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***EASTERN MAVERICKS
DISTRICT
BASKETBALL CLUB***

INFORMATION BOOKLET

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1. WELCOME

The Eastern Mavericks District Basketball Club was established in 1995 to fill the need for a District Basketball Club in the Hills and Murrayland Regions. Eastern Mavericks field Senior Men's and Women's teams that compete in the Central Division of the Australian Basketball League (Basketball SA NBL1 Central League), Youth League and Junior teams that compete in the Basketball SA District competitions across metropolitan Adelaide. These competitions are the highest level of competition available in South Australia.

History

The formation of Eastern Mavericks occurred from the amalgamation of 2 separate clubs, Murray Bridge Bullets from the Murray Bridge District and Mt Lofty Spurs from the Hills District. Murray Bridge Bullets had Senior Teams competing in the Central Basketball Association (CBA) which subsequently became NBL1 Central League and Mt Lofty Spurs had Junior Teams competing in the Junior Competition. The amalgamation of the 2 Clubs formed Eastern Mavericks and were recognised as a District Club of Basketball SA. One of the main goals of the Club, achieved in 1997, was to obtain Division 1 and 2 status for Boys and Girls in all age groups. Being able to show a Club structure from U/10 to seniors has been an important part of our Clubs' growth and remains our core objective for the future.

Prior Recognition

Eastern Mavericks are proud of all members who have represented our Club since its inception. Many of our members have progressed to elite development squads, state teams, Men's and Women's National Basketball League teams, Australian Institute of Sport and Australian National teams. A number of our members have also played overseas in College or professional leagues.

Eastern Mavericks congratulates and thanks you for your contributions to our Club and the sport of basketball.

Contact Details

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Number Allocation Officer:
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For a list of other Club contacts please visit the club website easternmavericks.com.au

Volunteers

We understand that we all have very busy schedules, however for any club to survive and to keep player fees to a minimum we need volunteers. Volunteers are crucial to the success of any sporting organisation and we rely heavily on the support and contribution of volunteer coaches, team managers, committee members, officials and supporters. Volunteer help is the most cost-effective way our Club can minimise its financial burden and therefore the cost to our Club members.

To offer your services, contact the Club via email admin@easternmavericks.com.au or speak to a member of the Executive Committee who will gladly discuss any role with you.

COMPULSORY REQUIREMENTS

NBL1 Central League Home Games - Approximately 10 games on weekends (March – August)

All Junior teams are rostered throughout the season to help at NBL1 Central League home games. Each family is expected to assist at the games your team has been rostered to. That is for **EACH CHILD** you have playing for Mavericks.

Your child's team will be rostered to assist, with children being floor sweepers, raffle ticket sellers and other duties as directed.

Parent duties for these games include:

- Door ticket sales
- Canteen assistant
- Bar attendant [must have a current RSA certificate]
- Supper assistant
- Set up or pack down crew

Your Team Manager will discuss which roles you will be required to do.

Club Information - Club Website and Social Media Platforms

Eastern Mavericks has several forms of media for Club members to access information, game schedules, upcoming events etc. We recommend you check the below forms of media at least twice a week to keep yourself updated with news or changes occurring.

Website: www.easternmavericks.com.au

Instagram: @easternmavericksdbc

Facebook | Public page: www.facebook.com/pages/Eastern-Mavericks/
| Members page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/291653211254398>

For something to be added to our Public social media platform please email admin@easternmavericks.com.au and the Administration Officer will determine if appropriate to post.

Useful Resources

In addition to the Club website, the following websites and Apps contain useful information for players and parents regarding the Basketball SA District competition -

Basketball SA www.basketballsa.com.au

Basketball Connect [BasketballConnect - Competition Management System](#)

Search for SA District Basketball or Eastern Mavericks Basketball Club Contains game fixtures (times and locations), results and premiership tables.

Social Media Policy

Eastern Mavericks is committed to ensuring the safety of our members through our social media policy. Social media now plays an important role in sport. It is used for a variety of reasons including advising game schedules, showcasing photos of various events and information about teams. Social Media includes (but is not limited to) many platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snap Chat and on-line forums such as Hoops.com. **There is no place for inappropriate social behaviour in our basketball Club and it will not be condoned.** Social media is accessible to everyone, if the person you are discussing does not see it, somebody else will. When in doubt leave it out!

All Eastern Mavericks Coaches and Team Managers are not to engage and must de-friend any Eastern Mavericks player under the age of 18 in any form of social media used unless they are a direct relative, family member or have a long-standing significant relationship.

If you are aware of or observe poor social media behaviour or actions, please report it to

- Eastern Mavericks Member Protection Officer
- Basketball Manager – See Page 1
- President or Committee Member
- Team Manager

Please refer to the website easternmavericks.com.au under Club - Policies to view the full Social Media policy.

Member Protection

Eastern Mavericks recognises that the safety of its members is of utmost importance and has a Member Protection Information Officer available to Club members to contact if needed.

Any verbal communication between two people, one of whom is a player, must take place in the presence of an observer to ensure that any information is not construed or viewed inappropriately.

Coaches - All coaches must have completed the Coach Registration Process through Basketball SA including a Working With Children Check (WWCC), a current “Play by the Rules” Certificate and signed agreement to the Coaches Code of Ethics.

Team Managers - All Team Managers are required to have a current “Play by the Rules” Certificate and a Working With Children Check (WWCC) at the start of the current season.

Eastern Mavericks encourages all parents to complete the “Play by the Rules” online training Please log on to: www.playbytherules.net.au/

Click on: Play by the Rules – Training - Child Protection - Harassment and Discrimination

Complete the courses, print the Certificate and scan and email to secretary@easternmavericks.com.au

Coaches (including assistants over the age of 15) and Team Managers MUST have their WWCC submitted to the Club prior to Round 1.

