

**Mid-Isle Magic
Basketball Team
Guidelines
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Mid-Isle Magic Basketball Team Guidelines

Objective

The formation of U13 and U14 Boys and Girls Basketball teams to compete of behalf of the Mid-Isle Magic Minor Basketball Association.

Purpose

To represent the Mid-Isle Magic MBA at invitational tournaments, Basketball PEI provincial championships and, subject to eligibility, Atlantic U13/U14 Club Championships. To provide developmental and advanced skill development for selected players of the Mid-Isle Magic teams.

Team Names

All Mid-Isle Magic team names will be the called the “Magic”.

Uniforms

Uniforms are the property of the Mid-Isle Magic.

Following team selection, the head coach will be given an inventory list containing the list of uniforms for their team. The head coach will complete the list by matching uniforms with assigned player names and sign the form to acknowledge receipt of team uniforms. A copy of the completed list is to be returned to the Mid-Isle Magic equipment manager.

At the head coach’s discretion, the players may keep their respective uniforms until the end of the season. Each representative team head coach is responsible for the prompt return of the uniforms at the end of the season to the Mid-Isle Magic equipment manager.

Coaches should emphasize proper uniform care:

- Wash in cold water
- Do not dry in clothes dryer
- Do not cut or alter
- Return cleaned uniform to head coach or delegate promptly at season end

Coaches may delegate responsibility for the distribution and collection of uniforms to an assistant or team manager but final accountability will rest with the head coach.

If a uniform is lost or damaged through improper care and not returned at the end of the season, the replacement cost of \$50.00 will be recovered directly from the player.

Coaches – Application and Selection Criteria

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Any person wishing to coach a Mid-Isle Magic team must submit an application form to the Mid-Isle Magic Executive Committee. Potential coaches must be willing to undergo a Criminal Records Check performed by the RCMP or by local police. Any costs will be at Mid-Isle Magic expense.

The Mid-Isle Magic Executive Committee will select representative team head coaches. When selecting a representative team head coach consideration will be given to the following criteria:

1. Training and Certification - Coaches must meet the minimum certification requirements for U13/U14 head coaches. Coaches must be Learn to Train (in training or higher) or NCCP Level 1 by the time of the Basketball PEI provincial championships.
2. Experience at the age group , i.e. the coach of the team from the previous season will be given consideration provided they have conformed to the Mid-Isle Magic "Code of Conduct" and are currently in good standing with Basketball PEI.
3. Overall experience

NOTE: The Introduction to Competition (ITC) and Introduction to Competition Advanced (ITCA) course names have been changed by Canada Basketball & the Canadian Association of Coaches to Learn to Train and Train to Train.

Coaches - Code of Conduct

The coach-athlete relationship is a privileged one and plays a critical role in the personal, sport, and athletic development of the athlete. Coaches must understand and respect the inherent power imbalance that exists in this relationship and must be extremely careful not to abuse it, consciously or unconsciously.

Coaches are subject to the requirements set out in Sections 7 (Responsibilities) and 10 (Coaches) of the Basketball PEI Code of Conduct Policy.

In addition, coaches will be expected to abide by the following;

- Treat everyone fairly regardless of gender, ethnic background, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.
- Ensure my comments are constructively directed at performance rather than a person.
- Display high personal standards and project a favourable image of the sport.
- Not publicly criticize other coaches or officials.
- Discourage the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco in conjunction with sport.
- Create a safe environment for activities including ensuring the activity is suitable for the age, experience, ability and fitness level of the participants.
- Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or other offensive language and gestures.
- Cooperate and defer to other professionals regarding the management of the athletes' health and well-being.
- Understand athletes' goals and recognize and resolve any conflicts that arise in regard to the program's goals.

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- Be prepared to use other sports professionals when necessary and available.
- Regularly seek opportunities to increase professional development.
- Treat opponents and officials with respect and encourage athletes to do likewise.
- Cooperate with athletes' parents and legal guardians.
- Balance activities with an understanding of academic pressures to allow athletes' academic success.

Failure to abide by the above do so may result in suspension or dismissal.

Other Team Personnel

Subject to the following, coaches may select their own assistant coach(es) and manager.

- Each U13 or U14 girls team must have at least one female coach, assistant coach or manager present at all practices and games.
- Each U13 or U14 boys team must have at least one male coach, assistant coach or manager present at all practices and games.

The selection may be subject to review by the Mid-Isle Magic Executive Committee, should such a review be warranted. Coaches must provide the names and contact information for all team personnel to the Mid-Isle Magic Executive Committee as soon as the selection process is completed.

Team Selection

Mid-Isle Magic teams will be selected by their respective head coach in consultation with the assistant.

For the U13 teams, priority must be given to players who reached 13 years of age prior to December 31 of the year selections occur. See Annex A for Year of Birth.

