



HEAD OF PERFORMANCE SUPPORT

Voluntary SSEM leadership role • Two-year term 2026/27–2027/28

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

GB Maxibasketball is a World and European championship medal-winning programme, founded in 2017/18 and supported by every home nation basketball governing body. Catering for high-level male and female players aged 35+ and older, the programme is a recognised part of the Basketball England Talent Pathway and operates within governing body protocols for national teams.

In 2026, ten GB squads competed at the FIMBA European Maxibasketball Championship in Athens, returning with two medals, and the GB Men's 50+ made history at the inaugural FIBA Masters Open. The programme now prepares for the 2026/27 season and the FIBA Masters Open 2027 cycle.

OUR AMBITION

To provide players with a high-quality platform to continue playing basketball and competing at performance level through regular training and international events.

OUR VISION

Official governing body representative masters teams winning medals at European and World Maxibasketball Championships.

OUR VALUES

Performance first

Know your role and deliver it to the best of your ability. Plan to win — deliver excellence at every opportunity.

Continual improvement

A growth mindset in everything we do. Take risks, make mistakes, learn, innovate and elevate.

Team first

Leave egos at the door. Open, honest and respectful communication, with no blame culture.

A VOLUNTARY PROGRAMME — WHAT THAT MEANS

All GB Maxibasketball roles are voluntary. Staff and players self-fund their participation in training and at international competition, including travel and accommodation. Some material costs are covered for sports science and medicine staff (e.g. therapeutic strapping and first aid equipment).

In return, we offer something money rarely buys: hands-on experience in a national performance programme, structured professional development built on our growth mindset ethos, mentoring from experienced practitioners, and membership of GB Maxibasketball delegations at designated international championships (FIBA or any other recognised international body whose competitions further our competitive aspirations).

THE ROLE

The Head of Performance Support leads the programme's Sports Science, Exercise & Medicine (SSEM) provision, ensuring players are physically prepared, injuries are prevented and managed to professional standards, and every GB team has appropriate medical cover in training and competition.

Reports to	Programme Director
Direct reports	Physiotherapist, Strength & Conditioning Coach, SSEM Practitioners (sports therapy, massage, doctor) and Sport Psychologist
Term	Two years (2026/27–2027/28), subject to annual review
Commitment	Training camps approximately every 6–8 weeks (rotational cover), plus designated international championships

RESPONSIBILITIES

SSEM LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

- Recruit, induct and rota the volunteer SSEM pool — physiotherapist, S&C coach, sports therapists, doctor and psychologist
- Mentor SSEM practitioners and lead their professional development, in line with the programme's growth mindset ethos
- Own clinical governance: screening, treatment and record-keeping standards, EAPs and SOPs, aligned with governing body SSEM practice
- Verify staff credentials, insurance and mandatory training (safeguarding, anti-doping/UKAD awareness)
- Work with Programme Leads and coaches so every selected player has an individual plan covering on-court performance and physical and mental development
- Advise the Programme Director on SSEM budget needs, including strapping, first aid and medical supplies

CAMPS & CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Ensure appropriate SSEM cover at every training camp and on game days
- Own injury protocols — including concussion and return-to-play — and ensure coaches and team managers understand and apply them
- Advise coaches on player availability to train and play
- Coordinate the sports therapy and injury management clinic at championships
- Lead the SSEM element of GB Maxibasketball delegations at designated championships
- Ensure medical kit is fit for purpose, contribute to post-championship reviews, and provide injury/screening summaries to governing body partners

PERSON SPECIFICATION

ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
• HCPC-registered physiotherapist, or equivalent senior SSEM qualification and registration • Substantial experience in a performance sport environment • Experience leading, supervising or mentoring practitioners • Strong communication with coaches, athletes and multi-disciplinary staff • Safeguarding qualification and basic disclosure check (or willingness to obtain)	• Experience working with masters or mature athletes • Knowledge of basketball and its injury profile • Experience of international delegation or tour support • Strength & conditioning knowledge

WHAT YOU GET IN RETURN

- Lead a multi-disciplinary SSEM team within a national performance programme
- Leadership and mentoring development at the head of a practitioner pool
- Membership of GB Maxibasketball delegations at designated international championships
- A professional network across universities, suppliers and governing bodies

HOW TO APPLY

Send a cover letter, CV and recent headshot to info@gbmaxibasketball.co.uk — we are happy to arrange an informal chat first. Basic disclosure checks and references are required for all successful applicants.