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# **1 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS and Teams**

## **1.1 Closing Date**

a) Team entry closing date to be set by the relevant Junior or Senior Delegate committee. After release of season fixtures, new teams can only be included after the completion of Round 3 of season competition, subject to approval by Domestic Competition Officer.

b) Players must register with the Basketball Victoria's System (PlayHQ) referred to as "The System" throughout, which will add them to the SBA and their clubs' data base. Clubs are then required to allocate players to the teams' roster via their data base prior to the first round (including grading). Players, who do not appear on the electronic scoring system team roster / scoresheet, prior to playing their first game, can add their details prior to taking the court. After playing first round, players are required to register as a new player per By-Law 1.3.

## **1.2 Player Restriction per Competition**

A senior player can only be registered to one (1) team in the seniors and masters' Competition.

A Junior player can be registered to a maximum of two (2) Junior age competitions as long as By-Law 1.8 is met.

## **1.3 New Players**

During the season, new players or fill-ins, prior to taking the court, must add their details on the electronic scoring system / scoresheet to be added to the team. Prior to playing their next game, a new player must register on "The System" if not already registered and arrange with the team's club to be allocated to the team's roster. A new unregistered player is only permitted to add their details on the electronic scoring/scoresheet once per season. Breach of this By-Law will mean player/s and/or teams are not registered and will be penalised as per By-Law 1.6.

## **1.4 Team Fees**

Clubs are to pay all team fees as invoiced by due date. Refer to By-Law 7.6.

## **1.5 Player Fees**

SBA endorses the clubs by ensuring all players are financial and will assist to ensure players meet their financial obligation.

## **1.6 Penalties**

All teams found to be playing an unregistered/uncleared player/s will forfeit. If forfeiting team loses, score will remain, and no premiership points will be awarded to this team. If the forfeiting team wins, a score of 20 - 0 in favour of the losing team will be awarded with no premiership points being awarded to the forfeiting team.

## **1.7 Junior Age Restriction for Senior Competition**

Junior competition players must turn 16 years of age within the current senior season to be eligible to play in the SBA senior competition.

Exception: Players who are turning 15 or are 15 and not turning 16 years of age within the current senior season, can apply to the Senior Delegate Committee for special dispensation to play in the senior competition, as long as they meet the Senior Delegate Committee criteria.

Players under 18 years of age must have written consent on an SBA Indemnification form from their parent or guardian to play in the SBA senior competition. Clubs are to ensure that they have received a completed SBA Indemnification form prior an U18 player playing in a senior team. Clubs are to keep copies of indemnity forms.

Clubs will be **fined** (refer Appendix A), **per offence**, if they allow a player to play who does not turn 16 years of age in the Senior season and have not received approval from the Senior Delegate Committee and if they fail to receive a completed indemnity form. No other exceptions will be considered.

#### **1.8 Junior Competition Level Restriction**

Junior players may not play in a competition level which is more than one level higher than their qualifying age level. Refer to By-Law 1.15 for qualifying age level. Penalty as per By-Law 1.6

#### **1.9 Latest Time for Registration**

Clubs cannot register new Senior or Junior competition players to teams within the last four (4) home and away rounds. Penalty per By-Law 1.6

#### **1.10 Proof of Age and Identification**

All new Junior or Masters' Competition players must provide proof of age documents to their clubs.

The SBA reserves the right to ask from clubs for proof of age and or identification documents for any player from any competition. When the SBA requests, by email, proof of age or identification document for a player, the club has five (5) business days to provide the document. If after the five (5) business days the club fails to provide the requested document, penalty per By-Law 1.6 will apply to the team for every game the player plays after the five (5) business days has elapsed, until requested document is received.

#### **1.11 Allocation of New Players to Clubs**

If a new player enquires at the stadium / website or to an SBA official, their details must be forwarded to the appropriate Senior or Junior Delegates Committee or nominated person for Club allocation.

#### **1.12 Registration Acceptance**

SBA has the right to accept or reject any entries without question.

#### **1.13 Player Numbers per Team**

Junior Competition teams may only have up to a maximum of 10 players entitled to play in a game. All junior teams must accept up to 10 players before a waiting list is commenced. Senior and master's competition teams may have up to a maximum of 12 players entitled to play in a game. FIBA rule 4.2.1 states "No more than 12 team members entitled to play".

