BLUE MOUNTAINS BASKETBALL

MAGIC HANDBOOK

2027
JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM

BLUE MOUNTAINS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

BLUE MOUNTAINS MAGIC

Acknowledgement of Country

We respectfully acknowledge the Gundungurra and Darug peoples, the Traditional Custodians of the Country now known as The Gully, where we are privileged to operate.

We honour their enduring cultural, spiritual, social, and economic connection to this special place, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

We recognise and celebrate the strength, resilience, and continuing contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, both locally and across the many Nations throughout Australia.

We are committed to ensuring that our programs, competitions, and community activities are conducted in ways that respect and honour these lands, and we warmly acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players, families, and visitors who are part of our basketball community.

About the Junior Representative Program

The Blue Mountains Magic Junior Representative Program provides committed young athletes the opportunity to challenge themselves, develop their game, and represent our club with pride in competitions beyond the local association level. Our program has two overall goals:

1. To develop every person involved to achieve their full potential
2. To develop people who love and appreciated basketball throughout their lifetime.

Our program is part of the Basketball NSW representative pathway, with teams participating in the Western Junior League (WJL) and other regional and state-level tournaments. Selection into a representative team is both an achievement and a responsibility — it signals a readiness to train harder, play smarter, and grow as both a basketballer and a teammate.

As a development-first program, winning is not our sole focus. Our aim is to help each player build the habits, skills, and mindset that will serve them throughout their basketball journey. This includes:

- Developing individual fundamentals and game understanding
- Learning how to play in a team system
- Building resilience through competition
- Understanding the expectations of high-performance sport
- Being part of a positive, disciplined, and supportive team culture

For many players, this program is a stepping stone to higher-level play — but for every player, this program offers the chance to be part of a team, to work hard toward shared goals, to grow through challenges, and to create lifelong memories. From the weekend road trips to the post-game celebrations, from learning to bounce back after a tough loss to forming friendships that last beyond the season — representative basketball offers moments that stay with you.

We want this experience to be rewarding, meaningful, and fun, and we hope it becomes a highlight of your sporting journey.

Acknowledgement and Agreement

By accepting your child's place in our representative program, you confirm that:

- You have read and understood the expectations outlined in this handbook.
- You agree to comply with all BMBA and Basketball NSW policies, codes of conduct, and terms of participation.
- You understand that continued involvement in the Magic program is dependent on meeting these standards.

Your support, behaviour, and partnership are essential to creating a safe, respectful, and successful representative experience for all involved.

Welcome to the 2027 Season

Welcome to a new season with Blue Mountains Magic Representative Basketball.

Whether you're joining us for the first time or returning for another year, we're thrilled to have you as part of our rep family. Representing the Magic is about more than just playing games — it's about growing together, embracing challenges, and striving for excellence on and off the court.

At the heart of our program is development. We're committed to helping every athlete build strong foundations, grow their game, and prepare for the next level — whether that's future age groups, school basketball, domestic leagues, or high-level pathways. Skill development, team concepts, and personal growth are our priorities. Every training session, game, and moment in between is a chance to learn, compete, and improve.

We believe in creating an environment where:

- Hard work is celebrated
- Effort is valued over outcome
- Respect and teamwork are non-negotiable
- And development is the goal for every player, every week

This handbook has been created to support you throughout the season. It brings together all the key information you need — including training expectations, game day logistics, communication protocols, uniform details, event dates, and policies. More than that, it also outlines the culture and standards we stand by as a program: what it means to wear the Magic uniform, how we conduct ourselves, and how we support each other as players, coaches, referees, parents, and volunteers.

We encourage you to refer to this handbook regularly. It's designed to help everyone stay informed, aligned, and connected across the season — and to make sure that everyone has the best possible environment to thrive.

Thank you for being part of this journey. We can't wait to see how you grow, what you achieve, and how you contribute to the culture and success of this proud program.

Let's make it a season to remember.

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Blue Mountains Basketball

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Section 1: Creating the Magic Experience

Culture and Expectations

We believe that how we do things is just as important as what we achieve. Culture is built through behaviour — and every player, coach, and family member contributes to that culture every day.

When you wear a Magic jersey, you represent more than yourself. You represent your teammates, your club, your family, your community, and everyone who has helped build the Blue Mountains Basketball pathway. That responsibility is a privilege, and it comes with certain expectations — not just of talent, but of attitude, effort, and conduct.

What We Stand For

We are a development-first representative program. This means we prioritise:

- Long-term growth over short-term results
- Effort, attitude, and learning
- Player wellbeing and character development
- Team identity built on discipline, respect, and unselfishness

We value competition — but we believe how you compete is what matters most.

Our Core Values

These values define what it means to be part of our representative program:

- **Respect -** We respect coaches, teammates, referees, opponents, venues, and ourselves. Respect is shown through words, tone, body language, punctuality, and behaviour — even under pressure.
- **Effort -** We give our best in every training, every drill, every game. We train with intent and play with energy.
- **Resilience -** We know setbacks are part of sport. We don't make excuses. We reflect, adapt, and come back stronger.
- **Coachability -** We are open to feedback, hungry to learn, and willing to change habits. We embrace the challenge of improvement.
- **Team First -** We support each other. We celebrate others' success. We work hard off the ball. We contribute to team chemistry — not just team stats.
- **Pride -** We wear the Magic jersey with pride and honour the work it took to earn it. We stand on the shoulders of those who came before, and shape what the program becomes for those who follow.
- **Loyalty –** We value commitment to our club, coaches, and teammates. It's about consistency, connection, trust and believing in the people who invest in you, staying the course through challenges, and helping to build something that lasts for those who follow.

Player Expectations

Players in the representative program are expected to:

- Be punctual, prepared, and focused at all team sessions
- Maintain consistent attendance and communicate absences early
- Train with intensity, play with discipline, and support teammates
- Listen actively, take responsibility for their development, and apply feedback
- Represent the club with positive behaviour on and off the court — including on social media
- Understand that selection in a rep team is earned and must be upheld through effort and attitude

Even if a player is injured, they should still attend training and games to stay engaged, support their teammates, and continue learning, unless they're dealing with something contagious or serious. In those cases, common sense applies, and families should always notify the Team Manager as early as possible if their child will be away.

Parent & Family Expectations

Parents and carers are essential to the success of the rep program. We ask families to:

- Support your child to be on time, ensuring they're properly equipped, and encouraging them to meet their team commitments
- Encourage your child's growth, not just their performance
- Celebrate effort, sportsmanship, and improvement as much as outcomes
- Allow coaches to coach, and avoid giving sideline instructions — even when you disagree
- Show respect to referees, opposition, and all members of the community
- Communicate constructively, using appropriate channels when needed
- Model the behaviour we want our players to learn
- Fulfilling volunteer duties, such as score bench responsibilities, as required by the team or BMBA

Coach Expectations

Our coaches are leaders and mentors. They are here to guide, teach, and challenge each player to grow both as an athlete and as a person. Coaches are expected to:

- Deliver structured, purposeful, and engaging training sessions
- Prioritise development of both individual skills and team concepts
- Provide clear, constructive, and honest feedback
- Role-model respect, resilience, and professionalism
- Communicate with players and parents transparently and respectfully
- Promote a team-first mindset and uphold high behavioural standards
- Foster an environment where players feel safe to learn, make mistakes, and improve

Accountability and Growth

We don't expect perfection. We expect commitment, honesty, and a willingness to grow. Mistakes will happen. What matters is how we respond: with humility, accountability, and a focus on improvement.

