



Coach update July 2025



Firstly, what an unbelievable first month it has been for the club, I could not have been happier with the numbers we have seen turning up to the Wednesday night sessions. The first 4 sessions have seen 14, 21, 9 and 21 respectively turn up. This has been a combination of players from social groups who used to meet before the club formed but the majority are completely new members who have been wanting a local club for a long time now. A total of 38 different players have shown up to 1 or more of the sessions. This has been the result of a lot of hard work through social media, our featuring in the Derbyshire Times and through flyer dropping in local leisure centres and secondary schools.

Of course, only so much can be done through our social media pages and there is a lot of word of mouth required which has been happening and is massively appreciated, please keep this going and look to attract as many new members as possible.

I would like to congratulate Charlie Hobson and Ollie Peck who were our clubs first prize winners. By purchasing a membership, they were entered into a random draw to win all of their training sessions free of charge until the end of March 2026. Keep an eye out on our social pages for more competitions and prizes that will be happening throughout the year. I am pleased to say that our kit design competition will feature this month.

As we now go into July, Its an exciting time for the club as our juniors have their first session on Saturday the 5th. I very much look forward to welcoming and working with the juniors who, just like many of our older members, have been wanting to get involved in basketball but had limited local opportunities.

I have set up 2 what's app groups for the Wednesday and Saturday sessions respectively, feel free to join these in which the links are on our Facebook page, for anyone without Facebook, do get in touch with me and I can send you the joining links.

It will also be a month in which eyes will be turning to those on Wednesday nights who are interested in joining and forming our first competitive club team. I am in contact with a few local teams to look at arranging some friendlies in August and September. This will be our first insight to see where we sit as a competitive side which will carry us forward into league entry next year.

We are standing strong currently from a financial perspective in that I am confident as an absolute minimum, we will have venue security for at least another 18 months, I am confident this will extend long past that as well. Chesterfield Basketball Club is here to stay and whilst wanting to keep the social element, the long term ambition of having multiple sessions and competitive teams across several age groups is very much one of the clubs goals. As part of being transparent with both members and non-members, I will be giving more specific detail on where our money is going so keep an eye out on our pages for financial updates in the coming months too.

As always, suggestions and feedback is welcomed, these are preferred by directly messaging the page through Facebook/Instagram or by emailing. As I say in my sessions, I will not always be right and there may be times you disagree with me or the way things are done and that is absolutely fine and to be expected. I will always do what I feel is right for the club who have a massive mixed range of players in terms of their experience and skill level. That said, there will always be the line of disagreement and disrespect which will never be tolerated, I am sure this will never apply to anyone in the club but it is a reminder to always be respectful of everyone, not just me as coach but your fellow teammates too. This club is still new, we are still figuring things out and we need to work together in order to do that successfully.

Thank you and lets continue to grow.

Yours in Basketball

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