#### **1.14 Senior Age Restrictions**

- a) The Master's Women competition is restricted to women aged 30 years or over.
- b) The Master's Men's competition is restricted to men aged 35 years or over.
- c) Clubs will be required to ensure that they have sighted proof of age documentation from all players in the senior age restriction competitions and have their correct date of birth registered on "The System".
- d) A new player who has never played in any SBA domestic competitions before and plays after Round 1, must register per By-Law 1.3 and give proof of age to their club registrar so the player can be allocated to the team via "The System."
- e) Penalty per By-Law 1.6 will apply to teams playing underage players.
- f) Master's Competition players are eligible to also play in a Senior Competition.

### **1.15 Junior Qualifying Age Level**

In regard to all Junior competitions, players must be under the age of the competition level as of midnight on the 31st of December of the year the competition concludes. To commence playing basketball, a player must turn 6 years of age in the calendar year that the competition concludes. Failure to comply means player is not registered. By-Law 1.6 will apply.

### **1.16 Club Registration**

A player may only register/play with one club per competition.

### **1.17 SBA Database**

The SBA conducts five (5) separate domestic competitions, Seniors / Masters / Juniors/ All Abilities and Flight Path. Players must be registered on “The System” via their domestic clubs to be allocated to teams.

- a) A junior player allocated to a team is only permitted to fill in for teams in one higher age level and/or any higher grades.  
Senior Players allocated to a team are only permitted to fill in for teams in higher grades.  
Juniors also playing seniors must be allocated to teams in both competitions.  
Exception – refer to By-Law 4.7 Elevating players in Finals.  
Seniors also playing Masters’ must be allocated to teams in both competitions.  
Exception – refer to By-Law 4.7 Elevating players in Finals.
- b) U10 competition is run by the SBA in unison with domestic clubs. Families will register players for Flight Path on “The System” and then the office will allocate them to their club/team for the season.

## **2 TIMING RULES**

### **2.1 Normal Rounds (50 Minute Schedule - 20 minute halves)**

Each team is permitted three (3) minutes warm-up at the beginning of the game. Referees cannot vary this warmup time.

First Half:

- one time out per team
- clock will stop for referee's time outs only.
- no substitutions in last minute of the half unless compulsory
- no time out in the last minute of the half
  
- Half Time – two (2) minutes duration

Second Half:

- one time out per team
- clock will stop for all referee's time outs.
- clock will stop in the last three (3) minutes for all time outs, all shooting fouls and all compulsory substitutions.
- in the last minute of the game clock will stop for all whistles

### **2.2 Finals (60 Minute Schedule – 20 minute halves)**

Each team is permitted three (3) minutes warm-up at the beginning of the game. Referees cannot vary this warmup time.

First Half:

- two time outs per team.
- clock will stop for ALL time outs.
- clock will stop for ALL whistles in the last minute.
  
- Half Time – two (2) minutes duration

Second Half:

- two time outs per team
- clock will stop for ALL time-outs.
- in the last three (3) minutes clock will stop for ALL whistles

Extra periods will only be played in finals if scores are tied at the end of playing time. Extra periods in finals will continue to be played until a winner is decided.

- five minutes duration
- one time out per team
- in the last three (3) minutes clock stops for ALL whistles

### **2.3 Penalties for Late Starts**

Late starts will incur a two (2) point penalty for each minute (or part thereof). Ten minutes late will deem the result of the game to be a walkover and relative penalties will also apply. Score awarded to team receiving walkover will be 20 – 0.



## **2.4 Starting Time**

Referees only will signify the start of the game. Games will be started at the scheduled time with the referees present on court. Exception to this will be if previous games are running overtime as each team must be allowed 3 minutes warm-up time. Referees must give a one minute warning before starting the game and starting the clock at all times.

## **2.5 Provision of Scorers/Timer Bench Official**

- a) Each team is responsible for providing a competent scorer or timer bench official to act either as scorer or timekeeper. Teams not represented on the bench have no recourse if they are not satisfied with the manner in which the game is either scored or timed.
- b) All clubs must provide competent scorers &/or timers on each day of final series as per roster provided by the relevant committee. Refer to Appendix A for penalty for non attendance.

## **2.6 Club Delegates at Finals**

On day of finals all club delegates are to make themselves available at the stadium to assist the relative committee chairperson. Refer to Appendix A for penalty for non attendance.

## **2.7 Team Responsibilities for Game Clock & Scoresheet**

First named team on electronic scoring system/scoresheet is responsible for operating game clock. Second named team is responsible for scoresheet. Duties may be exchanged if score-bench persons agree.

### **3 WALKOVERS**

#### **3.1 Un-notified**

For Seniors, Masters and Juniors refer to Appendix A for relevant fine amount.

#### **3.2 Notified**

Refer to Appendix A for relevant fine amount.

