

BASKETBALL BALLARAT**GENERAL BY-LAWS****CONTENTS**

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DISCLAIMER

Because sentences using “he/she” become cluttered and difficult to understand, ‘he’ has been used to represent both sexes. What is said applies equally to both he and she.

1 INTERPRETATION OF RULES

- 1.1 The Basketball Ballarat Board shall determine the interpretation of the association rules and shall have the power of deciding, using common sense guidelines, all questions not provided for in the Rules of the Association.

2 AMATEUR LAWS

- 2.1 The amateur laws of Basketball Ballarat (BB) shall be those adopted from time to time by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) or as modified by Basketball Australia (BA), Basketball Victoria (BV). This also applies to the Basketball Victoria Tribunal Regulations.

3 CLUB AND TEAM OFFICIALS RECOGNISED BY BASKETBALL BALLARAT

- 3.1 Only ONE Delegated Official will be recognised from each Club and Team and all official BB matters will be dealt with through that person. Clubs with more than 25 entries may nominate an additional contact for specific purposes such as Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Senior Men, Senior Women etc.
- 3.2 Delegated Officers who will be unavailable for more than seven (7) days should notify the Basketball Manager of the name and contact details of a replacement officer, and the period for which the Delegated Officer will be unavailable.

See Operations Manual – Appendix B: Club and Team Officials

4 CLUBS AND TEAMS

4.1 TEAM ENTRIES

- 4.1.1 Teams shall be entered by: -

- 4.1.1.1 The completion of a team entry form, with a minimum number of players determined by the Basketball Manager.

See also Operations Manual – TEAMS - General Entry Criteria

- 4.1.1.2 The lodging of the entry form with the Basketball Manager

- 4.1.1.3 The payment to the Association of a guarantee fee. This fee will act as a safeguard against Clubs and Teams who fail to pay accounts during the season. If all accounts are paid, the guarantee will carry over from season to season.

See Operations Manual – Appendix A: Current Fees and Charges

- 4.1.2 Teams will be accepted into competitions based on the entry criteria as set out in the Operations Manual.

See Operations Manual – TEAMS – General Entry Criteria

4.2 UNIFORMS

- 4.2.1 Each team shall specify on the entry form, the details of the playing uniform. These are subject to the Basketball Manager’s approval. If the Club or Team desire to alter uniform colours, written application must be made to the Basketball Manager.

- 4.2.2 Any new team, or any existing team wishing to update its uniform, must have reversible singlets with contrasting colours, and the same numbers on both sides.

See Operations Manual - UNIFORMS

4.3 JUNIOR TEAM ENTRIES

- 4.3.1 Clubs entering team in Junior Divisions must enter teams in accordance with guidelines set out in the Operations Manual. Variations on this policy need to be submitted in writing to the Basketball manager on the entry form.

See Operations Manual – TEAMS - Entry Criteria for Junior Teams

4.4 GRADING TEAMS

- 4.4.1 Basketball Ballarat will grade teams into such divisions as are necessary; taking into account the number of entries in a division, the number of byes created on a given

competition day, the relative strength of teams (as determined by grading processes), the number of teams that a Club has in a division and the past performance of a team in a division.

See Operations Manual – JUNIOR COMPETITIONS – Regrading Junior Teams

4.5 WITHDRAWAL OF A TEAM AFTER PUBLICATION OF DRAWS

- 4.5.1 A Club which enters a competition and then has a team or teams withdrawn either by the Club or by the Association after the publication of the final draw in a division will be fined.

See Operations Manual – APPENDIX A: CURRENT FEES AND CHARGES

4.6 ADDITION OF TEAMS AFTER PUBLICATION OF DRAWS

- 4.6.1 A Club which seeks to add a team or teams after the publication of the final draw in a division, will incur an administrative fee. Clearances will not be permitted to any such Club until all fines are paid.