Every member of our program is part of something bigger than themselves. When we live our values, hold ourselves to a high standard, and support one another, we create a culture that builds better players, better teams — and better people.

Section 2: Understanding the Structure of Representative Basketball

Governance

Basketball NSW (BNSW) is the governing body for basketball in New South Wales and oversees all representative competitions in the state.

As a member association, Blue Mountains Basketball Association (BMBA) participates in BNSW-administered competitions, including:

- Western Junior League (WJL)
- John Martin Country Tournament (JMCT)

While BNSW manages the competition framework — scheduling, rules, and venues — BMBA is responsible for:

- Player selections and eligibility
- Training, coaching, and player development
- Team management and communications with families

The BMBA Board serves as the official liaison between our club and BNSW. Our BMBA delegate attends league meetings, receives official correspondence, and handles all administrative matters related to representative basketball.

Important:
For all questions, concerns, or feedback regarding your child's representative experience — including trials, selections, training, scheduling, uniforms, fees, or game experience — please contact the club, not Basketball NSW.

📧 **Club Contact:** magic@bluemountainsbasketball.com.au

Following this process ensures that communication is efficient and that our staff can best support families throughout the season.

Western Junior Leage

Our representative program participates in the WJL, which features competition between 12 regional associations:

Griffith | Leeton | Temora | Lithgow | West Wyalong | Young | Dubbo | Mudgee | Bathurst | Orange | Blue Mountains | Narrandera

Competition weekends are played in central venues throughout the region, with each team playing multiple games across a two-day round.

There are typically three regular season rounds and one finals weekend.

The WJL season runs from February to May, with opportunities for successful teams to progress to State or National events later in the year.

Additional Tournaments

In addition to the WJL, teams may choose to participate in other tournaments during the year.

All additional tournaments must be discussed with the club and approved by the Magic Co-ordinator before entry.

Recommended NSW Tournaments:

- **John Martin Country Tournament** – June long weekend, various venues across NSW.
  A major BNSW event for country associations; open to all Magic teams.
- **Coastal Classic Tournament** – Late January/Early February each year, Gosford.
  Excellent pre-season experience against teams from across NSW.

Interstate Tournaments:

- **Norwood Easter Classic** – Easter weekend, Adelaide.
  National-level tournament catering to all skill levels.
- **Nunawading Spectres Tournament** – June long weekend, Melbourne.
  One of Australia's largest tournaments, featuring 380+ teams from multiple states.

Invitation Only Tournaments:

- **Melbourne National Junior Classic**
  The premier national club tournament for U12–U18 teams.
- **State Cup**
  For top Division 1 WJL teams.
- **State Championships**
  For top Junior Premier League teams across NSW.
- **National Club Championships**
  For the top 24 U14 teams in Australia. Run by Basketball Australia each September at rotating locations.

These invitational tournaments are a major achievement, and attendance is expected if invited.

Selection Policy and Eligibility

To be eligible for selection and ongoing participation in the Magic program, players must:

- Be currently registered with both Basketball NSW and BMBA
- Be actively participating in the local domestic competition
- Attend all trial dates and training sessions, unless excused in advance

Selections are based on skill, commitment, coachability, and team fit.

Intent to Trial/Clearances

If your child is registered with another basketball association but wants to try out for the Magic, you must first complete an *Intent to Trial* form.

This form advises BNSW, BMBA and your home association that your child is interested in exploring other options, but it does not mean they have officially left their current association.

It's the responsibility of the player or their parent/guardian to fill out and submit this form online before attending any trials with BMBA.

Please remember this form is not the same as a clearance. Your child still needs to get an official clearance from their current association before they can play with the Magic. Keep a copy of the submitted form for your records, just in case there are any questions down the line.

Rotational Players

For the 2027 season, BMBA has introduced a Rotational Player category for selected representative teams. This approach allows BMBA to retain larger squads and provide additional development opportunities, particularly for bottom-age players transitioning into a new age group.

Rotational players are full members of the representative squad who participate in training and are allocated to specific competition rounds or games on a rotational basis. Unlike reserve players, rotational players have planned opportunities to participate in competition and pay a discounted representative fee to reflect their reduced game participation.

This model reflects BMBA's commitment to player development, providing more opportunities for emerging players to gain representative experience while maintaining competitive team structures.

Reserves and Development Players

Teams may include Reserve Players and Development Players who train alongside the core squad and support the team throughout the season. Where numbers allow, BMBA encourages all teams to select reserves and development players, as these roles are an essential part of our long-term development pathway.

While both groups are considered full members of the team environment, their responsibilities and expectations differ slightly.

Reserves

Reserve players are selected as the next athletes in line for competition. Their role includes:

- Training fully with the squad
- Learning team systems, structures, and terminology
- Attending games when requested by the coach
- Being ready to step into the active roster when required

Reserves may not receive the same amount of game time as core roster players and may not be activated for every fixture. However, they are expected to uphold the same standards of attendance, effort, and commitment as all squad members.

Development Players

Development players are selected for future potential and growth. Their role focuses on:

- Attending and participating in representative squad training
- Building skills and confidence in a supported environment
- Learning the expectations, pace, and style of rep basketball
- Preparing for future seasons where they may transition into core or reserve roles

Development players cannot participate in WJL games but may be selected for other tournaments or events. Their primary focus is learning and growth, not competition minutes.

Why These Roles Matter

Reserve and development roles exist because training is where most of the real development happens. More than 80% of the representative season is spent in training. This is where players build skills, confidence, and relationships, and where coaches can have the greatest impact.

As a smaller association, BMBA is deeply committed to providing every possible opportunity for our athletes to grow. In many cases, this means keeping larger squads together, ensuring that players can continue training even if they are not yet ready for consistent game minutes. This approach strengthens our depth, supports long-term success, and ensures no child misses out on development simply because we cannot field multiple teams in an age group.

Coaches will always communicate clearly with families about expectations for reserves and development players. Being selected in these roles is a positive investment in a player's future, not a limitation. Many athletes who begin as reserves or development players later become key contributors and leaders in the program.

Tournament Selection and Team Composition

Team lists for additional tournaments beyond the Western Junior League — such as pre-season or post-season events — is at the discretion of the Head Coach, based on the purpose of the tournament and player availability.