Advice of walkover must be submitted to the SBA Domestic Competition Officer via e-mail as follows: -

Tuesday night Masters' and Seniors, no later than 10.00 am on the Monday prior to round.

Wednesday night Seniors, no later than 10.00 am on the Tuesday prior to round.

Saturday Juniors, no later than 10.00 am on the Friday prior to round.

The SBA domestic competition officer will notify the opposing club delegate and the Referee Supervisor.

#### **3.3 Team Disqualification due to three (3) walkovers in a season**

After a team has given a third walkover in a season, whether notified or not notified, the team will be disqualified for the remainder of season. Refer to Appendix A for disqualification fee.

#### **3.4 Payment of Fees**

All walk-over fees must be paid to the SBA Treasurer within 14 days of receipt of relative Invoice.

#### **3.5 Score Allocation**

Teams winning by walk-over shall be awarded a score of 20 – 0.

#### **3.6 Refund of Fees**

In the event of a walk-over the team(s) will have their team sheet fee and door entry fee refunded.

#### **3.7 Game Qualification**

In the event of a walkover, game qualification for finals will be given to all players of the winning team who are allocated to the team on "The System". There will be no game qualification given to the players from the team giving the walkover.

#### **3.8 Team Suspension or Disqualification**

Teams suspended from the competition or disqualified for giving three (3) walk-overs are not liable for future walk-over fees during the rest of the season.

## **4 PLAYER QUALIFICATION**

### **4.1 Registration**

All players must be registered as per Section 1 of these By-Laws.

### **4.2 Players checked in on Electronic Scoring System or Scoresheet.**

- a) A player's name (first name plus surname), must be on the Electronic scoring system or scoresheet before taking to the court.
- b) For finals qualification each player must be checked in on electronic scoring system or scoresheet as present.
- c) To qualify for finals a player must have been checked in as present for their team in one half of the scheduled playing rounds, i.e. the number of playable games team can play in the season, byes do not count. In the case of uneven number of playing rounds, the required number of games for finals qualification shall be rounded up to the next whole number. Example: - in a 15 round competition where, a team has two (2) byes, half of the 13 available playing games would be 6.5, rounding up would be 7 games required to qualify for finals.
- d) In the case of injured players and/or pregnant women, the individual, if allocated to team roster, is permitted to be checked in as present for the games they attend. Medical certificates may also be accepted as evidence of injury/illness and can be used for exemption to game qualification criteria, only if the medical certificate is submitted to the relevant Senior or Junior Delegate Committee within fourteen (14) days of the diagnosis. Certificates received after 14 days may not be accepted.
- e) Junior players have to pay a player fee at the door and be at the game to be checked in as present.
- f) Player's names may be added to the electronic scoring or scoresheet at any stage during the game. However, they must be on the electronic scoring or scoresheet before they take the court.
- g) Any missing or incomplete names will be treated as unregistered players. Penalty as per By-Law 1.6.

### **4.3 Clearance from another Club**

If a player is cleared to another club, the player must qualify for finals from the date of the clearance to the new club. Qualifying cannot be transferred from club to club.

### **4.4 Byes**

In the case that a competition has byes during the season, zero points will be given to teams who have byes, and the byes will not count towards final qualification games.

### **4.5 Game Limit in Higher Grades for the Senior Competition**

A senior player may play a maximum of five (5) games in higher grades. Once a player has played a total of 6 games in higher grades, the player must play in the next higher grade that the player is currently registered in. Players playing in lower grades than the grade they are registered will be treated as unregistered and penalty will be per By-Law 1.6

E.g., if a player is allocated in D grade and plays 5 games in higher grades, he then becomes allocated in 'C' grade and can no longer play 'D' grade for the remainder of the season. This same player can still continue to play in higher grades than 'C' grade, but once he plays another 5 games in higher grades, he then becomes allocated in 'B' grade and can no longer play 'C' grade for remainder of the season. The player is still permitted to continue to play in higher grades.

#### **4.6 Game Limit per Week and per Night**

- a) A senior player may only play one game per night within the SBA senior domestic competition. Exception: To assist a team who will give a walkover because they have 3 or fewer players. Players may fill in to play a second game, as long as they are playing up in grade and player numbers do not exceed four (4).  
Note: If team players arrive after the start of the game, fill in players are permitted to continue to play.
- b) A junior player may play one only senior game per week within the SBA domestic competition.
- c) In any instances of a player playing two or more games in one senior round, penalties shall apply to the team(s) for which that player is not allocated. Exception to this By-Law, see 4.6 a).
- d) A junior player may play two only junior games per week within the SBA domestic competition. Penalty as per By-Law 1.6.

