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You can visit our MBA website at www.metrobasketball.org

There you will find our history and philosophy. You will find maps to gyms, Division game results by week, Division standings by week, Special Events and more.

To find out more about the MBA you may call our office at the number listed in the box below.

You may pick up a registration form from the Dearborn Recreation Department, located in the Civic Center Building on Michigan Ave and Greenfield in Dearborn, or you may call our office and we will mail one to you.

If you have internet access you can go to our website and download the registration form.



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Metro Basketball Association

Michigan's Premier Youth Basketball League



The MBA has been serving families of Metro Detroit with a youth basketball league for over 15 years. Founded in 1989, the League strives to teach kids the fundamentals of basketball in a fun, competitive environment.



The League is divided into three age groups.

Blue Division: 3rd and 4th Grade
White Division: 5th and 6th Grade
Red Division: 7th and 8th grade

The philosophy is everyone plays. Each player is guaranteed a minimal amount of playing time per game. Each team has 8 players per team to assure more individual instruction and more court time.

The MBA has had over 4,000 boys and girls go through the program in the past 15 years. We stress basketball fundamentals, sportsmanship, team play, education and character building.

Boys and girls play together. We play 12 regular season games and every team plays in an NCAA style Playoff Tournament at the end of the season. Every player receives a recognition award at the end of the season for participating.

We are about building character and teaching life lessons to young people through the game of basketball.

Games are played in Dearborn Heights, Dearborn and Garden City. We draw boys and girls from all over Metro Detroit. There is no residency requirement.

Games are played on Saturdays beginning in November **for the Blue and White Division** and run through Mid March. **The Red Division** (7th/8th grade) begins the last week of January and runs through Mid March. They **play two games per week.**

The MBA is 501 (c) 3 Michigan Non-Profit Corporation.

Cost: \$200 per player *

What is included ?

- 12 Regular Season Games
- Playoffs at end of the Season
(All teams qualify)
- Full Uniform (Player gets to keep)
- MBA Logo Basketball
- Medical Injury Insurance
- Weekly Practice
- League Newsletter every other week
- Assigned practice time once per week
- Fun Day Competition
- Professionally Managed Program
- Website Access
- Awards
- Nice Game Facilities
- Awards Banquet Dinner
- Lead for Life Character Building for Players, Coaches and Parents
- Picture Yearbook at the end of the year

* Special discount of \$20 for additional players in the same household. **Cost for additional child in same household is \$180.**


Other Activities:

We run a week long Summer Camp teaching fundamentals. This is open to boys and girls ages 8 to 15. The camp is in Dearborn every year. It goes from 8:30am until 12:00 noon for a week.


All of our coaches must submit a resume of experience to the Board for approval. All coaches must submit to a criminal background check with the Michigan State Police Department.

Registration begins in February for the 2006/07 year. We take registrations on a first come first served basis. We have limited space per age Division. We have sold out every year since our beginning. We do keep a waitlist after we have sold out in case we have any drops before the season starts. The league will be filled before summer is over.


What People Are Saying About The MBA

 My family and I have been involved with the MBA for 11 years now. Our participation in this league has been very instrumental in the development and success of our two oldest children. We wholeheartedly feel that involvement in the MBA was crucial to their development. Kevin Wilkinson and the rest of the administrators have put their hearts and souls into making this league what it is today. I would like to challenge anyone to find a comparable league...that makes a point out of teaching character, morality and humanitarian efforts like this league does. Speaking from years of experience with organizations as well as others, no one does it better than the MBA.


Mr. and Mrs. Hamood

 I have been a part of the MBA for seven years, the past six as a coach. The MBA has allowed me to meet a great group of people...I now consider my friends. With an outstanding commitment from dedicated volunteers and directors, it is a testament to the MBA that the league continues to grow in size and popularity. Thank you for letting me be a part of it.

Mark Bruce, Coach

 For over thirty-five years I have played or coached basketball at every level. The young men and women in the MBA are not only learning the game of basketball, they are learning valuable life lessons. They learn to trust each other. They learn to work together as a team and more. The MBA has provided learning opportunities for thousands of young men and women over the years. It is one of the finest programs I have ever had the privilege to be a part of. Keep up the great work.

Dean Monte, Asst. Coach

 Both of my boys have played in the MBA and I have been involved as a coach for seven years. In my opinion, the league slam-dunks anything offered by anyone else. It comes back to the man at the top, Kevin Wilkinson. His vision, enthusiasm and positive attitude filters down to everyone below him. Some parents even stay involved with the program after their kids have left it. That ought to tell you something. Keep it going guys.

Mark Bokuniewicz, Coach