



# Magic

## 2026 JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE HANDBOOK



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# WELCOME

Welcome to the Mandurah Basketball Association's - Junior Representative Program.

Our association is represented in the Western Australian Basketball League (WABL) under the Mandurah Magic title. With male teams competing in numerous divisions from under 12's to under 20's and females competing in numerous divisions from under 12's to under 21's

This handbook has been designed as a reference guide to provide valuable information surrounding the program's aims and operational parameters, please take the time to read it.

Involvement in the Junior Representative Program (whether as an athlete, parent/guardian, coach or team manager) is an extremely rewarding experience. It also carries with it responsibilities as you are representing our club to the greater community.

Acceptance of a position within the program acknowledges your agreement to uphold expectations outlined in this handbook and Basketball WA's, WABL related policies.

# FORWARD

Welcome all athletes, parents, coaches and team managers to our 2026 Junior Representative Program.

Competitive sport provides opportunity for athletes to develop lifelong skills surrounding work ethic, self-awareness, teamwork, and leadership. We aim to provide you, our Junior Representative members, with a safe, enjoyable and engaging environment so you can learn, progress and develop lasting connections to your community.

Some of your fondest memories as you progress through your basketball career and life in general will be your junior years. You will meet new people, learn new skills, face new and challenging situations and forge friendships that will last a lifetime.

You have the privilege and responsibility of representing Mandurah Basketball Association. Regardless of your role within the program we expect you always demonstrate our values:

**MINDFUL    AUTHENTIC    GENEROUS    INTEGRITY    CELEBRATION**

The success of our program is measured not only by our performance, but our standards:  
Be Fair; Be Respectful; Be Gracious; Be Supportive;

Be **MAGIC!!!**



## WABL TRIAL REGISTRATION

Trials for the 2026 Junior Representative Program (WABL) positions will be held between **13<sup>th</sup> September 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2025**. Times for each age group will be announced via MBA's website, social media pages and e-mail to registration databases.

Athletes must register for trials through the PlayHQ link which will open on **29<sup>th</sup> August and close 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2025**. This link will be attached to all trial announcements. All details prompted within the registration link must be completed and the applicable fee paid.

The first trial date will be for athletes who did not play WABL in 2025 and wish to join the program. Athletes selected from this first trial will then be invited to return to the second trial date with WABL athletes from season 2025.

Anyone unable to attend a trial must apply to the MBA office for an exemption prior to trial registration closure.

Exemptions will only be considered in exceptional circumstances such as bereavement, pre-booked holidays or attendance at higher level BWA programs.

Any injured athletes wishing to be considered must still attend the applicable trial dates unless they have a medical certificate preventing them from doing so.

Athletes must trial and will only be considered for selection within their specified age group.

## WABL TRIAL PROCESS

Selection panels will be convened for each age group, with the underpinning values being knowledge, experience and transparency. Decisions will be made by consensus. In selecting panel members, MBA will ensure considerations around skillsets, gender diversity, independence and selection experience are made.

This aims to maximise impartial decision making and minimise any bias (perceived or actual) regarding selection. Selection decisions made by the panel are final.

The Selection Panel will independently oversee and assess each trial. They will not be involved in directly coaching the session.





# WABL SELECTION PROCESS

Upon trials being completed, the selection panel will discuss their observations and cross check notes. They will then make selection decisions.

When selecting athletes to teams, the panel will consider:

- Technical skill, athletic ability and desire/dedication to compete at the highest level.
- Work ethic, fitness, consistency and enthusiasm.
- Coachability and capacity to understand instructions and concepts.
- Demonstrated sportsmanship, teamwork and leadership skills.
- High level commitment to development, training and self-discipline.

Another important aspect of selection is team balance. Positional requirements, physical attributes and skill balance within teams is important to ensure competitiveness.

There is little development opportunity placing ten guards or ten centres in the one team. Balance will be an important consideration for the selection panel when making decisions.

The Selection Panel may use other information to aid their decision making if required.

***WABL squad selections will be announced on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2025. The initial selection is to the squad for the age group in which athletes have trialed. Athletes selected to the squad have successfully secured a WABL position for 2026.***

***The following two squad sessions will be held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2025. From these two sessions, squad athletes will be allocated into specific teams by their Age Group Coaching Manager.***

***WABL teams will be announced on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2025. Athletes will be notified whether successful or not via their registered PlayHQ e-mail, teams will not be publicly announced.***

Feedback will only be offered to unsuccessful athletes and can be requested via e-mail to the Competitions Manager. Queries regarding non-selection should only be feedback oriented to aid development of athletes moving forward. There will be no reconsideration of selection decisions based on feedback requests.