Conduct of Players, Coaches, Parents & Committee Members

As a Club, we are all here for the love of basketball. It is important to show respect to all those involved within the Club and also those at the surrounding clubs. The Club will not tolerate any inappropriate conduct of any Players, Coaches, Parents and/or Committee Members.

Accordingly, the Club strongly promotes Basketball SA's Zero Tolerance policy for inappropriate behaviour by a parent and/or spectator which aims:

To ensure a safe and enjoyable playing environment for all players, officials and participants. This policy supplements the current spectator/parent code of conduct policy.

The Zero Tolerance policy will ensure that:

- 1) There will be zero tolerance shown towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviour from any parent or spectator.
- 2) Any parent or spectator who feels the necessity to:
 - Willfully question or challenge the ruling of the match referees
 - Berate or abuse game officials (i.e. Referees, score table personnel)
 - Berate or abuse players (from either team)
 - Berate or abuse team officials (from either team)
 - Berate or abuse game day officials such as Court Supervisors, Referee Coaches or Basketball SA staff
 - Berate or abuse other parents or spectators
 - Display conduct which is inappropriate in a sporting environment
 - Enter the playing court at any time without permissionwill be asked to leave the venue immediately.

No warning need be given in the event of the above action becoming necessary

If you are conducting yourself in any of the matters above, but not limited to the list, you may be spoken to by the Eastern Mavericks management and depending on the degree of the incident you could face:

1. Suspension from games, coaching or playing depending on your position within the Club.
2. If the behaviour continues, you may be asked to leave the Club altogether.

Basketball SA Behavioural [Management Framework](#)

The purpose of the Basketball SA [Behavioural Management Framework](#) (the "framework") and associated frameworks is to ensure that the basketball environment is safe and welcoming to promote development and retention of players, coaches and officials.

An inclusive and positive culture is needed to enable participants to learn and grow in an environment that is free from harassment, bullying, degrading, or intimidating behaviour. We all want basketball to be the sport of choice. We want to have a united culture. We want to embrace a diverse community.

The framework reflects best practice of bodies such as Sport Australia who support a change of sport culture. There is no excuse (and no circumstance) to act poorly towards others. Through the framework, Basketball SA is striving for a culture within our sport where:

- respect is shown for one another
- we are all part of the solution by being supportive (not part of the problem)
- positive barracking is the norm
- feedback given to players and referees is via the correct channels
- feedback is delivered appropriately and with respect.

Grievance Policy

Grievance Process: This policy recognises the rights of members to ensure that the correct process is followed for all concerns raised and discussions are open and honest, and an agreed outcome is reached.

If you have a concern that is related to a game just played, please follow the below process:

1. Speak to your Coach. If the issue is minor, discussion after the game, if convenient, with the Coach is fine. If it is the result of a conflict or dissatisfaction from the game, please leave for the next day. Refer to point 2 below.
Coaches are instructed not to deal with negative feedback following a game. Whilst the player/parent may be frustrated, so may the Coach.
2. Wait a night as this normally calms the emotions. Make a time to speak with the Coach and if required the team manager may be present. Most issues are resolved here.
3. If after talking to the coach, the issue has not been resolved, the issue can be raised with the Basketball Manager.
4. Finally, if there is still no resolution regarding the issue, contact the President to make a time to discuss the issue. A meeting will be scheduled with at least two other people present. President / Vice President. A support person is welcome to attend also.

For any other grievances, problems or concerns:

1. Write a letter/email to the EMDBC Committee addressed to secretary@easternmavericks.com.au
2. Arrangements will be made for a meeting if required after brief discussion
3. A meeting will be held with the parties involved. This may be done in separate meetings
4. A formal response will be in writing once discussions completed

Please note: Coaching Staff and Club Management will not deal with issues that have not followed the Grievance Policy. You will be directed to the Grievance Policy and requested to follow procedure.

EMDBC Uniform Standards – Juniors

Uniforms

All players must wear the correct Eastern Mavericks uniform when:

- Arriving at or departing from a stadium for a game
- Playing
- Training

GAME DAY

(i) PLAYERS

Arriving to and leaving from the stadium and playing: the following is approved apparel

Eastern Mavericks playing singlet and Eastern Mavericks playing shorts

Eastern Mavericks Maroon OR grey hooded windcheater

Eastern Mavericks black tracksuit pants OR plain black tracksuit pants

Eastern Mavericks long sleeve maroon warm up top

Eastern Mavericks Club socks (black or white) OR plain white/black socks.

Eastern Mavericks sports bag or plain black bag

Any other t-shirts / hooded tops / pants (including state/ representative clothing) are not acceptable to wear – You will be required to remove these items.

For Warming up:

Eastern Mavericks playing singlet, shorts and approved socks

Eastern Mavericks warm up top

Eastern Mavericks Maroon OR grey hooded windcheater and/or Eastern Mavericks tracksuit top

(ii) COACHES

Eastern Mavericks polo shirt (coach logo top supplied to coaches)

Eastern Mavericks hooded windcheater or jacket

Plain black pants or plain black shorts.

Appropriate footwear i.e. no crocs or thongs

(iii) TEAM MANAGERS

Eastern Mavericks apparel items i.e. vest, polo top, hooded windcheater and/or tracksuit top.

Black pants/shorts are preferred.

TRAINING

(i) PLAYERS

At trainings, all players in

(i) Under 12s to Under 18s must wear:

a. the Club reversible singlet to scheduled trainings

b. Club training shorts OR playing shorts OR plain black shorts (without pockets).