See Operations Manual – APPENDIX A: CURRENT FEES AND CHARGES

4.7 DISBANDING OF CLUBS OR TEAMS

- 4.7.1 A Club or Team shall be considered disbanded when it has not taken part in Association matches for twelve (12) months or when notification of disbanding has been given by the Delegated Officer of the said Club or Team, in writing, to the Basketball Manager.

4.8 AMALGAMATION OF CLUBS OR TEAMS

- 4.8.1 Where a player's Club or Team amalgamates with another Club, Clubs or Team\|s to form a Club, the player shall automatically become a member of the combined Club.

5 PLAYER AFFILIATION AND INSURANCE REGISTRATION

- 5.1 A player is registered with Basketball Ballarat, by virtue of the completion of Basketball Victoria Country Online Affiliation registration and the payment of either a match fee ticket or team sheet fee (and subsequently having his name recorded as a legitimate player on the appropriate scoresheet). This payment contains a proportion of money for Basketball Ballarat registration, for insurance and for affiliation.

- 5.2 A player becomes registered with the Senior or Junior Club or team, with which that player first plays. All clearance matters relate to that Club or team, and not to any Social teams with which that player may also play.

See Operations Manual – PLAYER REGISTRATION

6 ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

6.1 SENIOR

- 6.1.1 Senior Competition is Open Age Competition in Grades designated by letters A, B, C etc. A player shall be permitted to play in more than one match in the same week, commencing on a Monday, provided that the additional game/s are in designated Social Competitions as declared by the Basketball Manager.

See Operations Manual – SENIOR COMPETITIONS – Graded Competitions

See Operations Manual – SENIOR COMPETITIONS – Senior Game Arrangements

- 6.1.2 New Basketball Ballarat Senior Elite Teams' players arriving in Ballarat and other "allocated" players must register with Basketball Ballarat in the first instance and will then be allocated to local teams by the Basketball Manager.

See Operations Manual – ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS – Senior Player Restriction

See Operations Manual – ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS – Miners and Rush Playing Restriction – elite allocated player

- 6.1.3 Senior A Grade Clubs may nominate two players as development players who may play in both A and A1 each week.

See Operations Manual - ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS – A/A1 Development Player

6.2 SOCIAL

- 6.2.1 Basketball Ballarat has designated Social Competitions which exist to encourage new players and teams into local competitions, and which also allow existing players to play second or additional games in a week. The Basketball Manager reserves the right to exclude players from Social Competitions in the interests of fair and even competition.

See Operations Manual – ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS – Restrictions on Social Teams

See Operations Manual – SENIOR COMPETITIONS – Social Competitions

6.3 JUNIOR

- 6.3.1 Junior competition is identified by Competition Titles having restricted age structures, up to a maximum age limit of 21 and Under.
- 6.3.2 New players arriving in Ballarat with the intention or potential to be members of the Junior Elite Teams program, must read and understand the rules governing Junior Elite Teams allocation.
- 6.3.3 Any player by virtue of his age who is eligible to compete in the Under Age grades will be recognised as a Junior player.

See Operations Manual – ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS – Junior Player Restrictions

See Operations Manual - ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS – Elite Junior Player Restriction

See Operations Manual - ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS – JET Playing Restriction

6.4 ELIGIBILITY FOR FINALS

- 6.4.1 To be eligible to play in the finals' series of a season a player must have played in no less than the minimum number of games prescribed by the Basketball Manager for that season.

See Operations Manual – ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

See Operations Manual – PREMIERSHIP POINTS – Eligibility for finals

See Operations Manual – COMPETITION REGULATIONS

6.5 FORFEITING A MATCH

- 6.5.1 The forfeiture of a match will affect the number of games played by a particular player.

See Operations Manual – PREMIERSHIP POINTS – Eligibility for Finals

6.6 INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS

- 6.6.1 Clubs may interchange players under various circumstances as set out in the Operations Manual.

See Operations Manual – ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS – Interchange of Players

6.7 EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- 6.7.1 The conditions stated in this by-law and relevant Operations Manual sections may be waived under exceptional circumstances as determined by the Basketball Manager (or a delegated body, consisting of the Basketball Manager and a representative of the Competitions and Programs Committee). Each case shall be considered on its individual merits.