## WABL COACHING LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Coaching Leadership Team consists of the Consultant Coach, General Manager, Competiton's Manager and all Age Group Coaching Managers.

This Team's core function to provide a strategic, coordinated approach to the WABL program. The Team will meet regularly to ensure:

- ★ The Coaching curriculum is being followed by WABL coaches
- ★ Education and support are provided to WABL coaches to meet development outcomes
- ★ Resources are available and being sufficient utilised by WABL Coaches
- ★ Identify and rectify any developmental gaps within the WABL program

The Coaching Leadership Team will provide a clear program focus and ensure all elements of the Clubs curriculum remain relevant and achievable. The Team are a resource for coaches to ensure contemporary knowledge and techniques are communicated to athletes.

## CONSULTING COACH

For 2026, Mandurah Magic have secured the services of Rob Beveridge who will perform the role of Consulting Coach. Rob has an extensive knowledge and understanding of not only basketball coaching, but program design to maximise development opportunity. The Consulting Coach will:

- ★ Design a full club curriculum in line with Basketball Australia developmental guidelines
- ★ Educate, guide and support Age Group Coaching Managers to facilitate the curriculum
- ★ Provide coaching and education opportunities to coaches, leading to development
- ★ Provide plans, technology and other resources to coaches to maximise their potential

The Consulting Coach will deal directly with Age Group Coaching Managers to educate and develop their leadership and understanding, this will in-turn support development of each WABL Coach



## AGE GROUP COACHING MANAGERS

For season 2026, Mandurah Magic will assign Age Group Coaching Managers to each WABL Age Group. Their role is to operationally deliver the Club Curriculum as designed by the Consulting Coach. Each Manager will be responsible for between 6 and 7 WABL teams within their assigned age group. They will provide

- Clear direction, resourcing and planning to WABL Coaches in line with the curriculum
- On-court support to WABL coaches, aiding in delivery of set development outcomes
- Ongoing reviews for WABL coaches to determine areas of strength and development
- Development planning for coaches athletes within their assigned age groups

Age Group Coaching Managers play a pivotal role in the coordinated development of coaches and athletes. They act as the conduit between the programs strategic design and its operational delivery to coaches and athletes.

## WABL COACHES

Coaches undertake a pivotal role within the Junior Representative Program. As volunteers they donate their time and expertise to develop athletes, helping them reach their potential.

Mandurah Basketball are strongly investing in coach development for season 2026, identifying that educated, passionate and engaged coaches lead to committed, engaged athletes.

Mandurah Basketball Association will advertise for coaching expressions of interest prior to each WABL season and in selecting coaches will consider

- Coaching qualifications and relevant experience
- Professional experience and approach to individual and team development
- Communication skills and ability to moderate and adapt styles to audiences
- Ability to remain calm under pressure and de-escalate situations to resolve conflict



## WABL COACHES

All Coaches who express interest in coaching must possess, at minimum a Community Coach (Level 0) coaching accreditation at the time of application.

For coaches expressing interest in coaching a Division 1 (Red) team in 2026, a Club Coaching (Level 1) certification is required (*this is a standard set by Basketball Western Australia*)

Coaches will receive specific guidance from their Age Group Coaching Managers in season 2026 to ensure coordinated outcomes are delivered. Whilst this means a curriculum to deliver is set, coaches will still be encouraged to utilise their knowledge and skills to deliver the syllabus and reach developmental outcomes.

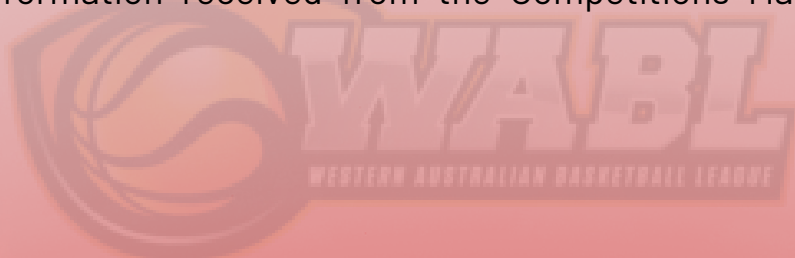
Coaches are to be treated with respect and allowed by parents to coach their teams, unobstructed at all times. They are the face of our WABL program, having daily interaction with players and their families and must be afforded to coach un-interrupted.