#### **4.7 Elevating Players in Finals**

When a club team of Seniors/Juniors qualifies for the finals series and due to injury/unavailability, cannot field a team of five (5) players (for Seniors) and six (6) players (for Juniors), that team may elevate players from lower grades/age groups to bring their player numbers up to five (5) for Seniors and six (6) for Juniors, as long as such players have qualified in their respective grade/age groups and that grade/age group has been eliminated from the finals series and is not/was not involved in that round of finals. In regard to junior players being elevated to senior finals whilst still involved in the junior finals' series, this is permissible as long as they meet the requirements of all other By- Laws. Eligible Junior A Grade players can only be elevated to Senior A or B Grade finals.

Senior players who have been eliminated from finals may be elevated to play in masters finals to make up to five (5) players, as long as they meet the age criteria to play masters and they have qualified in their respective grade.

#### **4.8 Representative Players**

All junior representative players must play Sunbury domestic basketball. An exemption not to play, due to the schedule does not permit or their workload is too great, must be submitted and approved by the General Manager/Coaching Director. Representative Coaches are in no way to influence their players against playing Sunbury domestic basketball.

#### **4.9 Game Limit in Higher Grades for the Junior Competitions**

A junior player is only permitted to play four (4) games in a higher age/grade. Once they have played a fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) game they are tied to that higher age/grade. This Bylaw does not apply to an U10 player playing in the U12 Competition. They can play both grades all season. It is important not to confuse this By-Law with 4.10.

#### **4.10 Allocating of Players to a Second Junior Team**

A player may play in a second team which is higher in age (e.g.: Under 14 may play Under 16) but the player must also be allocated to the second team by their club. The player's Club must also nominate and register such to the Domestic Competition Officer via their Junior Delegate, prior to the commencement of the season inclusive of grading rounds. All other restrictions and terms of eligibility apply to this player. Players playing up an age group must not play in a grade more than one level below the grade they play in regularly (E.g.: An Under 14 "A" grade player must not play in any team below Under 16 "B" grade). Any player who breaches the conditions of this By-Law shall be declared an ineligible player for the team in which they do not regularly play and penalties as outlined in By-Law 1.6 shall be applicable.

## **5 UNIFORMS**

## **5.1 General**

No player will be permitted to take the court unless attired in the correct uniform as registered with the SBA.

## **5.2 Colour and Design**

Team singlets, shorts and numbers are to be of the same colour and design and in a good state of repair.

## **5.3 Permitted Playing Numbers**

- a) Numbers 1-99 are permitted. 0 and 00 are only permitted as blood singlets.
- b) Duplicate numbers are not permitted.
- c) Taped or hand written numbers are not permitted.

## **5.4 Under Garments**

- a) The SBA will enforce the FIBA ruling which includes:  
Players are permitted to wear arm and leg compression sleeves. Compression sleeves for all players on the team must be of the same basic colour.
- b) T-shirts will not be permitted to be worn under singlet without prior written consent from the SBA Board. If permitted to be worn they must be the same basic colour as the team uniform.

## **5.5 Interchanging of Singlets or Shorts**

No interchange of singlets or shorts will be allowed during the game with the exception as per By-Law 5.9.

## **5.6 Clash of Numbers**

Singlets are not permitted to be worn inside out to avoid a clash of numbers.

## **5.7 Correct Shorts**

- a) All players should be in correct shorts after the third (3) round of the season.
- b) Athletic shorts, bathers or the like will not be permitted to be worn in place of playing shorts.
- c) No shorts with pockets will be permitted.

## **5.8 Footwear**

Non-marking soled footwear will be the only footwear permitted on the court area.

## **5.9 Open Wound or Blood**

Any player with an open wound must be substituted immediately from the court. Before the player is allowed back into the game, the wound should be treated so that no further bleeding occurs. The wound should be covered or sutured. Where blood appears on any part of the uniform the player must change that part of the uniform. No penalty will apply if the substitute uniform does not match the normal team uniform. If there is blood on the ball, the ball must be replaced. Club/team whose player bleeds is responsible for cleaning up the blood using the blood kit available from the Door Person.

## **5.10 Hire of Singlets**

Singlets may be hired from the Door Person at a cost per Appendix A. This should be paid prior to using. If not, the club will be invoiced. Hired singlets must be returned to the Door Person immediately after the game.

## **5.11 Club Colours**

Clubs must request the SBA Committee in writing for approval of club colours and design on shorts and singlets as well as alternative colours. Any changes of approved club uniform must have written approval of SBA. Clubs will have priority of colour as per the priority listing on Appendix C. Where colour clashes occur, team which has priority has the right to wear the colours. The other team must change to alternative colour.