For the U14 teams, priority must be given to players who reached 14 years of age prior to December 31 of the year tryouts occur. See Annex A for Year of Birth.

A player of proper age should not be replaced by an underage player of equal or lower skill level and coach ability.

Under age players wishing to be considered for U13/U14 teams should have their parent/guardian send a request via email to the Mid-Isle Magic Executive Committee and the respective coach for consideration to attend the try-outs. No exceptions will be accommodated. Any disputes or questions should be directed to the Mid-Isle Magic Executive Committee for resolution.

Consideration will only be given in exceptional circumstances and the decision to allow the player to tryout will be made by the committee in consultation with the U13 and U14 coaches.

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Try Outs

Each Mid-Isle Magic team will hold at least three tryouts and no more than four. The number of tryouts will be determined by the number of the players attending the tryouts. If eighteen or fewer players attend the initial tryout, two tryouts will be permitted. Tryouts times and locations should be well advertised by sending notifications to all Intermediate schools within the area of selection, Basketball PEI and local media, i.e., Guardian Sports Note.

The goal for the first tryout, and perhaps the second, is to reduce the number of players down to a workable size for final tryout. Coaches should not attempt to select players until the last tryout, but rather focus on eliminating the players who will not make the team.

Only players residing within the boundaries defined by all Minor Basketball Associations registered with Basketball PEI in the Queen's County region of PEI are eligible. See Annex B for a list of MBA's.

Subject to prior approval from the Mid-Isle Magic Executive Committee, consideration may be given to players from Prince or King's County regions provided there is no other team within these regions.

Evaluation should be based on skill level, maturity, coach ability, conduct, effort, etc. Players should make the "team" better and fit available positions for the greatest benefit of the "team".

Team Rosters

Mid-Isle Magic teams will consist of 10-12 players. Coaches may choose to have 10 players only, but will need to get approval from the Mid-Isle Magic Executive Committee to have more than 12 players.

After the teams have been selected, the Mid-Isle Magic Executive Committee may, at its discretion, permit the formation of a second team from the remaining players providing sufficient numbers exist.

Commitment

Players selected for the Mid-Isle Magic teams must make an effort to attend all practices and games. While representing the Mid-Isle Magic they must be well behaved and display good sportsmanship both on and off the court. Failure to do so may result in suspension or dismissal from the team.

Coaches must also be committed to the team. They must make an effort to produce the best team possible. Development of players should emphasize basketball skills, sportsmanship and teamwork.

Coaches must realize the level of basketball they are coaching and make the commitment appropriate for the age level involved.

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Practices

Subject to gym availability, each team must receive a minimum of 2 practices with a duration of 1 ½ to 2 hours per practice per week. Practices must begin the week following team selection.

Teams are encouraged to achieve a ratio of three practices per game played.

Games and Events

Teams are encouraged to play games against other U13/U14 regional PEI teams or other U13/U14 club teams from Nova Scotia or New Brunswick.

Teams are required to attend the following events;

Spring Classic (Basketball PEI)

An off-island tournament (i.e. for Girls UNB V-Red School's Out)

U13/U14 Basketball PEI Provincials

Atlantic Canada Championships (subject to eligibility)

Optional events;

Red Rock Classic (Basketball PEI)

Bluenose Classic (Basketball Nova Scotia)

Team Funding

It is recommended that all coaches, prepare an itinerary and a detailed draft budget listing the planned team events and expenditures for the season for distribution to parents/players at the 1st tryout. All team personnel travel and accommodation costs should be included in the draft team budget.

All costs including referee fees are to be paid by the respective teams. Each player will be asked to pay a fee to cover the costs of the team.

Each team member (player, coach, assistant, manager) must be a member of Basketball PEI. Each member should complete a Basketball PEI membership form and pay the applicable fee.

Coaches and managers are encouraged to discuss fund raising options with parents and get everyone involved. The Mid-Isle Magic Executive Committee should approve all team fundraisers.

A team manager should be appointed by the coach to establish detailed budgets, payment schedules, income and expense tracking for each team member. A final detailed budget must be forwarded to the Mid-Isle Magic Executive Committee at the conclusion of the season.

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Referees

Team coaches or managers are responsible for arranging referees for any home games.

Problems

Coaches are to contact the Mid-Isle Magic Executive Committee for resolution of difficulties.

Annex A – Year of Birth Table

Selection Year	U13 Year of Birth	U14 Year of Birth
2016	2003	2002
2017	2004	2003
2018	2005	2004
2019	2006	2005
2020	2007	2006

Annex B – Registered Queen’s County Minor Basketball Associations

Minor Basketball Associations registered with Basketball PEI in the Queen’s County;

- Charlottetown Tigers Minor Basketball Association
- Cornwall Comets Minor Basketball Association
- North Shore Osprey Minor Basketball Association
- South Shore Sharks Minor Basketball Association
- Stratford Foxes Minor Basketball Association