

# Representative Program Structure

MWBA is an Association that offers the opportunity for players to represent the Manly Warringah area in the NSW Junior Metro League from U/12 to U/18 age groups at Junior level and then to progress to Senior Representative level - Youth League (U/23's) & NBL1.

Manly Rep team's generally play against associations located in the Greater Sydney Metropolitan area. Preseason usually commences mid-February with official games kicking off around mid-March with finals usually late July. Generally, no games are scheduled during the middle weekend of the school holidays, April & July, however, please check the BNSW draw before scheduling holidays.

## **Structure**

In Juniors, the club is represented by 2 separate leagues, the **Junior Premier League (JPL)** which our top teams in the U14's, U16's & U18's may nominate for. This is a state wide competition & there will be some central venue weekends where the Metro based clubs in the JPL will play against country clubs, this will require player availability for both Saturday & Sunday games, & sometimes an overnight stay. The League that the majority of teams will play in, is the Sydney **Metro Junior League (MJL)** for both boys & girls from U12's to U18's. There are several divisions available which is determined by the results of the preseason games.

## **Fees**

Fees are set at \$750. Team selections will be posted on the website the Wednesday after the final trial selection date. Players will immediately be invoiced for a \$375 deposit. Payment is required to confirm your place in the program. The balance of \$375 will fall due prior to the commencement of the Rep season in March, you will be invoiced accordingly.

## **Games and Training**

A game can take up to 60 to 80 minutes to complete, depending on the age group. Players are required to arrive around 30 - 40 minutes before scheduled tip off. Your coach will be able to provide more details. All teams typically train twice a week. Venue & time will be determined by coach & venue availability. There are also many opportunities for players to be involved in Basketball NSW programs.

## **Teams**

Teams consist of 10 players. Representative Basketball is an elite program, therefore playing time will not be equal. Each team will have players of varying ability & experience. As this is a Representative Sport, players have to earn their court time by training hard to improve their skills.

We have excellent qualified coaching staff who are volunteers. MWBA has a coaching program in place with clear guidelines for our coaches. The aim of the Program is to encourage each individual player to improve their skills, & assist each team to achieve its highest possible level.

## **Uniforms & Other sports**

The Association provides the numbered playing singlet; however, all other uniform apparel will need to be purchased online.

There will be advertised dates where sizing kits will be available to ensure you purchase the correct size.

Representative Basketball is played on a **Sunday** and will **conflict with other sports** that are also played on **Sundays**.

Therefore, before accepting your position on a team, please ensure there will be **NO CONFLICT** with basketball training sessions, or Sunday games. Playing 2 Representative sports on the same day **does not** work, and isn't fair to either sport, or either team. Please note that for preseason games, JPL games & State championships players may be required to play on a Saturday.

## **Parent Involvement in the MWBA Representative Program?**

Your role as a supporter is to be encouraging & positive to all the players, as well as the coach. It is important to remember that this is a team sport, & it is Representative sport. We encourage our parents to support, not only their own child, but also their teammates.

Children develop their skills at different rates, so please remember that children play sport for enjoyment – theirs & not ours! Be a positive role model for your child, so that they will continue to play & grow in skill and confidence, given time and encouragement.

All parents **must attend a scoretable course** prior to the commencement of the season, and all parents must commit to any fundraising activities that MWBA may become involved

**For further information go to our website - [www.manlybasketball.com.au](http://www.manlybasketball.com.au)**

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