WJL team lists apply only to WJL competition; coaches may nominate alternative team lists for other tournaments as appropriate. For example, a pre-season event may prioritise main roster players to prepare for competition, while a post-season event may provide opportunities for reserve or development players to gain valuable experience.

Court Time for Players

While every athlete will receive equal attention and focus in training, it is important to understand that playing time in competition games is not guaranteed. Coaches are responsible for making decisions that balance individual development, team strategy, and the demands of representative competition.

When determining court time, coaches consider a range of factors, including:

- Effort and attitude shown in training and games
- Attendance and punctuality at training and team events
- Team-first behaviours, such as support for teammates and positive communication
- Coachability, willingness to take on feedback and make adjustments
- Game matchups and strategy
- Talent and current skill level

Importantly, talent alone does not guarantee minutes. A player may be highly skilled, but if they are not putting in consistent effort, showing up to training, or being a good teammate, their court time may be reduced.

There is, however, one important exception: **under Basketball NSW regulations, all Under 12 players must take the court in both the first half and second half of each match.**

In addition, we have a **club expectation that coaches will ensure all players are given meaningful opportunities to contribute during matches where the result is already clear.** This approach balances the need to be competitive with our commitment to development, and ensures that every player feels valued as part of the team.

If you have a general concern about court time, we encourage you to raise the matter directly with your coach in the first instance. Coaches will provide constructive feedback on what needs to occur for a player to earn more court time.

If you believe that the club's expectation around playing opportunities in clear-result situations is not being followed, you may escalate this concern to the BMBA Board for review.

Scorebench duty guide for parents

As part of participating in representative basketball, each team is required to supply two trained scoretable officials for every game. This is known as scorebench duty. Team A will be responsible for managing the game clock, while Team B will operate Basketball Connect (the electronic scoresheet.) It's important that these roles are filled correctly to help ensure the game runs smoothly and in line with competition rules.

To support this, Basketball NSW provides a free online training video for parents and volunteers, which you can view here: Scoretable Training – YouTube. We recommend all parents watch this video so that scorebench duty can be evenly shared across the team.

More formal 'Technical Official' qualifications are available to anyone who is interested. Please contact operations@bluemountainsbasketball.com.au for more information.

Participation in domestic basketball

All junior representative players must play in Blue Mountains Basketball's Summer Domestic Competition. Players not registered for this competition are ineligible to participate in representative basketball.

Exemption may be granted for injuries and certain family circumstances (e.g. planned overseas holiday etc). All exemption requests must be made in writing to the BMBA Board.

Section 3: Team Support and Administration

Coaches

The Blue Mountains Magic Representative Program is designed to give players exposure to elite-level basketball. Our Coaches are committed to the task of holistic player development, focusing on skill growth, teamwork, and personal maturity both on and off the court.

Player development occurs through a combination of:

- Team training
- Individual development opportunities
- Game experience
- Personal resilience and maturity

The **Head Coach** is responsible for the overall development and performance of the team. Their role includes planning and leading training sessions, teaching game strategies, managing team selections, and making decisions during games. They focus on helping each player improve their skills while building a strong, respectful, and united team culture.

Assistant Coaches play a vital role in supporting the Head Coach and the overall success of the team. They help plan and deliver training sessions, provide individual player feedback, and assist with game-day preparation and strategy. Assistant Coaches may also be required to act in the Head Coach role when the Head Coach is unavailable. In these situations, they are empowered to make decisions necessary for the team's preparation, conduct, and performance, ensuring continuity and consistency in the program.

It is important to remember that our coaches are volunteers, giving their time and energy to support our players and community. They come from a variety of backgrounds: some are experienced coaches, some are ex-players, and some are parents stepping forward to contribute. Regardless of their pathway into coaching, every coach in our program shares the same commitment: to give their best for their players and their team.

How BMBA Supports Our Coaches

We recognise the huge commitment our volunteer coaches make. To ensure they are supported in their role, BMBA provides:

- **Mandatory qualifications** – all Magic coaches (Head and Assistants) must hold the Competition Coach accreditation as a minimum mandatory requirement. We support new coaches in obtaining this qualification prior to the commencement of each season.
- **Coach Induction and Training** – Resources, workshops, and guidance at the start of the season.
- **Ongoing Mentoring** – Access to senior coaches and the Development Officer for advice and feedback.
- **Development Pathways** – Opportunities to complete additional accredited coaching courses or participate in Basketball NSW coach development programs
- **Program Alignment** – Structured training frameworks and session plans from our Development Officer that align with BMBA's development philosophy.
- **Peer Support** – A coaching community where ideas, challenges, and solutions are shared.

This support ensures that while our coaches come from different backgrounds, they are never alone in the role. Together, we are building a consistent, high-quality development program for all Magic players.

Team Managers

The Team Manager plays a vital role in helping each representative team run smoothly throughout the season. They take care of the organisation, communication, and logistics that allow coaches and players to focus on the game.

Team Managers handle a variety of behind-the-scenes responsibilities, including:

- Managing team communication and distributing information from the club
- Coordinating uniforms, paperwork, and registrations
- Assisting with logistics on training and game days (e.g., scoring, rosters, venue coordination)
- Supporting coaches with team administration and parent liaison
- Helping to maintain a positive and respectful team environment
- Coordinating travel arrangements with families

Team Managers are the main point of contact for families throughout the season and serve as a bridge between the Association, Coaching Staff, and Parents/Guardians.

All Team Managers are volunteers who give their time generously to support our players, families, and coaches. Their work often goes unnoticed — but every team's success depends on their organisation and care.

We ask all families to:

- Respect the role of the Team Manager
- Communicate positively and courteously
- Support them by responding promptly to messages and requests
- Offer assistance when possible (e.g., scoring, carpooling, fundraising, or hosting duties)

How BMBA Supports Team Managers

To help our Team Managers succeed, Blue Mountains Basketball provides:

- Induction and guidance before the season begins
- Access to the Operations Manager and Development Officer for ongoing support
- Clear communication channels for updates, policies, and league information
- Opportunities to connect with other Team Managers to share ideas and solutions

Our goal is to make the Team Manager role rewarding, manageable, and valued — because when our volunteers feel supported, our players and teams thrive.

Referees

Referees play a critical role in our representative basketball program. Every team participating in Basketball NSW competitions is required to have a nominated referee, and these officials are an essential part of how our sport operates.

Referees are selected through the same principles that guide our player and coach appointments: commitment, attitude, and development potential.

Referees are not just officials — they are developing athletes in their own right. They undertake formal training and education, complete fitness assessments, and participate in ongoing development and mentoring throughout the season. They are learning and improving their skills each week, just like the athletes on the court.

Once appointed, referees are recognised as integrated members of the Magic team. They wear our colours, uphold our values, and represent our association with the same pride and professionalism as our players and coaches.