## **6 CLEARANCES**

### **6.1 General**

All players in the SBA domestic competition must complete clearance procedures as laid down in these By-Laws if they wish to represent an SBA club other than the SBA club they last registered with.

### **6.2 Clearance Eligibility**

Players who have played in the current season must submit an online clearance by the completion of the second last home and away round (midnight) to play for a team in another club in the forthcoming season. Late clearances received from players who played in the current season will incur a late clearance fee of times two (2X) of the normal clearance fee per Appendix A.

Note: Clubs can deny a current season player's late clearance if player is nominated and / or allocated to a team and therefore cannot clear to another club till the following season.

A player can have a clearance late fee waived per the following conditions: -

- The current club has no team available or if the player has extenuating circumstances that warrants a club change.
- Players who did not play in the season pertaining to the clearance eligibility can apply for a clearance anytime.

### **6.3 Exemptions**

The following categories are exempt from these clearance requirements.

- a) Players last registered with an SBA club that no longer exists
- b) Players never previously registered with an SBA club
- c) Players playing for a club team in a tournament.
- d) Players playing in a composite team made up from two or more clubs.

### **6.4 Approved Form and Fee**

The SBA clearance/transfer procedure, set out on the SBA website, is to be used. The current clearance/transfer fee, per Appendix A, is to be paid prior to the SBA Administration Office, finalising the clearance/transfer.

### **6.5 Club Responsibilities.**

The clearing (current) club has two (2) weeks, from the date clearance raised, to approve or deny the clearance before it is auto-approved.

### **6.6 SBA Responsibilities**

All approved clearances will be processed by SBA within three (3) business days. Any denied clearance should be referred to the relevant Senior or Junior Delegate committee via the player's future club for deliberation and resolution. If a player has not played with an SBA club for two (2) seasons and there are no financial obligations or outstanding uniform / equipment liabilities to that club, an uncontested clearance will be granted during the third or subsequent seasons.

### **6.7 Maximum Number**

A player cannot be granted more than one clearance per season without SBA Board approval.

### **6.8 Finals Qualification**

Final's qualification cannot be transferred from club to club.

### **6.9 Financial Obligations**

No player shall be granted a clearance unless all financial obligations have been met, including the return of club-owned uniform or equipment.

### **6.10 Confirmation of Clearance**

The future club and/or player will be advised, via the online clearance system, the clearance outcome. Clearance status is also listed on SBA website.

### **6.11 Clearance between Teams in Same Club**

Clearances between teams in the same club and playing in the same age-group will be granted in the first four (4) weeks of any season after the Domestic Competition Officer has been notified.

### **6.12 General**

Any issues arising from these By-Laws are to be forwarded to the relevant Junior or Senior Delegates committee.

## **7 PROTEST AND PENALTIES**

### **7.1 Time for Lodgement**

Domestic competition protest or complaint must be lodged in writing to the Domestic Competitions Officer within 7 days from the incident. Such protest or complaint must be duly endorsed by the relevant club secretary. The Competitions manager will make an informed suggestion to the relevant Junior or Senior Delegates Committee for their deliberation and decision.

Jets complaints should be lodged with the Coaching Director, only after reading the Jets Player Standards and Expectations' and the selection and feedback information found on the website.

Grading complaints should be lodged in writing via the club secretary to the Domestic Competitions Officer who will on forward to the grading committee with relevant information for deliberation and decision.

### **7.2 Complaints against Referees**

All complaints regarding referees must be lodged, within 7days of incident, via the club secretary to the Secretary of the VBRA Sunbury Branch for appropriate action and response.

### **7.3 Appeals against Sub-Committee Decisions**

Appeals against sub-committee decisions must be lodged in writing to the SBA Secretary within 7 days from notification in writing of the decision via the club secretary.

### **7.4 Appeals against the SBA Board Decisions**

Appeals against the SBA Board decisions must be lodged in writing to Basketball Victoria.

### **7.5 Power to Impose Penalties**

The elected Committee of the Association (The Board) has the right to impose penalties for breach of By-Laws contained herein which have no specific penalty.

### **7.6 Non-Payment by Clubs**

Should any club suffer from financial strain and is not in a position to pay their outstanding invoices, the club is to seek a meeting with the SBA Board within 30 days of the earliest dated outstanding invoice. When a club has not sought a meeting with the SBA Board within the 30 days, the SBA Board will notify the club of their obligation and seek an immediate meeting.

Note: The SBA Board, per the Rules of Sunbury Basketball Association Incorporated, reserves the right to start proceedings to cease the club's membership in the association if not completely satisfied of the club's willingness to meet their obligations.

