

BAROSSA VALLEY AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INC. BY-LAWS

All games are played under the jurisdiction of the Barossa Valley Amateur Basketball Association Inc (BVABA) and shall be conducted according to the rules of the game as laid out in the official rule book of the FIBA (BA), except where variation listed within these By-Laws, or as provided from time to time, by the committee of management.

1 AFFILIATION AND REGISTRATION

- (a) Nomination shall be called for at least four weeks before the competition starting date.
- (b) Clubs may nominate for any grade or division but teams will be approved by the Committee of Management, and seeded if necessary.

At the discretion of the committee of the day:

- I. When ten (10) or more nominations are received for a particular grade/division that competition can be split into two divisions.
 - II. When eight or nine (8 or 9) nominations are received for a particular grade/division that competition may be split at the completion of the last minor round game into two pools
- (c) No nomination will be accepted without an accompanying detailed description of uniform, e.g. colour photograph or drawing,
 - (d) When more nominations are received than can be accepted by the Association, preference will be given to teams or clubs first nominated. If necessary, the Committee of Management has the power to re-grade a team at any time.
 - (e) Where two clubs apply for similar uniform colours, the Association shall decide. Preference will be given to past clubs.
 - (f) Any team withdrawing from the competition after the completion of the new draw will be fined at the discretion of the Management Committee.
 - (g) The form and duration of the draw for various competitions will be that set down by a pre-season meeting of the Association.
 - (h) A player is deemed to be registered with BVABA, unless registered with another Association, after playing one (1) game in any one season in any grade and is liable to pay any Registration Fee as set by the committee of management.

2 FINES

- (a) The Committee of Management will decide on fines at the beginning of each playing year.
- (b) Apart from forfeit of game covered by ART. 21 of (BA) Rule Book, fines will apply in the following - Un-notified forfeit (less than 48 hours notice, excluding weekends, prior to the game).\$80- notified forfeit (greater than 48 hours) \$40
- (c) The fine must be paid prior to their next game or the fines will accumulate. Any team with outstanding fines cannot compete in the major round.

- (d) A \$5.00 per week fine for each player details not entered into the database, or recorded on reverse of scoresheet of the players first game, after Week 3 of the season - will be payable by the Team/Club

3 NOMINATION FEE/AFFILIATION FEE

- (a) A team must nominate and pay a fee, to be determined each season, and this must be paid prior to the first match. The amount is per team nominated.
- (b) Individual player registration fees must be paid prior to the 4th round after the forwarding an invoice to the team or club. Any team that plays an unregistered player after the 4th round will forfeit the result of that game. The score will be 20 to zero

4 LIMITATION AND ELIGIBILITY

4.1 GENERAL

- (a) Where a club has more than one team playing in the same grade, transfer of players cannot take place between those teams after the first four weeks of competitions, unless a request is made in writing to the Committee of Management within seven days.
- (b) Players' registration with (BVABA) shall lapse at the end of each season.
- (c) For a player to change team/club they require a clearance.
- (d) A financial team/club member must apply to their team/club and (BVABA) for a clearance between playing seasons. Such clearance may be held up by that team/club for only one calendar month. The player can then apply to the executive committee for an automatic clearance. Clearances can be granted during the season but only with the joint consent of both teams or clubs concerned.
- (e) Only registered and insured personnel can have their name listed on the scoresheet. A team that adds any unregistered and uninsured personnel to the scoresheet will be disqualified.

4.2 SENIOR

- (a) No senior player, having played more than four games of the rostered matches in any one season in a higher grade, shall be eligible to play in any lower grade.
- (b) No senior player shall play in more than one grade, or more than one team in any one playing round.
- (c) A senior player may play in more than one grade in the major round providing that the player comes from a lower grade and goes to a higher grade, and is qualified.
- (d) To qualify for the major round a senior player shall have played at least four (4) games of the minor round for their team during that season.

4.3 JUNIOR

- (a) For a junior player to qualify for a particular age group they must not equal or exceed the age of that age grouping before 31 December..
- (b) At the discretion of a delegates or a meeting of the committee of management, player age exemptions may be considered, prior to the player concerned taking the court in the age group they are seeking

exemption for. Exemptions may be considered within the following guidelines: -

- i. Medical condition
- ii. Physical condition
- iii Any other good reason at the discretion of the committee or delegates.

When considering an age exemption the meeting should take into account all details and associated documentation in the submission. If an exemption is granted it is only for one playing season.