## WABL TEAM MANAGERS

Team Managers perform a vital role in assisting coaches at training and on game day, organising each WABL team. Team Managers are responsible for:

- Managing Teampay and debiting all players accounts prior to games
- Issuing team jerseys each game and ensuring return at games end.
- Laundering jerseys after each game.
- Completing scoring and community service rosters.

Team Managers are also the conduit to the Mandurah Basketball office and are responsible for disseminating information received from the Competitions Manager to their teams families.





## WABL TRAINING

Training is an integral part of both individual and team development. It is the time when skills will be taught and embedded by coaches to ensure athletes can meet their developmental goals.

In 2026 WABL team training will commence on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2025. From this date until the commencement of WABL season, teams will train for 1 x 1.5 hour session per week on a Sunday. This training is aimed at covering all aspects of pre-season, State Championships, Country Championships and WABL Grading.

Upon the WABL season commencing in April, 2026 all teams from U/14 to U/20 will move to 2 x 1 hour sessions, whilst U/12 team will move to 2 x 1.5 hour sessions as outlined below:

Age Group	Training 1 (Full Court)	Training 2 (Half Court)
Under 12	Monday evening	Saturday morning
Under 14	Tuesday evening	Thursday evening
Under 16	Tuesday evening	Thursday evening
Under 18	Tuesday evening	Thursday evening
Under 20	Tuesday evening	Thursday evening

Whilst moving to 2 sessions for will certainly drive development, 1 hour sessions for U/14 to U/20's require everybody involved to be punctual and prepared. When session start times are communicated, this is the time the team takes the court ready to train. Lacing up, filling water bottles and stretching should all be completed by training start time.

As part of each under 14 to under 20 team training a mandatory 30 minute off-court session will be included each week, directly prior to or post a training session. With the increased use of technology in season 2026, this is time for coaches to review film, scout, de-brief or prepare their team.



# SEASON STRUCTURE

2026 sees the first season of our re-structured Junior Representative Program timeline.

Upon WABL team selection being completed, teams will commence training and follow the below Junior Representative calendar:

## SEPTEMBER 2025

- Trial Registrations Close
- WABL Coach EOIs close
- Open (Non WABL) trials

## OCTOBER 2025

- Invite only trials
- Squad Announcements
- Commence squad training

## NOVEMBER 2025

- WABL team announcements
- Team training commences
- State Titles (Red Teams)
- State Championships
- 1st Instalment WABL Fees

## DECEMBER 2025

- State Championships
- Team training continues
- 2nd Instalment WABL Fees
- Office Closure from 19/12

## JANUARY 2026

- Office re-opens 9/01
- WABL training resumes
- 3rd Instalment WABL Fees
- Country Championships

## FEBRUARY 2026

- Country Championships
- 3rd Instalment WABL Fees
- Team training continues
- 4th Instalment WABL Fees

## MARCH 2026

- WABL Grading (all ages)
- U/14 National Qualifiers
- Magic Day

## APRIL 2026

- WABL Grading (all ages)
- WABL Season Commences

## MAY 2026

- WABL Season

## JUNE 2026

- WABL Season

## JULY 2026

- WABL Season
- Winter Classic Tournament

## AUGUST 2026

- WABL Season
- WABL Finals commence





## COURT TIME

Athlete minutes, or court time can often be a contentious point within any program. What is fair?, Why is there an imbalance?, We all pay the same fees so why isn't it even? It can be a difficult topic to address, particularly with younger athletes.

WABL is the premier junior league in the state and does not operate within the same guidelines as domestic competition when it comes to athlete court time.

Our philosophy is 'Court time is earned and not guaranteed for any athlete'

Coaches are consistently aware of playing time and never set out with the intention of not playing particular athletes. To assist coaches and inform participants and parents/carers, court time allocation will operate within two key parameters:

### Game factors:

- ★ The division being played and level of the competition.
- ★ The role of individual athlete in a game (team balance).
- ★ The game score, margin or likelihood of winning or losing.