7 INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- 7.1 Any team which is found to be playing or have played an ineligible player/s may be fined, and shall forfeit all matches in which the player took part and the opposing team awarded the premiership points.

See Operations Manual- INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

8 COMPETITION REGULATIONS

- 8.1 All matches will be conducted under official FIBA rules with allowance for local variations.
 8.2 Variations will include such area as Number of Players, Late Arrivals, Time Outs, Timing Rules, Fingernails, Junior 'Common Sense' Condition, Mixed Competitions, Technical Fouls, Abandoned or Unplayable Games, Rescheduling of Games, Finals Series
 8.3 For a full list of variations read the Operations Manual

See Operations Manual – COMPETITION REGULATIONS

9 PROTESTS

- 9.1 Any team desiring to lodge a protest in respect to any match, must lodge such protest in writing with the Basketball Manager within forty-eight (48) hours of the match, who in consultation with the Chairperson of the competitions and Programs Committee will determine if a protest meeting is required. The parties concerned shall be entitled to attend any such meeting at which the protest shall be heard.

10 SCORETABLE REPRESENTATIVE

- 10.1 It is the responsibility of each team to provide a competent and attentive scorer and/or timekeeper for the match in which it is competing.
 10.2 The duties and responsibilities of the Scoretable representative are listed in the Operations Manual.

See Operations Manual – SCORETABLE REPRESENTATIVE

11 PREMIERSHIP POINTS

- 11.1 Premiership points for competitions can be found in the Operations Manual.
 11.2 If a team is regraded, then premiership points will be allocated as set out in the Operations Manual.
 11.3 The Competitions and Programs Committee may determine the structure of finals series for all competitions.

See Operations Manual – PREMIERSHIP POINTS

12 WALKOVERS

12.1 NOTIFICATION OF WALKOVERS AND FINES

12.1.1 SENIOR COMPETITION

- 12.1.1.1 Notified earlier than 6 hours before game time

See Operations Manual – APPENDIX A – CURRENT FEES AND CHARGES

- 12.1.1.2 Notified less than 6 hours before game time

See Operations Manual – APPENDIX A – CURRENT FEES AND CHARGES

12.1.2 JUNIOR COMPETITION

- 12.1.2.1 Notified earlier than 6 hours before game time

See Operations Manual – APPENDIX A – CURRENT FEES AND CHARGES

- 12.1.2.2 Notified less than 6 hours before game time

See Operations Manual – APPENDIX A – CURRENT FEES AND CHARGES

12.2 NUMBER OF WALKOVERS

- 12.2.1 A team giving in excess of two (2) walkovers in any one season may be asked to meet with the Basketball Manager to discuss the possible termination of acceptance of that team in the Association's competitions.

12.3 FORFEITURE OF MATCH

- 12.3.1 If a team forfeits a match by default by refusing to continue to play, the offending team may be liable for a fine.

See Operations Manual – APPENDIX A – CURRENT FEES AND CHARGES

13 FINES PAYMENTS

- 13.1 Any fine or charge incurred by a Club or team MUST be paid within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the account. Fines and/or charges not paid within fourteen (14) days may attract an additional penalty per week for each week the account is overdue.

See Operations Manual – APPENDIX A – CURRENT FEES AND CHARGES

14 APPROACHES TO PLAYERS

- 14.1 There are restrictions on players training or negotiating a transfer with another Club during playing seasons. All players whether they play in Junior or Senior elite teams, or a local player and Club officials should be aware of these restrictions.

See Operations Manual – APPROACHES TO PLAYERS

15 CLEARANCES

15.1 LODGEMENT OF A CLEARANCE

- 15.1.1 Any player desiring a clearance from his Club must lodge with the Basketball Manager such application on the prescribed form. Clearance forms for junior players must also be endorsed by his parent/guardian.
- 15.1.2 Any Clearance Application must be accompanied by the prescribed fee.