(ii) Under 10s may wear either the reversible singlet or the playing singlet, and playing shorts or plain black shorts (without pockets)

Any other t-shirts / hooded tops / pants (including state/ representative clothing) are not acceptable to wear – You will be required to remove these items.

(ii) COACHES

Eastern Mavericks polo shirt (supplied to Coaches) and Eastern Mavericks hooded windcheater or jacket.

Coaches / Team Managers are asked to ensure that there is a high standard of presentation of EMDBC Players at all times.

These standards are modelled around equality and that you are representing Eastern Mavericks. This is the uniform that is registered for players to use in SA District competition and at nominated carnivals.

ALL Club apparel can be purchased online from **iAthletic** via the [Maverick's Shop](#).

For more information regarding merchandise please visit the website easternmavericks.com.au or contact the Apparel Officer apparel@easternmavericks.com.au

IMPORTANT: Number Allocation Officer – Nicole Formby 0422 234 199

NEW PLAYERS starting at the Club must contact the Number Allocation Officer to obtain a playing number **prior** to the purchase of a uniform.

To obtain the unique number that will stay with your child for their junior years at Eastern Mavericks, please send a an email numberallocation@easternmavericks.com.au with:

- your child's full name and
- date of birther (DOB)

RETURNING PLAYERS (players that have had 12 months or more away from Mavericks) must contact the Number Allocation Officer to see if your number is still available.

Player Subscriptions

The subscription fees for junior players are recommended by the Eastern Mavericks Management Committee prior to the start of the summer season and are ratified at the AGM. The fees cover the cost of team nomination in the Basketball SA District competition, the payment of court hire for training sessions, Basketball Australia registration charge and Club administration charge. The Policy is then displayed on the Eastern Mavericks website.

Payment Options

Option 1: Payment to be made within 30 Days of the issuing of the invoice.

Option 2: Monthly Direct debit via Club nominated software (This replaces the payment plan option)

The Eastern Mavericks District Basketball Club recognises that some players/families may find difficulties in paying fees in full by the nominated due date via lump sum payments. It is not the intention of the Club to prevent players taking part in basketball activities, therefore the Club will accept a payment option via the agreed Direct Debit software to assist those in need. Families choosing this option will need to ensure that the outstanding fee balance is finalised by the last minor round of the relevant season. *If a payment default occurs during the payment plan period the player will be deemed unfinancial and not considered for selection for playing until full payment has been made.*

Should you not be in a position to pay the full amount of the fees by the due date, you must contact the Treasurer: treasurer@easternmavericks.com.au.

Fees are non-refundable, except in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Club President and Executive committee.

Players who do not meet payment deadlines by the due date, or who have not made alternative payment arrangements with the Club, will become **ineligible for selection beyond the due date and for any Club awards at the discretion of the committee.** Furthermore, players who have outstanding membership fees will not be granted a clearance or be able to register with another Club until all financial obligations to the Club are met.

Coaches and managers will be informed of this policy to assist with its enforcement. To be successful in any sport everyone needs to buy in and be part of the team or organisation - being a paid-up member makes you part of that team.

Please note – we are an approved provider for SportsVouchers.

Please visit www.sportsvoucher.sa.gov.au/ for more information.

2. JUNIOR PROGRAM

Junior Teams

Eastern Mavericks enter junior teams in the Basketball SA District competition in the Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18 age groups. Our junior program provides opportunities for players to participate at the elite level. Key aspects of the program include:

- Continual individual and team skill development
- Instilling a dedication and determination to improve
- Commitment to the individual, the team and the Club
- Enjoying the game of basketball

Our focus is on developing players to maximise their chances of reaching their potential at the highest possible level. Players who are able to learn the basic skills and concepts at a younger age will find it easier to adapt to the tactical concepts at an older age.

At Under 10 to Under 12 levels, players are taught the basic skills of the game and begin to apply them in a competitive environment. The emphasis is on skill development, confidence building and participation.

From Under 14 to Under 18 level, players continue to be taught skills of the game, however more emphasis is placed on meeting the demands of elite level competition, including game strategies aimed at achieving the highest level of success for the team.

Above the Under 18 level, players become involved in our Senior District Program, which fields teams in the Men's and Women's Basketball SA District competition. Our focus is on team development that will provide the opportunity for the team to achieve the highest level of success.

For more information on the Eastern Mavericks Junior District Program, please contact the Basketball Manager.

Age Eligibility

To be eligible to play in an age group, the player must be under the relevant age on December 31 in the year the competition ends. For example, to be eligible for the 2024/25 Under 12 competition, players must not turn 12 until after December 31, 2025.

Team Selections

Registration and training for next year's squads are generally held in August each year. The Basketball Manager, with the assistance of Junior Development Officers, Head Coaches, age group Coaches, are responsible for coordinating squad selection.

NOTE: Players who do not meet payment deadlines from the previous season, as outlined in the Subscription Policy Schedule of Fees, or who have not made alternative payment arrangements with the Club, will be **ineligible for a future playing position until all debts have been resolved.**

Team Selections

Team selections are made by the age group Head Coach in conjunction with the age group team Coaches and the Junior Development Officers and Basketball Manager. This takes into account player performance during previous seasons, trials and training sessions.

The criteria used for selecting players is:

- Skill level and work rate.
- Willingness to listen and act upon instructions from coaches.
- Ability to work positively within a team environment.
- Physical attributes to fill particular positions within a team.
- The need for a mixture of first and second year experienced players within a team or squad.
- Ability to commit to training, games and compulsory tournaments/carnivals.

Subjectivity is inevitable in basketball player selections. If a player or parent is not satisfied with their selection, then they should seek feedback as to areas for improvement identified to them by the age group Head Coach and the Junior Development Officers to possibly gain an improved alternative position.