Each team is expected to:

- Include their assigned referee in team communications, events, and travel plans, particularly during match weekends
- Treat their referee as part of the Magic family
- Acknowledge and celebrate their contribution, just as we do for players, coaches, and team managers

This connection reinforces that everyone — players, coaches, referees, and parents — plays an essential role in creating a positive and professional representative environment.

Referee Allowances

BMBA recognises the significant commitment required of referees participating in the Western Junior League (WJL), and many of our developing referees balance their officiating commitments with school, study and casual or part-time employment.

To support referee development, encourage ongoing participation and ensure that financial considerations are not a barrier to involvement, BMBA provides the following allowances to referees:

Weekend Referee Allowance

- All referees will receive a minimum allowance of $200 per competition weekend, regardless of the location of the fixture.
- This minimum allowance recognises the time and personal commitment involved in representative officiating, including the potential opportunity cost of foregoing other paid employment.
- For fixtures requiring significant travel, the allowance increases according to the distance travelled, as outlined in Table 1.
- The $200 minimum is included within the applicable travel allowance and is not an additional payment.

Accommodation Allowance

- Where overnight accommodation is reasonably required due to travel distance or game scheduling, BMBA will reimburse accommodation costs up to $250 per night, for a maximum of two nights per competition weekend.
- Accommodation must be practical and cost-effective, with receipts required to support reimbursement claims. Additional conditions apply to specific venues as outlined below.

All match payments are handled by BNSW and are separate to the allowances paid by BMBA.

Table 1: Referee Travel Allowance

Town	KM (one way)[1]	Allowance
Katoomba	N/A	$200
Lithgow	39	$200[2]
Bathurst	98	$200 (with Accom.) or $344 (without Accom.)[3]
Orange	156	$274
Mudgee	163	$286
Young	275	$484
Dubbo	289	$508
Temora	354	$623
West Wylong	363	$638
Naranderra	479	$843
Leeton	479	$843
Griffith	498	$876

Club Communications

Clear, respectful, and consistent communication is essential to keeping our representative program running smoothly. Blue Mountains Basketball uses a combination of WhatsApp, Facebook and email to share information with Coaches, Team Managers, and Families throughout the season.

All official communication between BMBA and teams will occur through these channels and will be directed to parents or guardians, not directly to players.

WhatsApp Community – Team Communications

To improve communication and coordination across the Magic program, BMBA has introduced a dedicated WhatsApp Community for all representative teams.

The Community provides a central platform for players, parents, coaches, team managers and BMBA officials to stay informed and connected throughout the representative season.

Each representative team will have its own dedicated WhatsApp group within the broader Community, allowing team-specific information to be shared while maintaining a consistent communication structure across the program.

Purpose and Use

The WhatsApp Community will be used for:

- Program Announcements: Important updates and information from BMBA relevant to all representative teams.
- Team Communications: Training schedules, game-day arrangements, travel information and other team-specific updates.
- Competition Updates: Fixture changes, venue information, tournament arrangements and other relevant competition details.

[1] Approx. distance from Katoomba calculated via Google Maps. Allowance assumes a return trip.

[2] No accommodation allowance is payable for trips to Lithgow.

[3] For Bathurst, referees may choose to return home each night or stay overnight. Accommodation reimbursement (up to one night) will be available where game schedules make travel unreasonable or unsafe — for example, in the case of late Saturday or early Sunday fixtures.

- Team Coordination: Supporting coaches and team managers in coordinating activities and communicating with families.

Participation and Communication Expectations

Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to join their team's WhatsApp group and monitor communications regularly.

Email

Email is used for:

- Official club communications from BMBA staff and Board members
- Distribution of schedules, policy updates, and key documents
- Sensitive or detailed communications that require a record or follow-up

Families are encouraged to check email regularly and ensure that BMBA and your Team Manager have your correct contact details.

Magic Facebook Group

BMBA operates an official Magic Facebook Group, which serves as a secondary communication platform.

The group is used to:

- Share key announcements and reminders
- Celebrate player achievements and team milestones
- Post photos, stories, and updates from across the Magic community

The Facebook Group is intended to be an informal, positive space that celebrates the efforts and achievements of our players, referees, coaches, and volunteers.

Relevant posts may be duplicated on our general BMBA Facebook or Instagram pages

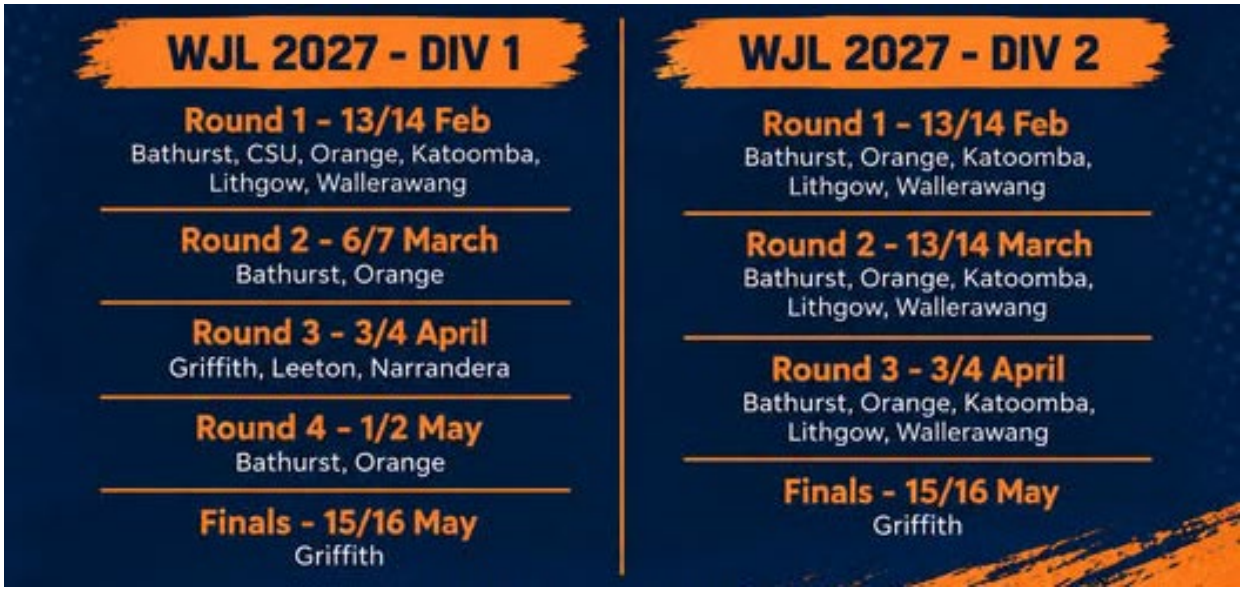
Communication Standards

We ask everyone in the program to communicate in a way that reflects our values:

- Be respectful and constructive in all interactions
- Use appropriate channels for questions or feedback
- Avoid sharing sensitive or critical discussions on group chats or social media
- Remember that we are all part of the same community — kindness and clarity go a long way

Section 4: Inside the 2027 Season

2027 WJL Dates



Venues to be confirmed by BNSW in December 2025 when draws are finalised.