- (c) A junior player must play six (6) games to qualify for the major round. At an appropriate Executive meeting the committee may grant approval for non-qualified players who have recently moved into the district, or on production of supporting documentation on medical grounds.
- (d) A junior player may play in the senior competition in the same week. If the player plays in a different team/club than their junior team/club they will require a season permit, valid for that season only, from their junior team/club.
- (e) A junior player may play in more than one age group for the same club in the one week, including the major round, but must not play in more than one age division or more than one team within an age group in the same week. In U10 games only and only to avoid a forfeit, a team may request that a player be permitted to play without unregistered player penalties or team disqualification occurring. In such instances the referees shall endorse the score sheet 'player (name and number) permitted to play by consent' and the score sheet shall be signed by both coaches and the referees prior to the commencement of the game.
- (f) Once a junior player has qualified, according to 4 Limitation and Eligibility Junior (c), in an age division they may not play in a lower division within that age group.
- (g) Junior players may also play in a higher age group in the major round, than for which the player qualified.
- (h) A qualified junior player may also play in the senior major round within their club.

5 ENTRANCE FEE

- (a) Each player must pay an entrance fee to the stadium. This fee is to be decided by the Committee of Management at the beginning of each playing season..
- (b) In the case of an un-notified forfeit the non-offending team shall have their entrance fee refunded.

6 COMPETITION REGULATIONS

- (a) If a player's name is not on the score sheet, two points are automatically awarded to the opposition and the player allowed to play.
- (b) A team requires a minimum of four players to start in a match, and may continue to play with that number, or less down to a minimum of two, throughout the match.
- (c) The three (3)point rule will not apply to the U10, U12 and U14 competition.

- (d) Each team will provide a competent bench official prior to the time the game is due to commence. Penalty for offending team 5 points
- (e) Each team shall be held responsible for the conduct of its players, team officials and followers- Any person, parent, adult or team follower anywhere in the stadia who is behaving in a poor manner towards the players coaches or officials in the game in progress can and will be Technical Fouled. This foul is recorded against their coach. There is no obligation for the officials to give a prior warning. The coach could be evicted without actually having a foul called personally on them. If any offending person continues such unacceptable behaviour after having been penalized to the extent of the rules the referees shall deem such behaviour as a reportable offence. If any offending person refuses to leave the stadium the referee may call the game off and award a forfeit in favour of the non offending team.
- (f) **FREE THROWS**
The free throw line shall be varied as follows:
U12 – players in divisions of this grade shall take their free throws from a line placed inside the normal free throw line
U10 - players in divisions of this grade shall take their free throws from the dotted line at the front of the free throw circle
- (g) **BLOOD**
 - i No player shall be permitted to start playing with an open wound
 - ii. In all other instances concerning blood situations F.I.B.A. rules and guidelines shall be adhered to.

7 PLAYING UNIFORMS

- (a) Club uniform is that which the Committee of Management has accepted, prior to every season.
- (b) Teams must have all players in correct uniform in the fourth playing week from the start of the season. Any player without correct uniform will be Technical Fouled, and two points awarded to the opposition, at any time during the game. Clubs may apply to the committee of Management for an exemption.
- (c) F.I.B.A. allows any number from 0 to 99-any number outside these shall be considered a uniform violation and penalised accordingly.
- (d) Any player wearing any item of clothing not nominated by their team/club shall have a technical foul recorded against their name, two(2) points awarded to the opposition and recorded on the score sheet as 'Incorrect uniform penalty'
- (e) No player shall have more than one penalty awarded against them for incorrect uniform in any one game
- (f) Any player wearing a singlet/top of the same colour as the opposition must change to some item that clearly differentiates them from the opposing team
- (g) Players shall only be allowed to wear shorts with pockets as a last resort to prevent a forfeit and the player shall have a technical foul recorded against their name, two(2) points awarded to the opposition and recorded on the score sheet as "Incorrect uniform penalty'
- (h) Players are not permitted to wear jewellery of any kind whilst playing basketball. Players who wear a medic alert bracelet should ensure that the

bracelet is taped and their team officials and members are aware of their problems.

- (i) A player who has religious or other special reasons to wear a flat ring may apply in advance to the committee for a written permit to wear that ring provided it is adequately covered. If the permit is granted it shall be valid for the season in which it is granted and shall be presented to the Referee at the commencement of each game at which time the referee shall ensure that the ring is adequately covered.
- (j) Players are not permitted finger nails that protrude beyond the tips of their fingers- The referee shall be the sole judge as to whether finger nails are of a satisfactory length and shall inspect fingernails prior to the commencement of play or at such other times as the referees may determine following a request by one or more coach/es.
- (k) T Shirts, Singlet's or 'Skins' may be worn under uniforms if of the same predominant colour as Uniform or a neutral colour may be worn by players without penalty, notwithstanding the FIBA rule to the contrary.