Movement between teams

Player rotations between divisions will occur to assess player ability, team balance and dynamics before players are placed into teams. Player movement between teams may occur at other times, as a result of

- performance
- injuries
- absences

Where player movement is to occur, it is important that this is handled consistently across the Club. The following procedure must be followed:

1. The Coaches of the two teams involved discuss the proposed change with the age group Head Coach, Junior Development Officers and the Basketball Manager
2. The age group Head Coach informs the player and parent of the decision, the reason that it was made and the next game/training time for the new team. A parent must be present when the Coach is informing the player to ensure the information is transparent for all parties involved. If this decision needs to be informed via telephone, then the age group Head Coach must speak to the parent in the first instance and then to the player.

Players Joining During the Season

Where a player wishes to join EMDBC after the Annual Registration Process and there is a position available the following will apply:

- The parent and player will have discussions with the Basketball Manager and the age group Head Coach outlining commitments and requirements.
- The player will be invited to a training session to be evaluated and assessed on the criteria for selecting players into teams as mentioned above.
- Should the player be offered a position in the squad they will be required to move through the process of attending training for a minimum of 2 consecutive weeks and play in the Division 2 team or below for a minimum of 2 consecutive games before they are placed into the Division most applicable to the standard of the player.

Exceptions to the above can only be granted by the Basketball Manager in consultation with the EMDBC Committee.

Long Distance Travelling [Country] Players: 150kms from Adelaide GPO

EMDBC acknowledge the huge commitment that families and players enter into to allow their children to travel and participate at a higher level of basketball to play at Eastern Mavericks in the Basketball SA District competition. Whilst the Club has determined a list of set guidelines for these players, cases with exceptional circumstances may be negotiated with the Committee. The Committee in consultation with the Basketball Managers has final approval on the acceptance of players not meeting the guidelines below.

Guidelines for all long-distance players

It is expected that attendance for games and training is 100% for all members of the Club.

Taking into consideration individual circumstances it may be acceptable for the following:

- Play 75% Friday Night Games; however, 100% IS THE DESIRED LEVEL.
- Attend 75% of Training sessions, excluding mid-week sessions.
- If a player is to play less than 100% it must be in consultation with the Coach and Basketball Manager and only applicable to Friday night games not Tournaments or Tournament games.
- If a player is to train less than 100% it must be in consultation with the Coach and Basketball Manager.
- Players **must** attend all Games at nominated Tournaments including State Championships / Classics / Melbourne Carnivals /Club Nationals as specified by the coach.
- Player must qualify for Finals.
- Sunday catch up games must be played [extenuating circumstances can be discussed with Coach].

Non-Adherence to Guidelines for All Players

If players do not adhere with the agreed commitments, they will no longer be eligible for Division 1 selection and for Division 2 or below players they will not start at games, will receive reduced court time and may be asked to leave the team. Should a player be asked to leave the team, a refund on subscriptions will not be granted.

Tournaments Participation Policy

For many, playing Tournament Basketball is the highlight of the year and it is important in terms of player development.

The Club has determined the compulsory Tournaments for each team to participate in which is listed in the table below. For these Tournaments, it is compulsory for the teams and players to participate in **all** scheduled games of the tournament.

Exceptions from Tournament Participation Policy can only be granted by the Basketball Manager in consultation with the Committee. Failure to abide by this policy may result in limited playing time and/or demotion to a lower division team as determined by the Basketball Manager.

<i>Compulsory Tournament List</i>		
Team	Tournament 1	Tournament 2
Under 10's	Mid Year Carnival*	
Under 12 Division 1	State Championships	National Classic or Nunawading Melbourne
Under 12 Division 2 & below	State Championships	Nunawading Melbourne or Mid Year Carnival or South Carnival
Under 14 Division 1 **	State Championships	National Classic or Nunawading Melbourne
Under 14 Division 2 & below	State Championships	Nunawading Melbourne or Mid Year carnival or South Carnival
Under 16 Division 1	State Championships	National Classic or Nunawading Melbourne
Under 16 Division 2 & below	State Championships	Nunawading Melbourne or Mid Year carnival or South Carnival
Under 18 Division 1	State Championships	National Classic or Nunawading Melbourne
Under 18 Division 2 & below	State Championships	Nunawading Melbourne or Mid Year carnival or South Carnival

Note ** Should the team qualify, all Under 14 Division 1 players must participate in the **Under 14 National Club Championships** tournament.

State Championships - Tournament is held during **May** across metropolitan Adelaide

National Junior Classic - Tournament is held on the **June** long weekend in Melbourne (generally the top 3 division 1 teams from the State Championships are selected to participate).

Nunawading Tournament - Tournament is held on the **June** long weekend in Melbourne, including for division 1 teams that do not make National Junior Classic Tournament.

Mid Year Carnival - Tournament is held during the **July** school holidays across metropolitan Adelaide

Under 14 National Club Championships - held in the **September/October** school holidays (generally the top 3 Under 14 division 1 teams from the State Championships are selected to participate).

Where problems arise with the tournament list above, the Basketball Manager in consultation with the committee will determine the outcome of carnival nominations for particular teams.

Other Tournaments

In addition to the compulsory Tournaments listed above, teams may participate in other Tournaments such as-

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| ▪ St Clair Carnival (any Div) | December prior to Christmas |
| ▪ Starplex Australia Day (any Div) | January – Australia Day long weekend |
| ▪ Eltham/Dandenong (Melbourne) Carnival (Div 1 and 2) | January – Australia Day long weekend |
| ▪ Norwood Easter Carnival | March/April Easter long weekend |
| ▪ Mildura (Div 1 and 2) | June long weekend |
| ▪ Ballarat (Div 1 and 2) | June long weekend. |

3. PLAYERS

Players Code

All players must adhere to the [Basketball SA Codes of Behaviour](#).