### **7.7 Tampering with Electronic Scoring System or Scoresheet**

Any person identified as checking in a player to team who is not present or a player playing under another player's name or tampering with the electronic scoring or scoresheet in any other way, will be reported for unsportsmanlike behaviour. A person may be offered a 2-week suspension by the relevant Junior or Senior Delegates committee or placed on report, depending on the severity of offence.



### **7.8 Penalty for Withdrawal of Team**

A fine will apply for withdrawal of teams from Senior or Junior competitions after the completion Round 3 of the season proper. Refer Appendix A

Teams withdrawn after release of season proper fixture and prior to the completion of Round 3 will only incur a notified walkover fee. Refer Appendix A

### **7.9 Dispute against Loss of Points**

Any dispute against loss of points must be lodged with the Domestic Competitions Officer within fourteen (14) days of the respective game. The Domestic Competitions Officer will liaise with the relevant Junior or Senior Delegate committee to deliberate and resolve.

## **8 GENERAL RULES**

### **8.1 Rescheduled or Cancelled Games**

The relevant Junior or Senior Delegate Committee reserves the right to re-schedule, alter or cancel, the fixtured games and/or finals as the need may arise. The grading committee may re-grade teams as the need may arise, if it is to the betterment of the competition.

### **8.2 Ladder and Regraded Teams**

With the Ladder Points Average system, regraded teams will start in new grade from scratch, with no points and percentage carried over. Players in regraded teams shall take with them their finals qualification games to their new regraded grade.

Ladders will be run under the Points Average System. i.e. Points awarded divided by games played. Example: - in 9 games played team had 5 wins, 3 losses and a draw, total points = 20. Therefore 20 divided by 9 = 2.22 Points Average.

#### Ladder positions.

Teams will be sorted based on their point's average. If more than one team is on the same points average then they will be sorted by highest %, then points for / against and then lastly by head to head result.

#### Points scheme

- Win – 3 pts
- Loss – 1 pt
- Draw – 2 pts
- Win by Forfeit – 3 pts
- Loss by Forfeit – 0 pts
- Win by Disqualification – 3 pts
- Loss by Disqualification – 0 pts
- Abandoned Game - refer to By-Law 8.22.
- Cancelled Game – refer to By-Law 8.33.
- Byes – 0 pts

### **8.3 Approval for Non-Surgical Prosthesis**

All non-surgical prosthesis (knee braces, plaster arm supports etc.) which are of a solid construction (e.g., contain metal supports or consist of a plaster cast type support) must be viewed by the relevant Junior or Senior Delegate Committee and have written approval before the player can take the court wearing the support.

### **8.4 Minimum Players per Game**

Teams must have at least four (4) players on the court before the game can commence.

### **8.5 Fingernails and Jewellery**

Fingernails must be cut to a safe length prior to the start of the game. Players refusing to cut their nails when requested to do so by the Referee may not take the court. Taped fingernails are not acceptable. The wearing of approved gloves is permitted. All jewellery, except flat wedding rings, must be removed.

### **8.6 Alcohol and Drugs**

Persons under the influence of alcohol and/or substances will not be permitted to play and will be evicted from the stadium.

### **8.7 Drinks or Food on Court**

Players and spectators are not permitted on the court area with drinks or food.

#### **8.8 Chewing Gum**

Chewing gum is not permitted in playing area.

#### **8.9 Sweeping Courts**

Teams playing the first scheduled game for the sessions must sweep the court prior to commencement of the warmup period. All teams using the courts for training must sweep the courts prior to commencement of training.

#### **8.10 Match Ball for Senior Competition**

For the Senior competition, the SBA will provide one match ball for each court which is to remain under the control of the referees or the Door Person whilst games are not in play.

#### **8.11 Inappropriate Behaviour**

- a) Inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated in the stadium by any person. The door manager, Referee Supervisor and SBA Board members have the right to evict any persons using inappropriate behaviour in the stadium.
- b) A player, coach, official, spectator and/or team may be reported and face disciplinary action per the Rules of Sunbury Basketball Association Incorporated. A spectator, who is not a member of the SBA, may be barred from any and /or all venues operated by the SBA for a period to be deemed appropriate by the relevant committee or tribunal.
- c) A SBA Board member or life member has, at any time, the right to lodge a letter of complaint for any offending or abusive conduct, in writing to the Association's secretary.