### Athlete Factors:

- ★ The athlete's skill level, knowledge and ability.
- ★ The athlete's attendance at all training sessions, their effort and engagement level.
- ★ The athlete's coachability and capacity to follow instructions and implement plans.
- ★ The athlete's ability to lead and encourage others and display sportsmanship.
- ★ The athletes desire to continually develop and motivation levels.

Whilst game factors are most likely beyond an athletes' control, athlete factors are not. This is where athletes can work hard to earn their court time.

Athletes who are concerned with individual court time should, in the first instance discuss this with their parents/carers and self-reflect on these factors. Self-reflection is an important aspect of sport and a valuable skill for athletes to develop.

Parents/carers who are concerned with court time should, in the first instance discuss the matter with the athlete and aid in their reflection.

If concerns still exist regarding court time, then the matter is to be broached with the Coach at a mutually agreeable, pre-planned time as outlined under the Communication and Issue Resolution section. This is not to occur directly after a game,



## UNIFORMS & ATHLETE DRESS CODE

It is important for athletes to remember they are representing the Mandurah Basketball Association at every game or stadium they attend. To ensure we promote our professional image, upon arrival at each game athletes must wear:

- ★ Mandurah Magic Warm-up shirt, and/or;
- ★ Mandurah Magic Hoodie and/or;
- ★ Mandurah Magic trackpants or playing shorts.

Each Team Manager is supplied with a set of jerseys for athlete use throughout the season. Athletes are to collect their Jersey from the Team Manager upon arriving at the game venue prior to playing each game.

Jerseys are to be returned to the Team Manager for laundering at the conclusion of each game prior to any athlete leaving the stadium (*They must not be taken home*). During Games:

- ★ Jerseys are tucked in prior to a game commencing;
- ★ Shorts are not rolled up at the waist at any time;
- ★ Fingernails are kept smooth and short to prevent injury;
- ★ Jewelry is to be removed or taped to prevent injury;
- ★ Mouthguards are fitted, these are compulsory. No Mouthguard - No Play.

During every training session each athlete is required wear their compulsory red/white reversible MBA singlet. This ensures athletes can be swiftly assigned to teams.s.

Athletes must also wear MBA training/domestic basketball shorts to every training session, WABL playing shorts are not permitted at training.

## WABL GAMEDAY

WABL Games are fully timed, lasting for approximately 90 minutes.

Athletes are required to arrive at the stadium 45 minutes prior to their scheduled game start time (unless otherwise advised by their Coach or Team Manager).

The team bench must only consist of 1 x Coach, 1 x Assistant coach and 1 x Team Manager. Injured players must attend and also sit on the bench unless their injury prevents them. Injured players are required to wear their warm-up top and black pants or playing shorts.

## COACH & TEAM MANAGER DRESS CODE

As with athletes, it is important our coaches and team managers promote a professional image of Mandurah Basketball Association.

To ensure this coaches and team managers are required to wear:

- Official Mandurah Magic WABL jacket and/or;
- Mandurah Magic hoodie and/or;
- Official Mandurah Magic WABL polo shirt and;
- Black pants (dress pants preferable)
- Enclosed shoes

Hats or ripped denim are not to be worn by coaches or team manager at any WABL games.

## SCORING DUTIES

In each WABL game the home and away team are required to provide one scorer each.

Scoring in WABL games is computerised through the use of the PlayHQ system on the stadium supplied iPad.

Electronic game clocks and scoreboards are used for all games (with shot clocks being utilised in Championship Division, Under 14 and over).

At a Mandurah Magic fixtured home game – the Magic scorer is required to control the game clock/scoreboard and the possession arrow. At fixtured away games – the Magic scorer is required to record the game results on PlayHQ using the iPad provided.

Team Managers will provide a scoring roster for the season and all athletes must provide an adult scorer on their rostered game. It is the responsibility of the rostered scorer to find a suitable replacement if required and advise the Team Manager as soon as possible.





## COMMUNICATION & ISSUE RESOLUTION

It is understandable that, from time-to-time issues may arise within the Junior Representative Program. It is imperative that all matters are communicated respectfully so they can be dealt with swiftly.

Athletes and their parents/carers are encouraged to discuss any issues that arise with their coach in the first instance.

This discussion should always be arranged for a future agreed time, but should not occur during training, during a game or within 24 hours of a game. It is important that discussions are approached respectfully and people are prepared. Impromptu approaches can be confronting and driven by emotion.