We hope that you will have a positive and worthwhile experience for the next 12 months and beyond as a member of Eastern Mavericks. Basketball is important, but it is equally important to be the best person you can be both on and off the court. To do this we ask that:

1. You play for Eastern Mavericks first, your team second and then for yourself. No one is bigger than the Club, so you must be willing to make personal sacrifices for the good of your team and Club. With a positive attitude comes positive outcomes.
2. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion. Respect must not only be shown during your basketball commitments, we also expect this to be shown outside of the Club, at other events, school, the workplace and especially social media. A good sports person can play the sport, but a great sports person can take what they learn and apply it to all of their life.
3. When playing or training, you show respect for your opponent by playing hard, playing smart and playing fair.
4. Respect the decisions of officials. If you disagree, ask your Coach to approach them for clarification at an appropriate time and in an appropriate manner.
5. Unsportsmanlike behaviour may impact eligibility for any Club awards.
6. Co-operate with your Coach, team-mates, opponents and officials. Without them there would be no competition.
7. It is vital you communicate with others. If you have issues, work them out with your team-mates and/or your Coach. If they still have not been resolved, please follow the grievance process.
8. You, as a player, commit to a Club culture of “giving back to others”. This means you assist with the development and training of lower age groups as part of a mentoring program, when and where your Coach sees fit. The Club as a whole can, only move forward by giving back to others.

Overview of Code breach and disciplinary actions

Breach of Code	Penalty Level	Responsibility
Rude, disrespectful, aggressive, intimidating, swearing or dangerous behaviours	First incident - Immediate benching, minimum one quarter or longer at the discretion of the coach Second or subsequent incident – one game suspension	Level 1 – Coach discretion Level 2 - Club

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Breach of Code	Penalty Level	Responsibility
Tech foul – for umpire abuse	A first breach will result in a warning. A second breach, or any major breach, may result in the player, Coach or spectator being suspended from attending games	Level 1 - Coach and Club Level 2 - Club

Registration and clearances

All players that are selected into a team will need to self-register with the Club once advised by the Basketball Manager or Administration Officer. Players will receive an online link sent from the Basketball Manager or Administration Officer which will need to be completed by the individual player / parent.

In conjunction with this, you will also need to complete an online player Club registration. A link to register will be provided via the Administration Officer admin@easternmavericks.com.au. The registration must be completed prior to the first game. If the player is a member of another District (or equivalent) Club, a clearance will need to be sought from the player’s previous Club before playing for Eastern Mavericks.

If an Eastern Mavericks player wishes to transfer to another Club, they must apply for a clearance via email to the Club Secretary (secretary@easternmavericks.com.au) and Cc Basketball SA (comps1@basketballsas.com.au). For further information visit Basketball SA’s [website](#).

A clearance will only be granted provided all financial commitments are cleared and all Club equipment has been returned. A \$50 clearance admin fee is applicable to all clearances.

Once a season has commenced, a player who wishes to be cleared to another Club, will be required to pay the year's subscriptions in full. This is regardless of whether the player has played that season or not, as the team nomination was based on the understanding that the player would form part of that team.

4. TRAINING POLICY

Attendance

Coaches and players are required to attend **every** programmed training session, unless alternative arrangements have been approved by the Basketball Manager. Head Coaches must keep a record of player's training attendance throughout the season.

We understand that players sometimes have conflicting commitments to Eastern Mavericks training. If there is a valid reason and you are unable to attend a training session, you must contact your team Coach personally before the training session with as much notice as possible. If you do not attend a training session and the Coach believes that the reason given is not valid, or you do not notify the Coach of your absence, you will not start in the next game and your court time may be limited.

Where possible, Coaches will be flexible with your commitments, however players who miss 3 or more scheduled trainings throughout the year with no valid reason will no longer be eligible for Division 1 selection and for Division 2 players they will not start at games, will receive reduced court time and may be asked to leave the team. It will be at the Basketball Managers discretion, in consultation with the committee as to what is a valid reason for non-attendance.

Eastern Mavericks supports representative association carnivals however, please note that throughout the season you are permitted to only miss 2 training sessions for representative association carnivals plus State Country Championships.

Country Players

Eastern Mavericks respects and appreciates the commitment that our country players provide to the Club. We understand the travel that is taken to get the players to the games, however as a Club there is an expectation and commitment expected to attend training (as outlined above)

Punctuality

Coaches and players must arrive a minimum of 10 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time (coaches' discretion if earlier). This time should be used to discuss the training schedule or any related issues and to warm up and stretch prior to the commencement of training.

Equipment

Players must bring a basketball and a drink to every training, in addition to wearing the correct Mavs reversible training singlet. Players should be given regular drinks breaks.

Training schedule

The training timetable is usually set on school term basis and posted on the Eastern Mavericks Members Facebook page. Due to unforeseen circumstances (i.e. venue availability) the training times may change at the last moment therefore it is recommended that you check them 24 hours prior to training.

Most trainings are held on Sunday mornings during school terms. Additionally, teams have a mid-week training, generally on Wednesdays, during school terms.

Venues

The following venues are used by Eastern Mavericks teams for training:

St Francis de Sales College	8 Dutton Road, Mount Barker
Adelaide Hills Recreation Centre	Howard Lane, Mt. Barker
Cornerstone College	Cameron Rd, Mt Barker (enter opposite Caravan Park)
Mt Lofty Community Sports Centre	79 Longwood Rd, Heathfield (Heathfield High School)

Hot Weather Policy

Eastern Mavericks is required to adhere to the policy as set out by Basketball SA, which can be found at <https://basketballsa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/BSA-020-Hot-Weather-Policy-NOV23.pdf>

Training Cancellation Notification

Where a Sunday training session is cancelled under the Hot Weather Policy, a notice will be placed on the Club social media platforms.