Expectations and Requirements

Game Day Participation

Once a team has been nominated to compete in a Basketball NSW competition, the Association becomes financially responsible for that entry. Basketball NSW imposes financial penalties for late withdrawals and fines for forfeited games.

For this reason, all teams are expected to participate in every scheduled game for the duration of the season. Participation is not optional — it is a commitment made on behalf of the club, your teammates, and the broader Magic program.

If a team is unable to compete in a scheduled fixture and a fine or withdrawal fee is incurred, the associated costs will be passed on to the relevant team for reimbursement.

We understand that unexpected circumstances can arise. If a team anticipates any difficulty meeting a scheduled commitment, the Team Manager and Head Coach must notify BMBA immediately so that all reasonable options can be explored before penalties are applied.

Representing the Magic means showing reliability, accountability, and respect for the competition — qualities that reflect the professionalism of our program both on and off the court.

Travel Supervision

Representative basketball involves travel to venues across the state. For the safety and wellbeing of all players, each child must be supervised by a responsible adult during travel and at all away games.

If a parent or guardian is unable to travel with their child to a game or event, they must inform the team manager in advance. The team manager will assist in coordinating transport arrangements, ensuring that your child travels with a trusted adult and is accounted for during the event. Please confirm all travel plans and times with your team manager ahead of each trip.

Travelling as a team

BMBA has an expectation that, where possible, teams will stay together as a group and carpool for away rounds. This includes your assigned referee for the weekend.

Travelling as a team is an important part of the representative basketball experience. It provides opportunities for players to bond, build trust, and strengthen the sense of connection that carries onto the court.

Staying and travelling together helps to:

- Build team spirit and unity both on and off the court
- Promote inclusive and supportive team culture
- Simplify logistics and coordination for coaches, referees, and families
- Create opportunities for shared experiences and team-building activities

BMBA also has a clear expectation that Saturday night meals during away rounds are held as a team group activity. This shared dinner is an important part of the Magic culture — a chance to reflect, connect, and celebrate the experience together. Team Managers are responsible for coordinating these dinners, with support from families, coaches and your assigned referee.

Travelling as a group can also help reduce costs. Coordinating carpooling, shared accommodation, and group bookings often leads to lower expenses for families and allows for more efficient planning. Team Managers are encouraged to help coordinate these arrangements early, ensuring that travel is safe, cost-effective, and inclusive for everyone.

BMBA understands that family or personal circumstances may occasionally prevent full participation in team travel or group accommodation. In these cases, families should communicate early with the Team Manager or Head Coach to make suitable arrangements and ensure the player remains fully involved in all team activities.

The goal is to create a cohesive, supportive, and safe environment where teams can travel, compete, and represent the Magic with pride — together.

Conduct while Travelling

All players and families are expected to demonstrate high standards of behaviour throughout all travel and accommodation activities. This includes showing respect for teammates, coaches, staff, property, and other guests, and always representing Blue Mountains Basketball with pride, integrity, and professionalism, both on and off the court.

Training

Teams are allocated 2 training sessions per week. These can be located at either Katoomba Sports and Aquatic Centre or Katoomba High School.

All training sessions are mandatory unless previously arranged with the Head Coach or Team Manager.

If you are running late to collect your child from training, they must remain inside the training venue. Your child should either stay with the team manager or coach until you arrive. This is essential for their safety and supervision.

Private Training and additional Development Opportunities

We understand that many parents are eager to support their child's basketball development through additional training outside of regular representative sessions. While there are many private providers offering skills sessions, we encourage all families to do their research and ensure that any coach or program aligns with the values, safety standards, and developmental needs of their child.

It's important to be cautious of promises or guarantees, such as selection in a State Team, as no coach can guarantee outcomes based on private training alone. Basketball development is a long-term journey influenced by consistent effort, team play, and many factors beyond individual sessions.

We recommend that parents first engage with all additional development opportunities offered by BMBA, such as group training programs, clinics, or holiday camps, which are designed to complement representative training.

If you are considering external training or are unsure about a coach's offer, please speak with our Magic Coordinator before making any commitments.

Uniform

Representative Uniform

Players and reserves are required to purchase and wear the official Magic representative uniform for both games and warm-ups. Development players do not need to purchase uniforms.

Uniform includes:

- Playing singlet and shorts (issued with an individual player number)
    - $95 (new players only)
- Warm-up t-shirt
    - Included in your annual fee
- Reversable training singlet
    - Included in your annual fee

Playing uniform designs are updated on a three-year cycle to maintain a fresh, professional appearance while keeping costs manageable. Players may reuse their existing uniform from season to season if it remains in good condition. The next uniform refresh is scheduled for the 2028 season. Warm-up shirts will be updated annually and the reversable training singlet will remain consistent year-to-year.

BMBA coordinates new uniform orders in November/December each year to ensure delivery before the season begins.

Gameday uniforms are not to be worn to training or domestic games. Players are expected to maintain their uniform in clean and presentable condition and to replace lost or damaged items at their own expense.

Second-Hand Uniforms

To help families save costs and reduce waste, we have set up a second-hand uniform marketplace.

If your child played last year and has outgrown their uniform, we would greatly appreciate your participation.

We will buy back your items at:

- $30 for singlets
- $20 for shorts

These will then be made available to new families at the same prices, ensuring an affordable option for players entering the program.

Training and Optional Apparel

Players must wear the provided reversable training jersey at all training sessions. Each player will be provided with one at the commencement of the 2027 season (expected to arrive in December). Additional jerseys may be purchased separately. This helps maintain consistency, professionalism, and team identity across the program.

Additional uniform and apparel items are available through the Magic online store including:

- Training shorts
- T-shirts
- Hoodies and jackets
- Bags and accessories

A limited selection of Magic and BMBA branded merchandise is also available from the stadium, including socks, beanies, baseball caps and drink bottles.

While these items are highly recommended, their purchase is optional.

BMBA will arrange for a discounted bulk order of individual items from the online store in December of each season. The online store is available any time for all additional purchases at the non-discounted rate.

All uniform and apparel items are a personal purchase and remain the property of the individual. BMBA does not offer uniform items for loan or hire.

Number Clashes

From time to time, players may have a uniform number clash when teams are finalised. To ensure a fair and consistent approach, BMBA uses the following guidelines:

- The top-age player (the older player within the age group) has the first right to retain the number.
- If both players are top-age, priority is given to the player who has been in the Magic program the longest.

BMBA encourages families to explore number swaps, second hand uniforms, or exchanging singlets (if spares are available) as the first options for resolving a clash. These solutions are often the simplest and most cost-effective.

If a new playing singlet is required, the cost will be shared equally between the two affected families.

BMBA asks all families to approach number clashes with flexibility and goodwill so resolutions can be reached quickly and fairly.

