

### SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

2025/26 SEASON



## ABOUT THE WOLVES



Located in Hertfordshire, Oaklands Wolves Basketball Club is delivered in conjunction with Oaklands College Sports Academy; one of the UK's leading academy programmes with over 600 student athletes across 9 high performance sports.

The Wolves offer opportunities for players from under-9 to senior, the UK's only academy programme to have its own professional women's franchise. The Wolves also comprises of two men's teams, junior National League, local league and an expansive community programme, Elevate Basketball.

The Oaklands Wolves Women compete in Super League Basketball Women (SLBW), the highest professional domestic league in the UK. They will take part in their first ever final in the SLBW Trophy Final in January 2025.

The Oaklands Wolves Men compete in National Basketball League (NBL) Division 3 with ambitions to return to NBL Division 1 under new Head Coach Liam Jefferson.

## ABOUT THE WOLVES (CONT.)

Supporting these teams is a formidable Oaklands junior programme and the largest basketball academy in the UK with over 130 basketball student athletes. Together with the rapidly growing junior club and community structure, Oaklands has c. 400 young people engaging with the club on a weekly basis.

The Academy is made up of five boys and a girls team for players 16-19 years of age. Both the elite boys and girls academy teams compete in the Elite Athlete Basketball League (EABL) and WEABL, the top tier for academy teams in England. Oaklands college is also accredited by Basketball England as a Diploma in Sporting Excellence (DiSE) centre, enabling elite student-athletes to excel both on and off the court.

The Junior Club structure compromises of U12, U13, U14, U15, U16 and U18 boys teams, U12, U14, U16, and U18 girls teams as well as our development sessions and elevate programme for those U11's just starting in the game.

## THE WOLVES IN NUMBERS

20 TEAMS

MAKE UP THE WOLF PACK

C.400 YOUNG PEOPLE

ENGAGE ON A WEEKLY BASIS

14,000 FOLLOWERS ACROSS 7 SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS



# IN-PERSON ENGAGEMENT

### **SENIOR TEAMS**

Our Senior Women and Senior Men's team both compete in the SLBW and NBL D3 respectively. Our home games are Saturday evenings at Oaklands College.

### **ACADEMY & CLUB**

Our Academy teams represent the Wolves on both Wednesday afternoons in Academy and College leagues, and on weekends in Junior National League, alongside our junior teams.

### **GAME DAY**

A typical Wolves game day on a weekend will see 150-300 spectators supporting our teams. With refreshments, a merchandise shop and entertainment, it is fun for all the family. In addition, home games are all live-streamed.





## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Our teams have a significant impact across multiple social media channels with Instagram, X (formerly twitter) and YouTube being our main channels.

Across four instagram account we have over 10,000 followers, @oaklandsball (4,503), @oaklands\_men (3,116), @oaklands\_wbbl (2,265) and @oaklands\_jnr (210).

Our X account is followed by 1,900 accounts. All of our home games are broadcast live on YouTube gathering on average 900 views (women) & 300 views (men).

# SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

There are a large number of opportunities for sponsors to engage with our social media accounts, through:

- Sponsored posts
- 'Player of the game' and 'Performance of the week' posts
- Player engagements with products or services
- Sponsorship of game-day livestreams

### **GAME DAY**

Game day sponsorship can include:

- Advertising boards courtside.
- Promotional information shared on our ticketing platform and ticket desk.
- Introduction of 'Best Seat in the House'- a green sofa positioned courtside for fans.
- A set number of game-day tickets for your business.





### **PLAYING KIT SPONSORSHIP**

There are opportunities for businesses logos to be added to our teams playing uniforms, warm-up tops and off court wear for the teams.

### **ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Other additional opportunities could include:

- Individual player sponsorships.
- Player appearances.
- Signed memorabilia.

We are always keen to discuss how we can collaborate with businesses and whilst the list above is just a sample of the opportunities available, we are also willing to explore what works for you and your business.

## THE FUTURE







It is an extremely exciting time to join the Wolfpack as the college and all of our teams have recently undergone a complete brand refresh with a new vibrant and modern brand reflecting the future of the Wolves.

Oaklands College have also recently signed a new sponsorship agreement with Nike, in collaboration with KitKing, to see Nike become the official supplier for all of our men's, academy and junior teams from the 2024/25 season onward. In addition the SLBW have recently signed a league wide sponsor agreement with Reebok to outfit our professional women's team.

Finally, both the club and college are undergoing consultations to explore the feasibility of a purpose built basketball facility to be built on campus in St Albans that would house all of our teams, one of which being an ambitious project that would see our senior men's side strive for promotion to the highest level of British Basketball to join our women's programme.

# MEET OUR TEAM



ANDY MOORE
Vice Principal of Safeguarding,
Behaviour, HE and Academies



THOMAS BAKER
Head of Academies
Former GB U18 Coach



MICHAEL BALL Head of Basketball Former GB U16, U18 & U20 Coach



LEE HARRISON RYAN Head of Performance and SLBW Coach Former GB U18 Coach



LIAM JEFFERSON

Men's Head Coach

Current GB U16 Head Coach

Former GB U20 Coach



SHANICE BECKFORD-NORTON
Girls Academy Head Coach
Commonwealth Games Silver Medalist



### WORK WITH US & JOIN THE PACK

It is an extremely exciting time to join the Wolfpack, if you have an interest in working with us and supporting our work growing the Wolves, and our sport, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact michael.ball@oaklands.ac.uk to discuss.





@ O A K L A N D S B A L L



@ O A K L A N D S B A L L \_ S L B W



@ O A K L A N D S B A L L \_ M E N



@ O A K L A N D S B A L L \_ J N R



@ O A K L A N D S B A L L