



**Tayside Musketeers  
Basketball Club**

**Parent/Carer and Player**

**Welcome Pack**

**2024/25**

## General Information

Tayside Musketeers provides opportunities for all young people, their parents and volunteers to become involved in basketball. The club encourages fun, participation, sportsmanship and the social aspects of sport to anyone interested in participating. All we ask in return is that you respect the other members of the club, other teams and officials who support the game.

You will need to download the app MCH (My Club Hub) in order to register as a member of Tayside Musketeers. Please then make contact with the club via our email address and a link will be sent to you for joining. We ask that you take time and care to complete all the requested information, such as emergency contact details and medical information, prior to attending any of our sessions. Please note that by registering your child with Tayside Musketeers on MCH, you and your player are agreeing to abide by the policies contained within it.

Each age group has access to a first aid kit at all training and games either through our own first aid kits OR through the facilities used to train OR the organisers of game days.

There is no essential kit needed to participate in any of our sessions but we would strongly recommend that players wear basketball trainers to support their ankles. Club branded kit and merchandise can be purchased at <https://clubshop.macron.com/dundee/tayside-musketeers-basketball-club>

Club fees are spread across the year and session costs run from August until the following July, so they should continue over holiday periods.

## Contact Us

General email: [taysidemusketeers@gmail.com](mailto:taysidemusketeers@gmail.com)

Child Protections: [taysidemusketeerscp@gmail.com](mailto:taysidemusketeerscp@gmail.com)

Club Merchandise: [taysidemusketeerskit@gmail.com](mailto:taysidemusketeerskit@gmail.com)

Or via the MyClubHub app or any of our Facebook pages.

## Tayside Musketeers Organisation

As with the majority of sports clubs, our club is run by volunteers. These people are players, parents and other supporters who give their time to ensure children benefit from playing sport. They administer the club, conduct the coaching and transport children to activities and games.

### Committee

The 2024/25 Committee is as follows:

Chairperson	Bruce Todd
Vice Chairperson	Owen Whyte
Secretary	Owen Whyte
Treasurer	Rosie Hill
Child Protection Officer	Vicki Smart
Merchandise Coordinator	Jenna McGregor
Publicity Officer	Shannon Torrie

Committee Members – Chris McLeod, Stuart Gallacher and Lewis Davison.

These people work hard for the club and any assistance you can give them would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to find out more about the club or wish to volunteer, please contact the club via their general email.

## Volunteer Opportunities within Tayside Musketeers

The club is run by many volunteers providing small amounts of assistance. We understand the time commitments of parents and would happily appreciate any support available. A few ways you can support the club include:

- Driving children to matches.
- Supporting the CWPO by attending training sessions.
- Helping to update social media / MCH
- Organising/supporting fundraising events such as raffles or quiz nights.
- Coming onboard with the committee or coaching team.
- Providing a service or ideas that you think may benefit the club.

If you would be interested in volunteering in any capacity, please contact the club via the club's general email – [taysidemusketeers@gmail.com](mailto:taysidemusketeers@gmail.com) or Via the Facebook Page.

## **Tayside Musketeers Club Training / Match Details**

### **Brechin Campus**

Monday – U12/14, 7 till 8pm

Monday - U16/18, 8 till 9pm

### **Forfar Campus**

Tuesday U10/12, 7 till 8pm

Tuesday U14/16/18, 7 till 8.30pm

### **Arbroath Academy**

Wednesday – U14/16, 4-5pm

### **Arbroath – Saltire Sports Centre**

Thursday – Senior Men’s Development Team, 7 till 9pm

Unfortunately, due to a lack of coaching staff, we are unable to run the sessions that previously ran at the Saltire for u 10/12 and u14+. We are working hard to recruit more coaches who can hopefully resume these sessions later in the year. If any parents are keen to help run these, or any other session, please do contact the club. Full training will be provided.

### **Dundee RPC**

Wednesday – Men’s National League, 8 – 10pm

## **Games**

Information regarding game days will be communicated through the My Club Hub app and our Facebook pages. If you are available to help with transport to and from these game days, please let your child’s coach know so that they can make other parents aware.

For all games, supporters with loud, encouraging voices are always required and are a great support to the children and coaches.

For all game days, kits are provided on the day by the coaches in attendance. We require your child to bring lunch, snacks, suitable footwear and plenty of water or a refillable water bottle with them. In addition, they should also take items such as inhalers with them, if required.

## Member Guidelines

Tayside Musketeers is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club by getting in touch with any of the committee or speaking to your child's coach at their session.

As a member of Tayside Musketeers Basketball Club you are expected to abide by the following club guidelines:

- All members must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.
- All members must respect opponents.
- All members, parents and supporters will conduct themselves in an orderly fashion and refrain from using language that is considered to give offense to others.
- All members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- All members must wear suitable kit for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach/team manager.
- All members must pay any fees for training or events promptly.
- Members are not allowed to take drugs of any kind whilst representing the club.
- Junior members are not allowed to smoke whilst representing the club at any competitions.
- Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol whilst representing the club.

In addition, **basketball**scotland's Code of Conduct applies in all **basketball**scotland events and competitions.