Where a mid-week training session is cancelled under this policy, the Coach and Team Managers of the team affected must ensure the players are notified the night before the scheduled training.

5. GAMES POLICY

Attendance

Coaches and players are required to attend every programmed game unless alternative arrangements have been approved by the Basketball Manager for a valid reason.

Punctuality

Coaches and players must arrive at games 30 minutes prior to the scheduled game time in correct Club apparel, for warming up and pre-game meetings.

Court time

In Division 1 grades, players need not be given even court time, although players should not consistently be given limited court time.

In Division 2 and below, players should receive approximately even court time across the season, provided they abide by the rules set down for:

- Attendance and punctuality for games and training
- Behaviour and appearance
- Attitude towards their team, teammates, Coaches and Referees

Players that do not adhere to the above will not be able to start nor will they receive equal court time. An exception to these rules is made for finals and the State Championships where a player's court time will be at the discretion of the Coach.

District games versus representative association carnivals / tournaments.

The following rules apply in association with clashes between district games and representative association carnivals / tournaments:

- No Friday night games for Division 1 or 2 teams are to be missed due to Representative Association Basketball unless otherwise agreed by your coach and the Basketball Manager.
- Saturday games - Only 2 Mavericks games plus the State Country Championships are to be missed due to Representative Association Basketball unless otherwise agreed by your coach and the Basketball Manager.
- Player absences from district games due to attendance at representative association carnivals may result in teams needing to forfeit. If a forfeited game is notified to BSA 48 hours prior, the fine is only \$50 (as at 2024). In this situation the players not available to play will be asked to share in this cost. Note: It is critical your coach and team manager receive advice about representative association tournaments as soon as possible as an un-notified forfeit (i.e. less than 48 hours) attracts a \$200 fine (as at 2024).

Abuse of umpires

Eastern Mavericks Basketball Club implements zero tolerance towards abuse of Umpires, which severely limits any opportunity for players, Coaches and spectators to communicate with officials. The purpose of this is to create an environment which is conducive to recruiting, developing and retaining umpiring talent, for the long-term benefit of everyone. We realise that it is important for officials to develop good communication skills, however we believe it is more important to adopt a policy which will help improve the quality and number of Umpires.

In accordance with Basketball SA's Code of Conduct:

- Players are not to make overtly verbal or animated objections to a referee's decision,
- Players are not to attempt to intimidate an opponent, or an official, by their words or actions,
- Players are not to disrupt or hinder the flow of the game in objecting to a referee's decision,
- Players are not to make statements of an abusive nature towards a referee, the nature of which includes but is not limited to:
 - Performance or competence of referee or partner,
 - Racial discrimination,
 - Gender or sexuality-based remarks, or
 - Perceived bias of a referee towards an opposing team.
- Players are not to use audible obscenities, which can be heard by other players, spectators or officials,
- Players are to address any complaint or queries about a referee's decision through their team captain or coach and only during a time-out or quarter or half time break,
- Players are to treat all coaches, spectators, officials and other players with the same respect, professionalism and courtesy that you expect.
- Any argumentative, critical, sarcastic, repetitive or frivolous communication will not be tolerated, regardless of any justification.

All breaches will be reported to the Basketball Manager.

Players, coaches and spectators are not permitted to discuss, criticise, query, or ask for an interpretation of umpiring decisions, at any time. All breaches will be reported to the Eastern Mavericks Executive Committee.

Eastern Mavericks Consequence of breach (in addition to BSA sanctions as listed below)

- Level 1. A first breach will result in a warning.
- Level 2. A second breach, or any major breach, may result in the player, coach or spectator being suspended from attending games.

The below information has been extracted from the Basketball SA Behavior Management Framework [BSA023-Behaviour-Management-Framework.v4.docx-Google-Docs.pdf \(basketballs.com.au\)](#)

Sanctions

Breaches of the Basketball SA Behaviour Management Framework

- Any spectator ejected from a game will receive an automatic two-week venue/competition suspension
- An automatic four-week suspension will apply to any spectator ejected twice in same season
- A competition ban pending the successful completion of a Level 0 Referee Theory Course and “Play By The Rules” course will apply to any spectator ejected three times in the same season. The ban will remain in place regardless of when the next Level 0 Course is scheduled
- If a player, coach, team manager or score table personnel is ejected, the club (or team in the case of Metro Social Basketball League (MSBL)) will receive a \$150 fine for each instance to be paid prior to that team’s next game
 - Clubs will recover fine costs directly from the individual(s) who were rejected
 - If it is determined that the venue/competition suspension was breached, the club will receive a further \$150 fine
 - Persons suspended may have their Name and Club published on the Basketball SA website or via Gameday to facilitate enforcement of venue suspensions
 - Club Coaches and Team Managers may be asked to confirm if suspended persons are present in venues
- For MSBL teams that have had 4 player ejections (need not be different players) in the same season, BSA will suspend (all players) for the remainder of the season. Consideration will also be given as to the admittance of the team in subsequent seasons.

Behavioural Technical Foul

At the time a Behavioural Technical Foul (BTF) is called, the penalty is 2 Free Throws plus possession.

Basketball SA will notify clubs when a member has been issued two Behavioural Technical Fouls in the same year i.e. the BTF register is valid for pre-season/grading and championship seasons combined. This notification will constitute a warning.

