



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 Sport Psychologist enhances athlete and team performance by developing psychological skills, performance behaviours and an environment that enables athletes and staff to perform consistently under pressure. Part of the SSEM team, it is a blend of consultancy, education, development and applied support — working with coaches, SSEM and athletes so psychology becomes part of the programme's everyday language.

Reports to	Head of Performance Support (as part of the SSEM team)
Works with	Programme Leads, Programme Coaches, SSEM team, Team Managers and players
Term	Two years (2026/27–2027/28), subject to annual review
Commitment	Camps (prioritised, planned delivery), remote sessions between camps, and championship support in person or remotely

RESPONSIBILITIES

INTEGRATED DELIVERY

- Deliver individual consultation and group education across players, coaches and staff — at camps, remotely between camps, and around competition
- Develop a shared performance language: trigger cues, communication with purpose, accountability, and what-if contingency planning
- Align psychological and coaching messages with the Programme Leads, so players experience one consistent performance environment
- Support player profiling early in each cycle, clearly explained for anyone new to the programme
- Agree prioritised psychology delivery within camp schedules, so limited contact time is planned for maximum impact

PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT

- Build a psychological periodisation plan aligned to the championship cycle: reflection, preparation, development and competition readiness
- Bridge the SSEM and coaching teams, contributing the psychological strand of individual player plans
- Support staff buy-in and education, so psychological approaches are reinforced consistently by all staff
- Travel with GB Maxibasketball delegations where possible; where not, agree a remote competition-support plan in advance
- Contribute to post-championship reviews and help shape the future psychology provision as it grows

PERSON SPECIFICATION

ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
• HCPC-registered Sport & Exercise Psychologist, or working towards accreditation (SEPiT / trainee) • Experience in a high-performance setting and of multi-disciplinary working • Excellent communication and relationship-building skills • Competence to deliver individual consultation and group education • Strong understanding of evidence-based psychological interventions • Safeguarding qualification and basic disclosure check (or willingness to obtain)	• Experience working with international teams • Experience supporting athletes across a performance cycle • Experience working with masters athletes • Knowledge of basketball

WHAT YOU GET IN RETURN

- Applied practice within a national governing body performance setting — the hardest, most valuable experience for a trainee to secure
- Breadth of work across athletes, coaches and multi-disciplinary staff through a full championship cycle, with the chance to shape a growing psychology provision
- Membership of GB Maxibasketball delegations at designated 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.