers also assist in minimising ongoing financial burdens and therefore the cost to players/parents. Roles or involvement that will result in the volunteer levy being refunded include

* Committee Member
* Sub Committee Member
* Coaching Staff
* Team Manager
* Fundraising Support
* Sponsorship
* Assisting in club acitivites, not limited to
  + Bunnings BBQ
  + Club BBQ
  + Club Family fun days
  + Club events
* Marketing and communication (newsletter and social media)
* Presentation event organisation
* Graphic design support

If you have further skills in an area no listed, or can support the club in any area please get in contact.

**PRIMARY CONTACTS**

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| --- | --- |
| Name/Role | Contact |
| Matt Baker - Chairperson - Basketball Public Operations | [Chairman@westernmagic.com.au](mailto:Chairman@westernmagic.com.au) |
| Cameron Richards- Deputy Chairperson | info@westernmagic.com.au |
| Leanda Freeman – Secretary | Secretary@westernmagic.com.au |
| Darren Marshman – Treasurer | Treasurer@westernmagic.com.au |
| Chris Richards - Member Protection Officer | Resolutions@westernmagic.com.au |
| Reuben Smith – Junior Development Officer | JDO@@westernmagic.com.au |

**INTENT TO PLAY/REGISTRATION FORM**

**Player’s Surname**:…………………………………………….…

**First Name**:……………………………….…             **Male/Female**

**Date of Birth**:  ……/……../……..

**Address**:……………………………………………………………….

….......................................................................................................**Postcode**: …………….

**Parent’s Names**

**Mother**: ………………………  **Occupation** (optional): …………………....**Phone**: …………………

**Father**:…………………………**Occupation** (optional): ..........………….….**Phone**:………………....

**Email Address:** ………………………………………………………………………………………

Would you prefer fee ***invoices*** and/or ***newsletters*** (circle one or both) to come to this email address?

**Basketball History:**

Current Magic player?  (please circle)**Yes/No**   Current Team U/…....Division……… Playing Number………

I am interested in playing:  (please circle)      Summer Season        Winter Season        Both

**New Player**

Previous Experience:  (please circle)        Social               School            District - Club…………………

Where did you hear about Western Magic? ............................................................................................................

I agree to abide by the rules as set out in the Club Expectations and Code of Conduct document, available on www.magic.basketball.net.au. I understand that positions in teams will be offered according to coaches overall evaluation, not necessarily player preference. I understand that there are club fees associated with playing District Basketball each season and agree to pay these fees by their due date. The club has a no-pay no-play policy that will apply in cases of overdue fees.

**Permission for Use of Player Photographs**

The Western Magic District Basketball Club will, from time to time place photographs of players in publications and on the club website for promotional purposes. Photographs that are used will not include identifying information. The club will take all due care to protect the privacy of players. I hereby give the Western Magic District Basketball Club permission to use photographs of me/my child in the club publications and on the club website.

This form constitutes an application for club membership that will come into effect on the commencement of playing and paying of any required fees.

Parent/guardian’s signature (if player is under 18 years)……………………………………Date…../…../………

Player’s signature (if player is 18 years or over)………………………………………………Date…../…../……..