Where these steps have been taken and an issue remains unresolved, the Competitions Manager is to be contacted for assistance.

## COURTSIDE EXPECTATIONS

Positive interaction between coaches, athletes, officials and parents/carers at any particular game or training session is extremely important.

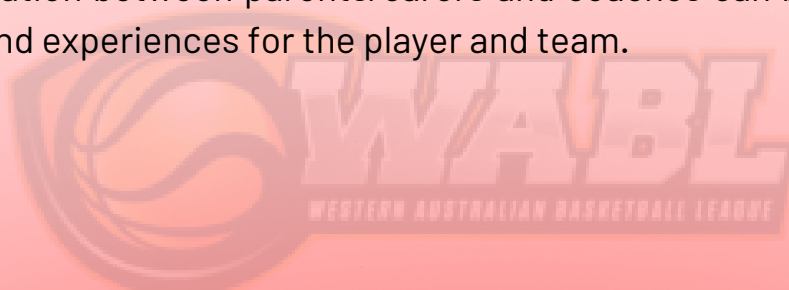
The way in which parents/carers interact with, encourage and instruct their child and other children can have an impact on performance, development and enjoyment.

Coaches are trained and prepared to execute plans, compete during games and develop participants and the team. Any courtside interaction from parents/carers that progresses past encouragement, can hinder a coach implementing their plans.

Parents/carers are expected to limit their interactions during games and training sessions to positive encouragement of all participants at a reasonable auditory level.

At no time should a parent/carer issue instructions that may be construed as coaching or influence gameplay in any way.

Contradictory information between parents/carers and coaches can be confusing and lead to adverse impacts and experiences for the player and team.



## JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM FEES

Mandurah Basketball Association appreciate that representative programs carry with them substantial fees. This is due to the significant cost associated with delivering this program.

Fees for the 2026 WABL season are inclusive of:

- BWA team registration costs and all referee costs
- BWA State Championships Tournament
- BWA Country Championships Tournament
- Program design, curriculum, coaching and all development costs.
- Court hire for training sessions across pre-season and twice weekly in-season
- Individual teams being provided auto tracking cameras for game filming
- Subscription service to Hoopsalytics Statistical platform
- Mandurah Magic water bottle and team photo
- Use of playing jersey, balls and equipment for the season
- 2026 Mandurah Magic NBL1 Season pass.
- 2026 WABL end of season wind-up function.

WABL Fees for season 2026 total **\$860** and are payable in four equal instalments of **\$215** and are due on the following dates:

- 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2025
- 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2025
- 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2026
- 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

**\*\*For all age groups BWA set a \$15 per game fee payable through the 'Teampay' App which covers their costs associated with the WABL program\*\***

***Additional fees will be payable for the BWA Winter Classic Tournament. Once BWA has set these fees, amounts will be communicated to coaches and athletes.***

Play HQ offers Paypal pay-in-four payment options and Mandurah Basketball Association offer Afterpay in person to assist with fee payments.



## POLICY & CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLIANCE

Mandurah Basketball Association, Basketball WA and Basketball Australia have policies in place to protect children, offer guidance and ensure environments remain safe for everyone.

It is incumbent upon all athletes, parents/carers, coaches, team managers, referees and administrators to read and understand these policies.

Particular attention should be given to the Code of Conduct for the appropriate level of participation. These will be strictly upheld by Mandurah Basketball Association; they are important and should guide the respectful way everyone interacts.

All policies & the Code of Conduct is viewable at our website [www.mandurahmagic.com.au](http://www.mandurahmagic.com.au)

## WABL TECHNICAL FOUL POLICY

Our actions and the way we present ourselves to other associations, referees and the greater basketball public is extremely important. Our values of being *Mindful* and *Generous* must guide our on-court behaviour and interaction.

All technical fouls, unsportsmanlike fouls or ejections must be reported by the WABL coach/team manager within 24 hours to the Competitions Manager by e-mail.

In instances where any conduct related technical foul, unsportsmanlike foul or ejection occurs, Mandurah Basketball Association will:

★ In the first instance, assess the matter with a view to issuing a warning and providing education to the involved party.

★ In the second instance, assess the matter with a view to suspending the involved party for one game.

In any instance an athlete, coach or team manager receives a suspension for any reason, they will be deemed ineligible to receive any WABL end of season award.

