



Winter 2026

DOMESTIC ALLOCATION OF TEAM PROCESS & REGISTRATION DATES

PURPOSE

This document has been prepared to assist both club and independent teams to understand the process by which MDBA allocates teams into competitions and the registration dates. As MDBA operates at or over capacity in most competitions, it is important that all those responsible for registering teams understand the process and the registration open and close dates. Club teams are teams that are part of an affiliated club within Morningside District Basketball Association (MDBA). Independent teams are registered directly with MDBA.

PROCESS FOR ALLOCATING CLUB TEAMS

- Existing club teams will be given first preference and priority for registration.
- As a guide, an existing club team is classed as:
 - Being registered in the previous season
 - Having at least 6 players from that team registered from the previous season

Existing Independent teams who have transferred to a Club will be considered an existing club team.

- New club teams will be allocated following preference of existing independent teams.
- If capacity has been reached for a division:
 - MDBA is unable to accept new club teams
 - Teams will be notified of this outcome
- Club teams registering to “play up” an age division will be allocated:
 - After all existing club teams
 - After existing independent teams
 - Following new club teams
 - After new independent teams have been allocated

PROCESS FOR ALLOCATING INDEPENDENT TEAMS

- Existing independent teams (**U16 and above only**) registration preference will be allocated after all existing club teams.
As a guide an existing independent team is classed as:
 - being registered in the previous season
 - having at least 6 players from that team registered from the previous season.

- New independent (**U20 and above**) teams will be allocated:
 - after existing club teams,
 - existing independent teams,
 - new club teams.

- Existing independent teams registering to “playing up” an age division, will be allocated:
 - After all existing club teams,
 - After existing independent teams,
 - Following new club teams,
 - Following new independent teams are allocated.

REGISTRATION OPEN AND CLOSE DATES

Tuesday 3rd March 2026 – PlayHQ Season Access (priority club only)

Clubs will be granted access to the season via PlayHQ and can start adding teams.

Tuesday 3th March 2026 – Team Registration Open (public access for independent teams)

Team registration open at 9.30am. (Independent teams).

Tuesday 3rd March 2026 – Player Registration Open (club and independent)

Player registration open at 9.30am.

Thursday 2nd April 2026 – Team Registration/Allocations Deadline (club and independent)

Team registrations close (club and independent teams) at 11.55pm.

Tuesday 7th April 2026 – Player Registration Deadline (club and independent)

- All teams both club and independent must have all players registered by the above date.
- Players need to be registered by this date to assist with grading teams.
- By the player registration deadline, to be fixtured into the competition teams must:
 - have 6 or more players
 - a coach registered
 - team manager

Team withdrawals (club and independent)

Team withdrawal after team registration closure deadline (**Wednesday 8th April 2026**), will incur a \$100 fee (club and independent teams).

Team withdrawal following completion of the grading process and fixture finalisation will incur a \$200 fee (club and independent teams).

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