See Operations Manual - CLEARANCES

16 APPEALS - CLEARANCES

16.1 APPEALS

- 16.1.1 Under the provisions relating to Clearances enforced by Basketball Victoria, the ability to appeal has been restricted to grounds which relate to whether a player has fulfilled his obligations to a Club. The obligations which are commonly created relate to payment of fees, return of Club property and written commitments to play for a particular season.
- 16.1.2 Should a player be disqualified or suspended by his Club, he shall have the right of appeal.
- 16.1.3 The Tribunal and Appeals Committee will hear no appeal unless the applicant has discharged all financial obligations to his Club.
- 16.1.4 Where a player has given his Club a written commitment to play with that club in a particular season, he shall not be entitled to have a contested clearance heard by the Tribunal and Appeals Committee until the end of the season.
- 16.1.5 The Tribunal and Appeals Committee will hear appeals if the facts relating to the obligations are in dispute.

16.2 APPEALS BODY

- 16.2.1 Three (3) independent members of the Tribunal and Appeals Committee shall form the Committee, which shall deal with all appeals. The Committee shall have a Secretary appointed by the Basketball Ballarat Board who shall control all business pertaining to appeals and keep such records of all hearings as are necessary. An

independent Director of Basketball Ballarat may be requested to attend an appeal hearing by the Tribunal and Appeals Committee as an adviser to the Committee.

- 16.2.2 The Tribunal and Appeals Committee shall hear any appeal within seven (7) days of same being lodged. A bond may be requested by the Tribunal and Appeals Committee and if the request is proved to be frivolous, at the discretion of the Committee, then the bond shall be forfeited.

16.3 METHOD OF LODGING AND DEALING WITH APPEALS

- 16.3.1 All appeals must be lodged with the Basketball Manager or his delegate with the requisite deposit and must set out the grounds of appeal.
- 16.3.2 Details relating to the procedures for clearance appeals, eligibility to attend clearance appeal hearings and regulations governing clearance appeal hearing can be found in the Operations Manual.
- See Operations Manual – CLEARANCES – Clearance Appeals**

17 REGULATIONS DEALING WITH THE CONDUCT OF PLAYERS, COACHES, SPECTATORS AND PARENTS

17.1 CODES OF CONDUCT

- 17.1.1 All players, coaches, spectators and parents must abide by the Basketball Victoria Codes of Conduct as displayed on the Basketball Victoria website as well as the Basketball Ballarat Operations Manual.

17.2 BASKETBALL BALLARAT STADIUMS

- 17.2.1 It is the duty of all people entering a Basketball Ballarat stadium to obey the directions given by the Basketball Ballarat official appointed to take charge of the stadium.
- 17.2.2 The Basketball Ballarat Board may discipline any person who is proved guilty of any breach of the conduct in any stadium controlled by Basketball Ballarat.
- See Operations Manual – APPENDIX D – CODES OF CONDUCT**

18 REPORTABLE OFFENCES AND TRIBUNAL PROCEDURES

18.1 TRIBUNALS

- 18.1.1 A tribunal consisting of not less than two (2) members and not more than five (5) members shall be the disciplinary body with jurisdiction over any player, Club or Association official, Scoretable official or spectator regarding any incident arising from a match conducted by Basketball Ballarat or an affiliated Association. The incident may have occurred before, during or after the game.
- 18.1.2 The tribunal has the power to suspend, disqualify, fine or ban any such person.
- 18.1.3 Procedures relating to Reportable Offences, Duties of Officials, Tribunal attendees, penalties and appeals can be found in the Tribunal Operations Manual.
- See TRIBUNAL OPERATIONS MANUAL**

19 REPORTING AN OFFICIAL

19.1 REPORTING A REFEREE OR OTHER OFFICIAL

- 19.1.1 A player or team (through its captain) may report any official for any misconduct such as those mentioned in the Tribunal Operations Manual.
- 19.1.2 Procedures for such a report can be found in the Tribunal Operations Manual.
- See TRIBUNAL OPERATIONS MANUAL**