Coaches Uniform

Coaches are ambassadors of the Magic program and play a key role in modelling professionalism, unity, and pride. To support this, all coaches are required to wear approved BMBA coaching apparel when representing the club at games, tournaments, and official events.

Each coach will receive a Magic branded polo shirt which is to be worn for all games.

Club jackets and hoodies are highly recommended, but optional.

All coaching apparel must be clean, neat, and consistent with the team's presentation standards. Coaches are expected to wear only official club-branded items or plain attire (no external sporting logos or alternate team branding).

Pride and Presentation

Wearing the Magic uniform is a privilege. It represents your commitment to the team, the club, and our community. Players and coaches are expected to:

- Present themselves neatly and respectfully whenever wearing club apparel
- Avoid wearing representative gear in inappropriate settings
- Demonstrate behaviour consistent with the values and standards of BMBA both on and off the court

Representing the Magic means more than wearing the colours — it means living the culture of pride, respect, and professionalism that defines our program.

End of Season Function

At the end of each representative season, we hold an End of Season Function to bring players, families, and team staff together to celebrate the journey. It's a great opportunity to reflect on the highs and lows of the season, acknowledge the hard work of players and coaches, and thank the volunteers and families who helped along the way.

We strongly encourage all players to attend; it's a special way to finish the season with their teammates.

While we endeavour to subsidise the cost of this function though sponsorships, there may be an out-of-pocket cost to attend this event which is separate from the representative fees already paid. This covers venue hire, catering, and event-related expenses. More details will be shared closer to the date.

Section 5: 2027 Fees and Payments

Representative basketball involves various costs, including training fees, uniforms and competition expenses.

Our representative fees are calculated based on the total cost to operate a team across the full representative season. These costs are then evenly divided among all players to ensure fairness and transparency.

Your representative fees help to cover the following:

- **Training Venue Hire.** Costs associated with using courts for weekly training sessions.
- **Game Day Costs.** This includes payments to referees and court supervisors as required by Basketball NSW and WJL standards.
- **Team Equipment.** Contributions toward shared team resources such as basketballs, equipment bags, first aid kits, bibs, and other necessary items.
- **Team Nomination Fees.** Each team is charged an entry fee to participate in league competitions
- **End-of-Season Recognition.** Includes items such as team awards, certificates, and participation recognition to celebrate the efforts and achievements of the players and staff.
- **Other Administrative Costs.** Includes staff time, printing and signage.

Please note: The representative fees do not cover uniforms, personal expenses (i.e. travel, accommodation) or private training sessions.

2027 Fee Breakdown

Number of teams	9	
Total Players	90	
Total Fee (Player / Rotational / Reserve or Development)	**$1150 / $850 / $500**	
Deposit	$100	Due 31 October 2026
Instalment 1	$350 / $250 / $200	Due 15 December 2026
Instalment 2	$350 / $250 / $200	Due 31 January 2027
Instalment 3	$350 / $250 / N/A	Due 28 February 2027
Cost Breakdown	**Per Team**	
Nomination & Tournament Fees	$625	
Game Fees	$1,700	
Court Hire for Training	$4,000	
Referee Travel and Accommodation Levy	$2,000	
Team Staff Uniforms	$250	
Coach/Manager Honorarium	$200	
BMBA Staff	$2,500	
Equipment (match balls, training gear etc)	$125	
GST & Transaction Fees	$100	
Total	**$11,500**	

2027 Representative Fees

BMBA has reviewed its representative program fees for the 2027 season. While the fees reflect an increase of $200 compared to 2026, the 2027 fees are now all-inclusive, incorporating pre-season and post-season tournament costs that were previously charged separately.

The revised fees also account for annual increases in competition nomination fees, game fees and court hire costs. By consolidating these expenses into a single upfront fee, we aim to provide families with greater transparency and certainty around the overall cost of participating in the representative program.

Program Costs

The actual cost to enter and operate each representative team per season is approximately $13,000. The remaining costs are offset through a combination of sponsorship and fundraising activities that benefit all teams.

Additional Costs

Uniforms are not included in representative player fees. All players are required to purchase their own official Magic uniform, which remains their personal property and can be reused across multiple seasons.

Uniform for 2027 is $95 and includes playing singlet and shorts.

BMBA and BNSW Membership Fees

All participants in the Magic program including players, coaches, referees, and team staff must be registered with both BMBA and Basketball NSW before they can participate in representative basketball.

This fee is separate to the annual representative fees above and will usually be paid as part of your registration for domestic basketball via Basketball Connect.

It is the participants' or parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure membership is maintained and renewed on time to maintain eligibility.

Payment Methods

Payments of Magic fees will be accepted by direct bank transfer. Banking details will be provided separately. All payments are due on the dates specified in the fee table above.

If you need extension or alternative payment schedule, please email us at operations@bluemountainsbasketball.com.au prior to the due date.

Financial Hardship

We understand that the cost of representative basketball can be a challenge for some families. To ensure no child misses out due to financial hardship families can request financial support by contacting any board member or staff member that you are comfortable speaking with.

All requests are treated confidentially and considered on a case-by-case basis. We’re committed to making basketball accessible for all.

Section 6: Safety, Wellbeing and Support

Blue Mountains Basketball is committed to supporting the physical and mental wellbeing of every player in our representative program. We understand that being at your best on the court means taking care of your body, your mind, and your overall health.

Just as we care about players recovering well from a rolled ankle or sore shoulder, we also care about how they're coping with the pressures of school, sport, and life. A healthy body supports a healthy mind — and a healthy mind supports better performance, resilience, and enjoyment of the game.

Our coaches and staff are committed to creating an environment where players feel safe, supported, and encouraged to speak up if they are struggling — whether that's physically, mentally, or emotionally.

Code of Conduct, Zero Tolerance Policy and Disciplinary Action

Basketball in NSW is governed by a Zero Tolerance Policy regarding inappropriate or abusive behaviour both on and off the court. These documents are available at: https://www.bnsw.com.au/resource-directory/

This applies to everyone involved: players, parents, coaches, officials, and spectators, regardless of whether you are formally registered with the association.

These rules are in place to ensure the game is safe, fair, and enjoyable for everyone. When someone's actions go against these standards, it can reflect poorly on the team and the sport as a whole.

If behaviour crosses the line, whether it's verbal abuse, inappropriate conduct, or anything that brings the game into disrepute, disciplinary action can be taken. This may come from BMBA, Basketball NSW, or Basketball Australia, depending on the situation. Consequences can range from warnings and suspensions to bans from participating in the Magic program.

Everyone has a role in upholding the values of the sport, and it's important that we all do our part to represent the game with respect and integrity.

Respect The Game

Respect The Game is a new awareness program from Basketball NSW designed to protect and support the people who help our kids enjoy the game, especially towards our referees and coaches. The aim is to reduce abuse and poor behaviour from the sidelines by reminding everyone that basketball is about more than just winning, it's about respect, effort, and community.