#### **8.12 Club Responsibilities**

Every club must submit a current list of full committee members to the SBA each year following their club AGM. Every club must nominate two people to receive and approve clearances for that club. Every club must have a Senior and Junior delegate who is not a current SBA Board member, or office staff. That delegate is to attend the relative Senior or Junior Delegates Committee meetings. Failure to attend a notified meeting without forwarding an apology, prior to meeting, to the relevant Junior or Senior Delegate Chairperson, will result in fine per Appendix A.

#### **8.13 Junior Representative Age Requirements**

A Junior representative player is only permitted to play representative basketball in their own age group unless written approval is given by the SBA Board.

#### **8.14 Senior Domestic MVP in Grand Finals**

If Senior Delegates Committee decides to present MVPs in Grand Finals, voting will be performed by an independent person/s appointed by the Senior Delegates Committee.

#### **8.15 Correspondence to and from SBA and Clubs**

All correspondence to and from the SBA and clubs must be directed through the respective secretaries and club delegates.

#### **8.16 Fundraising Activities**

Permission in writing must be sought from the SBA Board by any club wishing to hold fundraising activities prior to fundraising taking place.

#### **8.17 Club Duty Roster**

Club roster – two (2) competent people, 16 years old or above, are to be rostered on club duty during Junior Domestic Competition.  
Failure to comply will result in a fine per Appendix A.

#### **8.18 Junior Competition Rules**

- a) Defence 'Points Rule' – No Junior team may play defence in their front court once they have reached a twenty-five (25) point lead, with the exception of grading and final series. Once the coach and team are aware that they have exceeded the twenty-five point lead and continue to play defence in the front court, the referee will then apply a player technical foul for every incident thereafter.
- b) Ball Size 6, All girls and U12 and U14 Boys  
Ball Size 7, U16 boys and above
- c) Time in Key           U12's, 5 seconds.  
                                  U14's and above, 3 seconds.
- d) Foul line / Three Point Line – U12's Foul Line will be one meter shorter.  
All U16's and above competitions will use the extended Three Point Line.
- e) No Zone Rule – At no stage is a Zone defence permitted during an Under 12 or Under 14 game. For the No Zone Policy and Procedures (**Refer Appendix B**)

### **8.19 Animals in Stadium**

No animals are permitted in the stadium during competition or training without SBA Board permission except for assistance dogs and police dogs.

### **8.20 Representative Player Playing in another Team**

Any Sunbury representative player who wishes to compete with another team, club or association in tournaments must seek the permission of the SBA Board in writing.

### **8.21 Responsibility for Electronic Scoring System / Scoresheet**

The score bench officials are responsible to check in players on the electronic scoring system or scoresheet that are present.

Referees are to oversee the check in of players and resolve any discrepancies.

In Masters and Senior competitions, referees are to ensure both teams have paid team sheet fees prior to commencement of the game.

Non-compliance by a team, refer to by-law 2.4.

### **8.22 Court(s) Unfit for Play / Abandoned game.**

- a) If after a game has commenced, and in the opinion of the referees in consultation with the Referees Supervisor and the relevant Junior or Senior Delegate available at the time, the court is considered to be in a dangerous state and unsafe, the game will be called off. If a game is called off after half time, the result on scoresheet will stand. The relevant Junior or Senior Delegate committee will determine whether or not the game called off prior to half time will be rescheduled or declared a result, i.e. draw or win and loss.  
Exemption: Senior Referee, in consultation with relevant door staff, is to make decisions on outer venues.
- b) If a game is abandoned by referee(s) due to an on-court incident which prevented play to continue, the result of the game will be determined by the Tribunal. Game will remain a non-result until Tribunal's decision.

### 8.23 Team Sheet Fees and Stadium Entry Fees

- a) Senior's team sheet fees are to be paid to the Door Person prior to commencement of the scheduled game.
- b) The team sheet fees are as determined by SBA Board. Senior and Masters Team sheet fees will be displayed at stadium(s) entry desk.
- c) Entrance fee to stadium(s) will be as determined by SBA Board and will be displayed at stadium(s) entry desk.

### 8.24 Game Commencement

The clock is to be started at the scheduled time by the referees. If the team sheet fee is not paid after the allotted three minutes warm-up has been completed, the team responsible for delay will be penalised as per By-Law 2.3

### 8.25 Disqualified Players/Coaches

Disqualified players/coaches must leave the immediate playing area and must not be visible or audible to the game in which they were disqualified from.

### 8.26 Sin Bin

SBA will adopt the Basketball Victoria guidelines regarding the Sin Bin Process as follows: Instantly penalise any obvious form of dissent, such as disputing calls, critical comments towards Referees or their calls, bad language etc. with a Behavioural **Technical Foul** and send them to the 'Sin Bin'.

