

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

SSEM Practitioners provide sports therapy, sports massage and team doctor support to GB squads in training and competition, as part of a rotational volunteer pool led by the Head of Performance Support (alongside the programme's Physiotherapist and Strength & Conditioning Coach, who hold dedicated descriptions). These are genuine CPD roles: practitioners develop their performance sport experience with mature athletes in a mutually supportive environment, mentored by experienced senior practitioners.

Reports to	Head of Performance Support
Works with	Coaches, Team Managers and fellow SSEM practitioners
Term	Rolling recruitment within the two-year programme cycle
Commitment	Rotational: training camps approximately every 6–8 weeks; optional travel with GB Maxibasketball delegations to championships

RESPONSIBILITIES

DELIVERY

- Provide court-side therapy cover at training and on game days
- Provide pre-training and pre-game treatment as required by players
- Design and implement soft-tissue and rehabilitation plans, and injury prevention sessions
- Deliver warm-up and cool-down segments of sessions where requested
- Team doctors: provide medical guidance and cover in line with governing body policy

COMMUNICATION, STANDARDS & COMPETITION

- Operate as part of the SSEM team supporting games and providing pre- and post-game services
- Keep managers and coaches informed of injuries, and advise on player availability to train and play
- Maintain treatment records to the standards set by the Head of Performance Support
- Ensure medical supplies are fit for purpose at training and games — the programme covers material costs such as therapeutic strapping and first aid equipment
- Maintain your own professional knowledge of developments in sports medicine and conditioning

PERSON SPECIFICATION

ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
• Degree-level qualification (or 2nd/3rd year of study) in Sports Therapy/Rehabilitation or Sports Massage; or GMC-registered GP (for team doctor roles) • Appropriate professional registration and insurance for your discipline • Willingness to work within a multi-disciplinary, rotational team • Safeguarding qualification and basic disclosure check (or willingness to obtain)	• Experience in a performance sport environment • Experience working with mature athletes • Knowledge of basketball and its injury profile

WHAT YOU GET IN RETURN

- Guidance and mentoring from our Lead Physiotherapist and senior SSEM practitioners
- Hands-on experience in a high-performance environment with accredited professionals
- Deepened understanding of mature athlete conditioning theory and practice
- An enhanced CV — and the option to travel with GB Maxibasketball delegations to international championships

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.