

HAWTHORN MAGIC BASKETBALL CLUB TRYOUTS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

****The Hawthorn Magic Committee recognises that further changes may be required for tryouts if the community response to COVID-19 needs to change.****

If you have the following symptoms, please do not attend your tryout session/s:

- Fever
- Runny nose
- Sore Throat
- Cough
- Chills or sweats
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of sense of smell

If you become unwell after attending a tryout session, please:

- See your GP
- Get tested & self-isolate until results are back
- Notify Hawthorn Magic Administrator – Luke Lehmann – E: magic@hawthornbasketball.com.au immediately

- **When do the Hawthorn Magic tryouts begins?**

At this stage there are no determined tryout dates – all those that register for tryouts will be emailed all relevant information once dates/venues are confirmed.

- **How do I register for Hawthorn Magic tryouts?**

ALL athletes will be required to register online before tryouts begin. This will both speed up the process and allow the administrative team to accurately communicate with everyone efficiently, plus comply with DHHS regulations and Basketball Victoria Return to Play guidelines.

To register, click on the following link – [Hawthorn Magic Basketball Club Tryouts Registrations](#)

Documentation Required to Register for Tryouts – these can be uploaded during the online registration process.

Existing Hawthorn Magic Athletes	Import Player (from another representative Association)	New to representative basketball
- Birth Certificate or Passport (to verify age)	- Birth Certificate or Passport (to verify age) - An email from your Club Delegate sent to Hawthorn Magic giving you permission to train - Upload Head Shot photo (to be used by coaches for identification purposes during tryouts)	- Birth Certificate or Passport (to verify age) - Upload Head Shot photo (to be used by coaches for identification purposes during tryouts)



- **What about athletes from other Associations?**

Athletes from other representative Associations are welcome to join Hawthorn Magic – please ensure you read & understand the *Hawthorn Magic Junior Representative Program Import Policy* before proceeding with your registration - [Hawthorn Magic Junior Representative Program Import Policy](#)

The key message of the policy is that:

*An import player will only be accepted if they meet **one** of the below exemptions:*

- *the import player has a sibling who represented the Hawthorn Magic Representative Program in the 2019/2020 season*
- *the import player participated in the Hawthorn Basketball Domestic Program for the 2019/2020 or 2020/2021 summer season*
- *the import player resides in the Inner East as of 1st November 2020*
- *the import player attended school in the Inner East during 2020*

- **What if I am unable to attend due to other commitments?**

It is compulsory that all athletes attend tryouts to be considered for a Hawthorn Magic team. Priority will be given to those players that are in attendance and at all tryout sessions.

If you are unable to attend a tryout session/s due to other commitments, please ensure you make note of it during the registration process. Otherwise, please contact Luke Lehmann (Hawthorn Magic Administrator) via email: magic@hawthornbasketball.com.au if you're unable to attend a session/s.

- **What should athletes wear to the Hawthorn Magic tryouts?**

Athletes should wear basketball appropriate attire:

- Reversible light & dark singlet/top
- Basketball/athletic shorts
- Basketball shoes or appropriate runners

- **What should I bring?**

A correct size basketball & water bottle with name clearly marked on each item.

- **When should I arrive for tryouts?**

Please arrive at least **thirty (30) minutes*** prior to your tryout session to allow the administrative team to:

- Check you've registered,
- Have provided the necessary (and completed) paperwork,
- Verify your DOB (if passport/birth certificate weren't provided during the online registration),
- Check your Identification Trial Number, and
- Take your photo (if required)

**Subject to Change - all those who register for tryouts will be emailed any updates, as well as given further information around arrival and departing times and any sanitation requirements when arriving to the stadium.*



- **What is the Identification Trial Number?**

Athletes will be assigned an identification number; athletes will receive (via email) their number before the first tryout session – it is helpful that athletes arrive with this number clearly marked on both (upper) arms for all tryout sessions.

- **What if my child has a medical condition?**

If your child/ren has a medical condition, please note this when you register online.

If you require to discuss your child/ren's condition, please contact Luke Lehmann (Hawthorn Magic Administrator) via email magic@hawthornbasketball.com.au

- **Why are tryouts closed to parents and spectators?**

It is Hawthorn Magic's belief that the parent's presence is a distraction and can also put undue pressure on an athlete, plus, it avoids any potential for perceptions of bias to arise. Only coaches will enter the courts during the tryouts.

- **Can I talk to the coaches during tryouts?**

We ask that parents refrain from approaching coaches during the tryout sessions. If you require to talk to someone, there will be Hawthorn Magic staff to answer most reasonable questions.

- **What should my child expect to happen at tryouts?**

Athletes will warm up as a group, be exposed to a range of skill aspects and be asked to compete in various playing situations. The selection process recognises that some elements may be new or unfamiliar to some players.

- **How will athletes be evaluated?**

Athletes will be assessed, but not limited to, the following selection criteria:

- Potential to compete successfully at VJBL level
- Game sense, competitiveness and athletic ability (e.g. speed, quick hands and strength)
- Potential to be socially compatible and display teamwork
- Having the right attitude towards coaching staff, showing interest and respect at all times
- Being highly receptive to coaching feedback including the ability to transfer information into training and playing situations
- Outstanding desire and commitment to improving mental, physical and basketball skills

- **What if my child is injured prior (or during) tryouts?**

Athletes that are injured and have a medical certificate should register for tryouts and submit a copy of the medical certificate to Luke Lehmann (Hawthorn Magic Administrator) via email magic@hawthornbasketball.com.au

Should an athlete injury themselves during tryout process, please submit a copy of the medical certificate to the above email address.



- **How will athletes be notified of their standing within the tryout process?**

Athletes will be informed via email from the Hawthorn Magic Administrator, who is responsible for tracking players and contacting parents regarding successful/unsuccessful tryouts.

- **How and when are teams announced?**

All players will be notified via email, with announcements made on the Basketball Hawthorn website and social media.

- **I'm a parent, and want to get involved, what can I do?**

Hawthorn Magic relies on parents volunteering, none more important than being a Team Manager.

If you believe that this might be a role you are interested in, you should flag this with the team's Head Coach immediately after the teams are announced. Hawthorn Magic will support you in this role and provide you with all the tools to get you started.

For further details, please click on the following link – [Team Manager Handbook](#)