The Sin Bin is not necessarily a specified place; it just means that the coach/player/bench person is required to leave the court (or move down the bench) for 5 minutes. Timing of the 5 minutes can be done by bench personnel (or any other means acceptable to the SBA).

A player who is sent to the Sin Bin can be substituted.

The coach/bench person who is sent to the Sin Bin must move to the end of the bench area and cannot communicate with team members while they are there.

A second **similar** offence by the same player/bench person results in the person being disqualified from the game. (A 'similar' offence involves more criticism, dissent etc. resulting in a second Technical Foul)

### 8.27 Heat Policy

SBA will adopt the Basketball Victoria guidelines in regard to heat policy, with the following timing and temperature modifications:

- (a) When the court temperature reaches 30°C competition organisers must consider implementing and where the court temperature reaches 35°C, must implement the following timing rules:  
If a game is played in halves, the game time must be reduced by 2 minutes per half with 1 team timeout per half. The referee must call an additional compulsory timeout close to the halfway mark in each half, the clock stops for this timeout. One team must call a timeout before the compulsory timeout and the other team after the compulsory timeout. In the event the coaches do not call a timeout as required, the referees will intervene and call a timeout and attribute them to the respective teams. All other domestic timing rules apply.
- (b) When the on-court temperature is measured at being at or above 38°C at a venue, all games will be cancelled at that venue for the remainder of the day.

**NOTE:** At Boardman, the decisions will be made by the referee's supervisor and at other venues the decisions will be made by the doorperson in consultation with the referee in charge.

### **8.28 Promotion/Relegation**

Promotion/Relegation will cover the top two (2) and the bottom two (2) teams in each grade. Seniors Promotion/Relegation is at the discretion of the Senior Delegate Committee. Junior Promotion/Relegation is at the discretion of the Junior Grading Committee. The relevant Committee has the right to regrade teams at any time.

### **8.29 Score-person Responsibilities**

Score bench officials are not permitted to coach or be verbally involved in the game. Players are permitted to act as score bench officials.

### **8.30 Pregnancy**

A woman who continues to play basketball whilst pregnant does so at her own risk. Basketball is a physical, contact sport and requires a high level of physical exertion. The SBA would prefer that a pregnant woman did not compete in matches and if she wished to train, did so in a manner appropriate to her pregnancy. The SBA preference is based on what it perceives to be the development of the embryo and the possible risk during pregnancy. The SBA does not wish to and will not discriminate against a player based on her pregnancy. The SBA would request a player who is pregnant seek medical opinion and advice as to her level of involvement in playing and training. Any player who is pregnant must rely on her own decision whether to play and train and in making that decision is to take into account the SBA's preference that she did not play.

### **8.31 Duty of the Junior & Senior Committee**

- a) To manage their relevant committees as per the By-Laws and competition rules
- b) To order trophies for finals from the approved SBA provider
- c) To organise duty rosters

### **8.32 Advertising and Marketing**

- a) Marketing for new players must be approved by the SBA Board
- b) Advertising or marketing activities that involve the SBA or clubs within the SBA must be approved by the SBA (e.g., a raffle to raise money for a particular club held at Boardman during game time)
- c) Reference or representation of the SBA may only be undertaken by SBA Staff and Board.

### **8.33 Photography**

SBA will adopt the Basketball Victoria guidelines in regards to Photography.  
*(Refer to Appendix D).*

### **8.34 Cancelled Games**

If individual games (not whole rounds) are cancelled prior to games commencing due to unforeseen circumstances, participating teams will be allocated 2 points each. This action will then enact a no disadvantage rule, i.e. if at the end of the season any team is disadvantaged by this decision; they have the right of appeal. All appeals must take place within 24hrs of the last scheduled game of scheduled round.

### **8.35 Working With Children**

SBA will adopt the Basketball Victoria guidelines in regard to Working with Children.

### **8.36 Codes of Conduct**

SBA will adopt the Basketball Victoria guidelines in regard to Codes of Conduct

### **8.37 Victorian Junior Basketball League (VJBL) Player Restrictions**

- a) No VJBL player will be granted a clearance in their first year of representative basketball.
- b) No VJBL player is permitted to play below the top two grades in the domestic competition.
- c) No VJBL player is allowed to apply for a clearance from one domestic club to another, unless such application is approved by a representative/s appointed by the SBA Board.

#### **8.38 Player Allocation**

Any player allocated to a club by the Senior/Junior Committee cannot register with another club unless permission is granted by such committees.

#### **8.39 Ignorance of By-Laws**

Ignorance of these By-Laws is not grounds for defence or appeal.