This is a statewide initiative built on consistent messaging across all Associations. BMBA has been provided with resources to help spread the message, and referees and coaches will also be given extra training and support so they can continue doing their jobs confidently and safely.

Parents and spectators play a big part in this. Your role is simple: be positive and cheer from the sidelines. No shouting at referees or coaches, just encouragement for the players.

During the representative season, monthly reports will be published online to hold everyone accountable. It's about keeping the game safe, respectful, and fun for everyone involved.

Injury Reporting and Insurance

Basketball, like any sport, comes with some risk of injury. While BMBA and Basketball NSW work hard to put safety measures in place and reduce risks through proper training and supervision, it's important to understand that not all injuries can be prevented.

All registered participants are covered by personal injury insurance when involved in Basketball NSW sanctioned activities. This includes training, games, and other approved events.

To help further reduce the risk of injury, we strongly recommend that all players warm up and cool down after training and games and consider wearing a mouthguard during games and training. Taking these precautions helps keep our players safe and gives everyone peace of mind.

- **Injury Report Form**: Any injury that occurs during training, games, or club-sanctioned activities should be reported using the Basketball NSW Injury Report Form: Basketball NSW Online Injury Report Form
- **Insurance Claims**: If you wish to lodge an insurance claim, please refer to V-Insurance for details on coverage and the claims process: V-Insurance Basketball

Mental Health and Wellbeing

We are committed to supporting players' mental, emotional, and social wellbeing, just as much as their physical development. Open conversations about how we feel, not just how we play, are encouraged. By reducing stigma and encouraging empathy, we can build a community where mental wellbeing is a priority, and seeking help is seen as a sign of strength and self-awareness.

What We Aim to Provide

- **Supportive Coaching Environment** – Coaches are trained to provide constructive feedback, build confidence, and foster a safe space where players feel valued and supported.
- **Open Communication** – Players and families are encouraged to speak directly with coaches or team managers about any wellbeing concerns, whether sporting or personal. If further support is needed, issues can be escalated to our Development Officer, Operations Manager, or directly to the BMBA Board.
- **Safe Training Loads** – We carefully manage training intensity to balance skill development with injury prevention and mental resilience.
- **Referral to Professionals** – If we identify a concern, our coaching staff will discuss it with parents/guardians and may recommend seeking professional support.
- **Community Connection** – We create an environment where players feel they belong, building strong peer relationships that support wellbeing on and off the court.

External Supports

While we aim to provide a supportive environment within our program, we know some challenges require additional help. If you or your child are struggling, please remember that support is always available:

- In an emergency: **000**
- **Lifeline** – 13 11 14
- **Beyond Blue** – 1300 22 4636
- **Kids Helpline** – 1800 55 1800
- **Headspace -** 1800 650 890

These services are free, confidential and available 24/7. Additional resources are available through BNSW: https://www.bnsw.com.au/mental-health-wellbeing/

Child Safety and Protection

We want all children and young people to be safe, happy, and empowered in our program. Blue Mountains Basketball has zero tolerance for child abuse and is committed to the safety, participation, and empowerment of every child.

Our commitments:

- We actively prevent child abuse, identify risks early, and reduce them wherever possible.
- We support the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and children with disability.
- All allegations and safety concerns will be treated seriously and in line with Basketball Australia's Child Protection policies and procedures.
- We are legally and morally obligated to contact authorities if we believe a child is at risk of harm.

Basketball Australia's National Integrity Framework provides clear guidelines for screening and dealing with issues such as discrimination, harassment, and vilification. All members of our program are expected to always uphold these standards.

Below is an informative list of Do's and Don'ts when it comes to your child's participation in basketball.

DO - What Coaches and Staff MUST do	DONT - What Coaches and Staff must NEVER do.
Behaviour and Relationships • Treat all players fairly and equally. • Focus on skill development and learning—not just winning. • Maintain appropriate emotional and physical boundaries. • Respond respectfully to children's needs or concerns. • Use clear, age-appropriate, and positive communication. • Supervise children diligently during training, games, and events. • Report any concerns or inappropriate behaviours promptly. **Touch and Physical Interaction** • Ask permission before demonstrating activities involving touch. • Use non-intrusive contact (e.g. high-fives, pat on the back). • Avoid touching children who appear uncomfortable. • Offer verbal directions instead of physical adjustment where possible. **Supervision and Safety** • Always maintain appropriate supervision ratios. • Ensure children are never left alone or unsupervised. • Keep sessions open to observation by parents/carers. • Know where every child is during events, especially when unsupervised contact is not possible. **Communication** • Keep all communication professional, sport-related, and transparent. • Include parents/carers in any major decisions involving their child. • Inform parents if a child attempts to contact a coach outside of their sporting role.	**Behaviour and Conduct** • Engage in any form of discrimination, bullying, shaming, or favouritism. • Confide personal issues or ask children to keep secrets. • Create emotional dependency or isolate players from peers or families. **Touch and Physical Interaction** • Touch any intimate parts of a child's body. • Initiate unnecessary physical contact (e.g. massages, hugs, wrestling). • Force a child to do something against their will (unless for safety). **Supervision and Safety** • Leave children unsupervised at any time. • Use mobile phones or get distracted during supervision. • Prevent parents from attending sessions (unless required for safety). **Communication** • Contact children privately via phone, email, or social media. • Use sexualised, intimidating, or inappropriate language or gestures. • Encourage children to keep communication hidden from parents. **Change Room and Bathroom Use** • Get changed or shower at the same time as children. • Be alone with a child in change rooms or bathrooms. • Use cameras or mobile phones in change room or bathroom areas.

• Follow all social media and electronic communication policies. **Change Room and Bathroom Protocols** • Encourage children to come dressed for training when change rooms are unavailable. • Use individual change cubicles and supervise shared spaces appropriately. • Knock and announce before entering change rooms. • Avoid entering change rooms of the opposite gender or using them at the same time as players.	**Substances and Medication** • Use, be under the influence of, or provide drugs or alcohol around children. • Administer medication without proper consent and documentation.

If something doesn't feel right, whether it's something you've observed, your child shares with you, or you see online, speak up.

If you believe a child is in immediate danger, call 000.

For other child safety concerns, please contact your team manager, our Member Protection Officer memberprotection@bluemountainsbasketball.com.au, or you can report concerns directly to Basketball NSW

Working With Children Checks (WWCC)

All adult Coaches, Team Managers, Staff, and Volunteers working with children under 18 must hold a current Working With Children Check (WWCC).

- Apply here: Apply for a WWCC – Service NSW
- Staff and volunteers under the age of 18 do not require a WWCC.

Our Operations Manager manages this process, ensuring all required personnel have valid WWCC clearance. The Operations Manager also performs regular verifications to ensure compliance is maintained.

