



## **REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION**

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/22's) and Championship League.

Manly Rep team's play against the following Associations: Bankstown, Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury, Hills, Hornsby, Liverpool, Macarthur, Norths, Penrith, Ryde, Sutherland, and Sydney City. Not all Associations field teams in every age and division, so during the regular 14 week season, you may play some teams twice and others not at all.

The Season begins February & all games are played on Sundays anywhere between 9am and 4pm.

Generally no games are scheduled during the middle weekend of the school holidays, April & July, however, please check the BNSW draw before scheduling holidays. In general you can expect to make a minimum of 6 trips to the wider metropolitan area of Sydney. MWBA has no control over draws.

### **Fees**

2018 fees are set at \$550. Team selections will be posted on the website the Wednesday after the final trial selection date. Players will immediately be invoiced for a \$250 deposit. Payment is required to confirm your place in the program. The balance of \$300 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 60 to 80 minutes to complete, depending on the age group. Players are required to arrive around 45 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 based on availability. As we are tenant in all facilities there may be occasions when a venue is changed at short notice.

There are also many opportunities for players to be involved in training programs provided by Basketball NSW, as well as opportunities that can lead to selection for Metropolitan and State teams.

### **Teams**

Teams consist of 10 players. Representative Basketball is an elite program; therefore playing time will likely not be equal. Each team will have players of varying ability & experience. As this is Representative Sport, players have to earn their court time. Sometimes this can be frustrating, but parents must be supportive of coaching decisions for their child to succeed.

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 each player is required to purchase shorts (\$40) & Warm up Top (\$40), and a double sided training singlet \$40. Days and times for purchasing MWBA sporting apparel will be advised.

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

Before accepting your position on a team, please ensure there will be **NO CONFLICT** with basketball training sessions, or Sunday games. Playing 2 sports on the same day does not work, and isn't fair to either sport. Please note, that teams who make **State Championships** or **Nationals**, will be required to play Saturday games, and must make themselves available.

### **How can you be involved 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 will have to contribute through BBQ & Score bench duty during the year. Your team manager will create rosters.

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