# Tayside Musketeers Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy

## Responsibilities

### Tayside Musketeers will:

- Promote the health and welfare of children and vulnerable adults by providing opportunities for them to take part in Basketball **safely**.
- Respect and promote the rights, wishes and feelings of children and vulnerable adults.
- Promote and implement appropriate procedures to safeguard the well-being of children and vulnerable adults and protect them from abuse.
- Recruit, train, support and supervise its members to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse and to minimise risk to themselves.
- Require members to adopt and abide by this Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy and these Procedures.
- Respond to any allegations of misconduct or abuse of children or vulnerable adults in line with this Policy and these Procedures as well as implementing, where appropriate, the relevant disciplinary and appeals procedures.

## Equity Policy Statement

Our club is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development. In doing so, it acknowledges and adopts the following definition of sports equity:

***Sports equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognizing inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.***

- Tayside Musketeers respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, sex, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.
- Our club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.
- All club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.
- Tayside Musketeers will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously and in accordance with Basketball Scotland's disciplinary procedures.

## Tayside Musketeers Child Wellbeing and Protection Officer (CWPO)

If you wish to share any concern you have regarding child protection, please do not hesitate to make contact with our CWPO, Vicki Smart, via the following email address - [taysidemusketeerscp@gmail.com](mailto:taysidemusketeerscp@gmail.com)

## Coaches Code of Conduct

The Tayside Musketeers Basketball Club supports and requires the following good practice by coaches when in contact with children and vulnerable adults.

- Do not tolerate acts of aggression.
- Provide feedback to players and other participants in a manner sensitive to their needs. Avoid overly negative feedback.
- Recognise players' rights to consult with other coaches and advisers. Cooperate fully with other specialists (for example, sports scientists, doctors and physiotherapists).
- Treat all players fairly within the context of their sporting activities, regardless of gender, race, place of origin, athletic potential, colour, sexual orientation, sex, religion, political beliefs, socio-economic status and other conditions.
- Encourage and facilitate players' independence and responsibility for their own behaviour, performance, decisions and actions.
- Involve the players in decisions that affect them.
- Encourage players to respect one another and to expect respect for their worth as individuals regardless of their level of play.
- Ensure that the tasks and/or training set are suitable for age, experience, ability, and physical and psychological conditions of the players.
- Ensure any physical contact with players is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Be acutely aware of the power that you as a coach develop with your players in the coaching relationship and avoid any sexual intimacy with players that could develop as a result.
- Avoid situations with your players that could be construed as compromising.
- Actively discourage the use of performance enhancing drugs, and the use of alcohol, tobacco and illegal substances.
- Do not exploit any coaching relationship to further personal, political or business interests at the expense of the best interest of your players.
- Accept and respect the role of officials in ensuring that competitions are conducted fairly and according to established rules.
- Know and abide by rules, regulations and standards, and encourage players to do likewise. Accept both the letter and the spirit of the rules.
- Be honest and ensure that qualifications are not misrepresented.

## **Parent & Guardian Code of Conduct**

Parents and Guardians are amongst the greatest sources of influence for youth players and as such the club expects that they act in line with the Parent & Guardian Code of Conduct to ensure the best possible environment for children to play basketball.

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Remember that your child participates in sport for their own enjoyment, not yours.
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at your child and other children for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Show appreciation for good performance and skilful plays by all players (including opposing players).
- Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with or in the vicinity of persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions are an example.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Do not physically or verbally abuse or harass anyone associated with the sport (player, coach, umpire and so on).
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their age, ability, gender, race, sex, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.
- Be a positive role model.
- Understand the repercussions if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of, this code of behaviour

## **Spectators Code of Conduct**

While the club encourages parents, friends, and the public to come and watch youth games, the club is committed to ensuring young players participate in an environment conducive to skill development, personal growth, and enjoyment. Therefore, spectators are expected to adhere to the Spectator Code of Conduct at all times.

- Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same.
- Never ridicule or scold a young player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by other spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Do not use violence, harassment or abuse in any form (that is, do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches, officials or other spectators).
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their age, ability, gender, race, sex, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.



## Disciplinary Procedures

Any disciplinary matters will be dealt with in accordance with Basketball Scotland's Regulations and Code of Conduct which can be viewed by accessing the following document:-

[https://sportlomo-userupload.s3.amazonaws.com/uploaded/galleries/11047\\_uploaded/d30aade3798872d709d6f9edadb92bf31f334771.pdf](https://sportlomo-userupload.s3.amazonaws.com/uploaded/galleries/11047_uploaded/d30aade3798872d709d6f9edadb92bf31f334771.pdf)

## Additional Safeguarding Information

Tayside Musketeers is governed by Basketball Scotland. In the event of any serious concerns regarding the well-being of any of our players, and where appropriate, we will work together with the safeguarding team at Basketball Scotland. Further information regarding the safeguarding team can be access via the following links:

<https://basketballscotland.co.uk/safeguarding-pvg/>

<https://basketballscotland.co.uk/child-protection/#:~:text=basketballscotland%20has%20made%20a%20commitment,from%20harm%2C%20abuse%20and%20exploitation.>

Please note that at the end of a session, our coaches are responsible for your child until they exit the sports hall. Please ensure that you have made arrangements for your child's onward journey home and that these are clearly communicated to your children. All players should know to re-enter the hall if their nominated adult has not collected them so that coaches can call emergency contacts. Please speak directly with coaches if there is any pertinent information that they need to know about pickup.