Conflict Resolution

Clear and respectful communication is essential. Parents should direct concerns to the team manager, then to the Magic Coordinator if needed. We encourage written communication for grievances, and disputes will be handled per BMBA and Basketball NSW protocols.

Social Media

BMBA maintains a strict social media and conduct policy that applies to all players, parents, coaches, and supporters involved in our programs.

Social media includes all online platforms and messaging apps used to communicate about basketball or any group chat created for teams.

Online behaviour is public, permanent, and influential. What is said or shared — even in frustration or as a joke — can affect others, damage relationships, and harm the reputation of the team and the Association.

Expectations for social media use

Everyone plays an important role in modelling respectful online behaviour. All participants are expected to:

- Refrain from posting or sharing negative, critical, or inflammatory content about games, players, coaches, referees, officials, or other families.
- Avoid using social media to discuss team selections, game strategy, or grievances — these matters must be raised directly with your coach, team manager, or the Association.
- Remember that any comments about Basketball NSW or Blue Mountains Basketball reflect on our whole community.

Monitoring Your Child's Online Activity

We encourage all parents and guardians to be actively involved in monitoring their child's use of social media. Young athletes are still developing judgment, empathy, and resilience, and their online interactions can significantly influence team culture, relationships, and wellbeing.

If you observe concerning behaviour — such as bullying, teasing, or exclusion; inappropriate or offensive language; posts or messages that cause distress — please address it promptly and sensitively.

Any serious or repeated issues should be reported to your Team Manager or a BMBA representative. If formal action is required, incidents can also be reported to Basketball NSW through their Integrity Portal.

Gameday Safety

Field of Play

Once the game starts, the basketball court becomes what's known as the *Field of Play*. This area is for players, coaches, referees, and game officials only. Parents and other spectators are not allowed to enter the court during a game unless they are specifically asked to do so by a game official or venue staff.

This rule is in place for safety and fairness. It helps the game run smoothly and keeps distractions to a minimum for everyone involved.

If your child is injured or needs assistance, officials will notify you if your help is required. Until then, the best way to support your child and their team is from the stands, cheering respectfully and letting the game unfold under the supervision of trained staff.

Spectator Items

The following items are banned at all representative basketball games across New South Wales:

- Thundersticks / Inflatable noise-makers (e.g. pool noodles)
- Vuvuzela horns
- Cheerleading pom poms (as they easily separate and can create a trip hazard)
- Cowbells, drums, pots and pans and similar high-volume instruments

These items are prohibited for the following reasons:

- **Safety:** There have been multiple incidents where pool noodles and similar items have rolled onto the court, interrupting play and creating hazards for players and officials. These items have also inadvertently hit other spectators.
- **Proximity of seating to courts:** Many venues used for representative basketball have limited buffer zones between the court and spectators, increasing the risk of interference.
- **Inclusion and accessibility:** We are proud to support a diverse basketball community. Our participants and spectators live with Hidden Disabilities, including visual or auditory impairments, sensory sensitivities, and other conditions. Excessive noise and unexpected stimuli from banned items can negatively impact their experience.

This rule is not intended to limit the passion and excitement of our basketball community. Cheering and team spirit are encouraged!

The following items are permitted and welcome:

- Foam fingers
- Hand-made or printed signs/posters
- Rally towels and team-coloured flags (non-noise making)
- Clapping, singing, and cheering

Respecting Referees

Many of the referees are under the age of 18. They deserve the same patience, encouragement, and respect that we expect for our own players. Refereeing can be challenging, particularly at the representative level, and young officials rely on positive reinforcement and understanding to build confidence and competence.

We remind all players, coaches, parents, and spectators to remain mindful of how they communicate with referees. In New South Wales, verbal abuse directed at minors can be considered a form of child abuse if it causes psychological harm — even a single comment shouted in frustration can have lasting effects.

The Zero Tolerance Policy applies towards referee abuse. Any incidents of verbal or physical abuse will be reported to Basketball NSW and, where appropriate, referred to NSW Police.

Section 7: Be Part of the Magic

Hosting Weekends

Throughout the representative season, BMBA will host competition weekends at Katoomba Sports and Aquatic Centre. Successfully hosting these events relies on the support of our players, families and wider representative community.

Teams allocated home games during a hosting weekend are expected to assist with volunteering duties across the weekend, not just during their own games. As our teams are often competing at different venues across the region on the same weekend, our available volunteer resources can be stretched. We also expect teams to support each other across divisions. Division 1 teams will be expected to assist when BMBA hosts Division 2 weekends, and vice versa.

Volunteer duties may include court supervision, ticketing, raffle sales, BBQ operations, merchandise sales, scoretable and other event support roles.

Hosting weekends are a shared responsibility across the Magic representative program, and all families are expected to contribute to ensuring these events run smoothly and successfully.

Magic Sub-Committee

To strengthen the management and direction of our representative basketball program, we have established a Magic Sub-Committee. This group oversees the overall operation and development of the Magic program, ensuring it continues to grow in alignment with the club's values and long-term goals.

The sub-committee includes volunteers who contribute to areas such as planning, logistics, communications, and player and coach development. It is chaired by the Magic Coordinator, who leads the group and works closely with the Board and key stakeholders to support the success of our representative teams and the broader Magic community.

We're always looking for passionate and committed people to join the sub-committee and help shape the future of Magic. If you're interested in contributing your skills or experience, please contact magic@bluemountainsbasketball.com.au to find out more.

Sponsorship

Sponsorship plays a big role in helping us grow our representative programs and keep basketball more affordable for families. If you or your business are interested in getting involved, we'd love to talk. Sponsorship is tailored to suit different levels, whether it's supporting a team, a specific event, or contributing more broadly to our Association.

It's a great way to support young athletes, promote your brand in the local community, and make a positive impact.

If you'd like to explore sponsorship opportunities or have a conversation about how your business can get involved, please contact us. Every contribution helps us build a stronger, more inclusive basketball community.

Fundraising

Fundraising plays an important role in keeping our representative program accessible and sustainable. All teams and families are expected to actively support club-led fundraising initiatives such as Bunnings

BBQs, trivia nights, raffles, and chocolate drives. These activities not only help offset program costs but also strengthen our community and club spirit.

Fundraising efforts are coordinated by the Magic Sub-Committee, which will communicate events and expectations through Team Managers. We rely on the collective effort of all families — when everyone participates, everyone benefits.

Volunteering

Volunteers are the heart of community sport in Australia. From running the canteen to helping manage teams or assisting with events, volunteers play a huge role in making basketball happen. Their efforts help us keep costs down, improve the experience for everyone, and build stronger connections across our community. Whether it's helping out for a few hours on game day or taking on a bigger role in the program, every bit of support makes a difference.

If you're willing to get involved, we'd love to hear from you. There are many ways to contribute, whether it's helping your child's team, supporting the representative program, or lending a hand to the association more broadly. No experience is needed, just a willingness to help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact us. Your time and effort are greatly appreciated.