The following sanctions will apply immediately when a member exceeds two Behavioural Technical Fouls in the same year:

- Three (3) Behavioural Technical Fouls - One week suspension and person required to complete on-line "Play By The Rules" course and submit proof of completion
- Four Behavioural Technical Fouls - 3 additional weeks suspension
- Five Behavioural Technical Fouls - 5 additional weeks suspension, banned from competition and all venues. However, 2 weeks of the 5 week suspension shall be held as a good behaviour bond with the requirement the relevant person attends the next available Level 0 Beginner Referee Theory Course. Failure to attend or already completed a referee course will result in the relevant person immediately serving the remaining 2 weeks.
- Six Behavioural Technical Fouls – competition and venue ban until such time that a behavioural consultation meeting with Basketball SA and a Club representative is attended. This meeting will be called within 7 days of the person receiving their 6th Behavioural Technical Foul. Basketball SA may impose additional penalties at the discretion of the Group.

Where a sanction has not been served in full by the end of a season, the remainder to serve will be rolled over into the following season.

Fixtures

Game days vary depending on the age and division of the team.

Under 10 All Divisions	Saturday mornings
Under 12 Division 1 and 2	Friday nights
Under 12 Division 3 and below	Saturday mornings
Under 14 Division 1 and 2	Friday nights
Under 14 Division 3 and below	Saturday mornings
Under 16 Division 1 and 2	Friday nights
Under 16 Division 3 and below	Thursday nights
Under 18 Division 1, 2 and 3	Friday nights
Under 18 Division 4 and below	Thursday nights
Under 21 Men All Divisions	Tuesday nights

Please see the 'Useful Resources' section on where to access Fixtures/Results/Ladders relating to your Basketball SA District competition.

Stadium locations

The following stadiums are used in the Basketball SA District competition:

Titanium Security Arena	44a Crittenden Road, Findon
St Francis de Sales College	8 Dutton Road, Mount Barker
The ARC Campbelltown	531 Lower North East Road, Campbelltown
The Lights Stadium	Cnr Hampstead Road & East Parkway, Lightsview
Marion Stadium	Norfolk Road, Marion
Mitchell Park	139 Bradley Grove, Mitchell Park
Morphett Vale Stadium	States Road, Morphett Vale
Springbank Sports Centre	Daws Road, Pasadena
Port Adelaide Recreation Centre	50 St. Vincent Street, Port Adelaide
St. Clair Recreation Centre	Woodville Road, Woodville
Starplex	Alexander Avenue, Evanston
Wayville Sports Centre	Rose Terrace, Wayville

Game fee payment

Payment for games is via the Basketball Connect App. There is a single fee for each player that covers the player's entry and any associated spectators. The income goes directly to Basketball SA, who are the peak body for Basketball in South Australia and covers the cost of umpiring and court hire.

Other commitment clashes

In addition to the policies set out in Sections 6 and 7, as a general rule it is acceptable that players may be absent for legitimate sickness reasons, school commitments and important family events. The determination of legitimate reasons is to be made and agreed between the parent, player and coach. If needed the Basketball Manager can be asked to mediate and approve or deny requests for absences. It is not envisaged that these occurrences would be common or unnecessarily prevented.

- It is not deemed acceptable to miss a game or training for a basketball commitment deemed a lower level to District Basketball, other than the above association clashes unless otherwise agreed by your coach and the Basketball Manager.
- Furthermore, it is not deemed acceptable to miss a training or game for another sport unless otherwise agreed by your coach and the Basketball Manager.

- An exception to both points above may be considered for finals or higher-level sports commitments depending on the Mavericks team situation at the time. However, absenteeism needs to be agreed to by your coach and the Basketball Manager.

State or National Basketball Commitments – State and National Basketball commitments are deemed a higher-level commitment. As such the Eastern Mavericks will not prevent attendance to these commitment clashes if they occur. However, it is expected that all efforts are made to minimize such clashes. As always communication with your coach, identifying actual or possible clashes, is required prior to any commitment clash and ASAP.

6. COACHES

All coaches must adhere to the [Basketball SA Codes of Behaviour](#).

Coaches Code

Eastern Mavericks Coaches hold the most important job in the Club, so we ask that as a Coach you:

1. Know the Rules, Competition By-laws and Club expectations for members. Without this knowledge, you cannot effectively coach your team.
2. Promote good sportsmanship through developing team respect for the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion. Respect must not only be shown during your basketball commitments, we also expect this to be shown outside of the Club, at other events, school, the workplace and especially social media.
3. Be a leader and positive role model to create a positive experience for your players. Remember that children participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun.
4. Be firm but fair when dealing with players and reward effort, fair play and commitment. Player actions which are contrary to the interests of the team or the Club must not be tolerated.
5. Use a variety of approaches in communicating with your players. Balance criticism with praise so the players learn to deal with constructive criticism, and not get carried away with success. Constructive criticism means dealing with player behaviour not criticising the individual.
6. Be prepared for trainings by having a written training plan knowing what you are trying to teach the players in line with the Clubs philosophies.
7. Role model open communication with the players and parents and explain how players and parents can best contact you to discuss any basketball related matters.
8. Develop, foster and maintain a good rapport with your Team Manager with open and constant communication.
9. Enjoy the experience.

Junior coach selection process

The appointment process for coaching positions is managed by the Basketball Manager, and appointments ratified by the Executive Committee. Nominations are usually sought in June-July for the following season. All coaches will be appointed on an annual basis allowing prospective Coaches the opportunity to apply for positions.

Coach registration process

All Coaches in the Junior Competition must complete the Basketball SA coach registration process **prior to coaching their first game**. This process involves the following:

1. Applying for, and submitting, a Working with Children Check (WWCC) which satisfies the requirements of a criminal history assessment;
2. Completing the "Play by the Rules" online training course;
3. Acknowledging the Australian Sports Commission's Coach's Code of Ethics and Basketball SA Code of Conduct.

