



Mini-Basketball England Take Six Mini-Basketball National Programme



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We are sometimes asked whether Mini-Basketball and Take Six Mini-Basketball are endorsed by England Basketball. England Basketball as the Governing Body of Basketball supports developments to promote the sport of basketball. Mini-Basketball is affiliated to EB, is a Basketball Partner and was part of the committee that developed the Competitive Framework for schools. The following description of Mini-Basketball appears on the MBE website:

MINI BASKETBALL is Basketball for Children

Mini-Basketball was introduced internationally in 1964 and is now played all over the world by millions of boys and girls under the age of 12.

The world development is administered by the Federation Internationale de Basketball (International Basketball Federation; FIBA) with headquarters in the city of Lucerne, Switzerland. The International objective is to introduce young people to the world of sport in a spirit of friendship and understanding.



MINI-BASKETBALL IS FUN AND FOR ALL

In England School Sports Partnerships, schools and clubs can register with Mini-Basketball England, previously known as the English Mini-Basketball Association (EMBBA). Formed in 1970, the Association was created by officers of the Amateur Basketball Association (now known as the English Basketball Association Ltd) and the English Schools Basketball Association.

Today Mini-Basketball England is affiliated to the English Basketball Association and the Central Council for Physical Recreation (CCPR).

MBE has a National Committee. Members of the committee are elected volunteers who help to promote and develop mini-basketball in schools and clubs. Membership is open to all organisations involved in promoting mini-basketball. Registered members of the National Take Six Mini-Basketball programme are asked to pay an annual fee. MBE is wholly dependent on fees, donations and sponsorship.

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Chairman: Mr Peter Jaques

Members: Di Charles, Ken Charles MBE, Terry Graves, Stephanie Holloway, Mike Howarth, Sue Smithin & Martin Spencer

The committee meets regularly with the Annual AGM held in September.

Talent Identification - Advice from Richard Bailey

Richard Bailey is Professor of Pedagogy at Roehampton University and an advocate for Mini-Basketball. Richard has worked with UNESCO as an Expert Adviser on Physical Education and Sport and with the UK Government as Director of the National Talent Development Project for Physical Education. Over the next 12 months Richard will be working with the Scottish Government on its talent identification strategy.

Richard writes:

I am very familiar with MINI-BASKETBALL and have taken part in various courses. I have used Mini-Basketball on a number of teacher training courses, as I felt that its underlying philosophy reflected my own. Richard suggests:

The best long term approach to talent development is to keep as many children playing as possible. People who talk about choosing "the best kids" ignore a fundamental problem of talent identification: it is virtually impossible to predict the future.

MBE has long held very similar views. Richard has a key phrase 'children should not be viewed as mini-adults'. From his research, Richard has found that physical attributes pre-puberty are a poor predictor of post-puberty stature. Psychological profiling is more robust however.

So Sport for All continues to be the best talent identification strategy. It is important that teachers, coaches and policy makers continue to recognise this.

If you would like to see the papers written by Richard on the subject of talent identification please contact Martin Spencer MBE Education Officer. We thank Richard for making this very important material available to Mini-Basketball England.



Claude Bandawe, Licensed Mini-Basketball Trainer working in Leeds writes:

My U13s won a Bronze medal at the England Final Four Championships; this is further proof that Mini Basketball has the credentials to produce quality. Thanks for your friendship in opening my eyes to the best approach to develop children in sport.



MINI BASKETBALL FESTIVAL A GREAT SUCCESS



The SW SUFFOLK SCHOOLS SPORTS PARTNERSHIP organised a Mini Basketball Festival at HAVERHILL LEISURE CENTRE on the 8th March.

In preparation for the festival the Licensed Trainer Keith Limon went into his primary schools and did some taster sessions. These were a real hit with the children. All primary and middle schools were invited to attend the mini festival. In total 34 students signed up.

Haverhill Town Council kindly sponsored the event making it free to the children.

In the session pupils practised dribbling, passing and shooting activities. They were offered a basketball challenge and a small competition. Each player was given a participation certificate and a pair of Sport Relief socks. Winners of the challenge were given MOLTEN mini-basketballs.

As a finale to the festival the junior leaders, who had helped with the session, played a match against IPSWICH Basketball Club.

The whole day was very enjoyable.

Our programme long term is to deliver basketball into all our schools. We will also arrange festivals and hopefully establish a mini basketball club.

TAKE 6 ACTIVITY FROM THE NORTHAMPTON YEARS 3 & 4 MULTI SPORT FESTIVAL