Coaches Responsibility

1. Coaches must ensure that the Team Manager (or another adult) is present at all team meetings or individual talks with players. When addressing a player on an individual basis there **must** be a parent or guardian present at the time, this makes the process transparent and allows you to communicate what is required to the parent and player without players misunderstanding what is being asked of them.
2. Where a Coach is involved in a grievance process with players and or parents, the Team Manager, Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO) or another adult must be present. This forms part of our Member Protection for players, parents and Coaches.
3. Where a Coach is unable to attend training or games, they must contact the Division 1 coach with as much advance warning as possible. The Division 1 coach will liaise with the Basketball Manager to arrange alternate coaching arrangements where necessary.
4. Coaches cannot be friends on social media with any of their players that they are coaching at that time, if this is not adhered to you will be asked to remove the player or face not coaching for Eastern Mavericks.
5. Coaches must wear the correct Eastern Mavericks uniform when representing the Club at all games and training sessions as outlined in the uniform section.
6. *Coaches must complete weekly MVP voting through the winter season through Basketball Connect by Sunday evening. MVP voting is to be completed by the Coach and NOT the Team Manager.*

7. PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

All parents and spectators must adhere to the [Basketball SA Codes of Behaviour](#)

Parents and Spectators Code

The Club Management and Coaches make many decisions for the benefit of the Eastern Mavericks Basketball Club first and foremost. Most of the time, these have only positive consequences, however sometimes they have a negative impact on individuals. Educate your child on how to handle success as well as negotiate hurdles they encounter as their ability to cope with both success and failure is the most important lesson we can teach them.

We know and appreciate the personal sacrifices you make for your children. Our success would not be possible without your support. We ask that you remember:

1. Promote good sportsmanship and show respect for the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
2. Give positive encouragement to the players, focusing on their efforts and teamwork rather than the overall outcome of the game.
3. Eastern Mavericks Coaches are volunteers. They have to make decisions concerning the welfare of the Club, the team and the individual players, and it is not easy. If there is a grievance, please follow the correct process.
4. Coaching from the sidelines, no matter how little or great your knowledge, is not appropriate. The Coach is the sole source of technical feedback.
5. Keep in mind, speak to all members and players of Club as you would like yourself or child to be spoken to or about.
6. Any feedback, may it be verbally or posted on social media must remain positive, anything that has the slightest negativity may result in you being spoken to by the Eastern Mavericks Management and will be forwarded to the relevant Authorities if necessary

Parents responsibility

To be successful in any sport everyone needs to buy in and be part of the team or club. All parents are expected to support the Coach & Team Manager to fulfil the team's responsibilities relating to their child's team. This includes-

1. Provision of a competent person for scoring duties as rostered by the Team Manager.
2. Attend and assist at the NBL1 Central League game that your player's team is rostered.
3. Other requests where applicable.

If you are unable to fulfil your rostered responsibility, you must arrange to swap with another parent and then advise the Team Manager of the change.

Eastern Mavericks encourages all parents to complete the "Play by the Rules" online training **Please log on to:** <http://www.playbytherules.net.au/>

Eastern Mavericks encourages all parents to read the Basketball SA policies including The Code of Conduct, which can be located at [Basketball SA Codes of Behaviour](#)

8. TEAM MANAGERS

All team managers must adhere to the [Basketball SA Codes of Behaviour](#).

Each team is required to have a Team Manager, approved by the Basketball Manager in conjunction with the Committee. The Team Manager does the “administration support” for the team to allow Coaches to get on with their main role of “coaching the team”. All parents are expected to support and assist the Team Manager to fulfil their role in providing administrative support to the team and ensuring that the Club's expectations for the team are followed.

All information for the Team Manager role can be found at www.easternmavericks.com.au.

All Team Managers are required to –

1. Join the Eastern Mavericks Team Managers Facebook Group Page.
2. Provide a current “Play by the Rules” Certificate before the start of the current season.
3. Obtain a Working with Children Check (cost of this will be covered by Basketball SA).
4. Must not have players as a friend on their social media sites.

Confirmation that the above requirements have been met must be emailed to secretary@easternmavericks.com.au before you can commence this role.

Responsibilities

Game day responsibilities include-

- Ensure all players playing have paid on Basketball Connect
- Ensure the stadium scoring team list on the iPad/tablet is correct
- Be present at any Team/Player Meetings prior to and after games (if required)
- Ensure that all players are in correct playing uniform
- Ensure rostered duties are filled
- Organise players’ bags and bottles on the bench before the games. Players retain responsibility for their drink bottles and bags
- Sit at the end of the players bench during games and administer basic First Aid (if required)

Other Responsibilities include-

- Distributing any information from the Club to players/parents. In most instances, you will obtain this information from the Eastern Mavericks Members Facebook page, Basketball Connect. or from the Admin Officer
- Prepare and distribute a roster for scoring and other team responsibilities. Ensure that parents/helpers who are unavailable on their rostered day arrange a swap with another parent/helper and advise the Team Manager of the swap
- Attend all compulsory Team Managers' meetings held throughout the year
- Ensure that the First Aid kit (provided by the Club) is at all games. Please contact the Admin Officer if you need to top up the First Aid kit. At the end of the season, this kit is to be returned to the Club office for redistribution the following season
- Ensuring a list of current squad members is maintained and available to Club Officials
- Any new players joining the team after trial day need to fill out an online registration form. Contact admin@easternmavericks.com.au & treasurer@easternmavericks.com.au
- Liaise with the Coach and parents to organise team entries into tournaments
- Organising families NBL1 Central League Roster – Winter Season
- Helping and distributing any Club fundraising opportunities – Lottery Books, Chocolates, BBQ's.