8 TIMING RULES

- (a) The match clock shall be started when the umpire is ready to commence refereeing the game, but not before the scheduled time for the game unless both teams are present and agree.
 - (i) For each minute, or part thereof, that a team delays commencing to play (including delay in providing a bench official) it shall be penalized one (1) point- at half time the referee shall award the score to the opposing side marked 'late arrival penalty'.
 - (ii) If the commencement of play is delayed by umpires not being ready both shall, at the discretion of the Committee of Management, forfeit any game fee due to them.
- (b) The game shall be played over four (4) ten (10) minute quarters.
- (c) The 24 second shot clock shall not be used

60 Minute Time Slots

- (a) The match clock shall be stopped in all games including finals for:
 - i) Charged time out throughout the match.
 - ii) Every umpire's whistle during the last five minutes of the last quarter of the game, and during any extra periods in finals.
 - iii) At the discretion of the referee.

50 Minute Time Slots

- (a) The match clock shall be stopped in all games including finals for:
 - i) All umpire's whistles in the last two minutes of the last quarter of the game.
 - ii) At the discretion of the referee
 - iii) Any time out in the last three minutes of the game
 - iv) No substitutions shall be allowed in the last minute of the first three (3) quarters .
- (b) No time outs shall be called in the last two minutes of the first three (3) quarters of the game.

45 Minute Time Slots

- (a) The match clock shall not be stopped in all games including finals.
- (b) No time outs shall be called in the last two minutes of any quarter.
- (c) No substitutions shall be allowed in the last minute of any quarter

9 PREMIERSHIP POINTS

- (a) Premiership position is determined firstly by the win/loss ratio then by points scored percentage.
- (b) Drawn games will not go into extra time during minor rounds.
- (c) A team that plays an unregistered / uncleared / non permit player shall be disqualified, and no other team member can be credited as playing in that game. The onus is on the coach or team manger to ensure that only registered/cleared/permit players are used.

10 FINALS

- (a) Times and dates are arranged at the start of the season and will not be changed unless for good reason by a Delegates Meeting in both senior and junior matches. Any protest must be made in writing to the executive committee within 1 month of the commencement of the season.
- (b) Either executive or qualified referees should perform the bench commissioners duty for all Grand Finals

11 APPEALS COMMITTEE FOR REPORTED OFFENCES

BVABA uses the SA Country Tribunal By-Laws for Appeals and Reports

12 LIFE MEMBERS

Life Members of the Association will not pay any fees to the Association, including entrance fees.

13 ASSOCIATION TEAMS

- (a) Regulations on any Association teams are set out separately.
- (b) BVABA reserves the right to select Association teams and that those players must be available for Association teams first then club teams.
- (c) For a player to represent the Association, receive any extra training or other benefits their actions on and off court must be exemplary at all times. Any official may report a player who is representing or receiving a benefit from the Association and that player must then show cause why any privileges granted to them should not be withdrawn.

14 REGULATIONS

As from 5 February 1991 ALL motions are to be used for one whole playing season.

15. ANNEXURES

Any annexure to these By-Laws dealing with specific matters, passed by the Management Committee by simple majority at one of its meetings, shall be deemed to form part of these By-Laws and be enforced accordingly.

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BY LAWS APPENDICIES
Appendix 1
ZONE DEFENCE

“Zone defence” is not permitted in Under 10, 12 and 14 Age Grades. It is expected that coaches will follow the spirit of this and ensure that their teams play man-on-man defence. The following sequence of events will occur where “zone defence” is detected:

- **the coach who believes that their opponents are playing “zone defence” may draw this to the attention of the referee at an appropriate break in play.**
- **A referee may determine zone defence is occurring of his/own volition.**
- **the referee will indicate to the “offending” team’s coach that “zone defence” is not permitted.**
- **the referee should ask the UIC or any Committee Official who may be present to observe the game. If the UIC or a Committee Official is not available to observe, the two referees (or such other number) conducting the game may determine that Zone Defence is occurring.**
- **If, in the opinion of the referee or official, it is confirmed that “zone defence” continues to be played, the referee will call a Technical Foul on the coach of the offending team. Penalty for second violation- 2 foul shots and side ball possession.**
- **Third violation- the referee will call a second Technical Foul on the coach of the offending team. Penalty- coach ejected from game.**

Any defence played in the back half court which does not incorporate normal man on man defensive principles shall be considered a zone. For this purpose trapping defenses which rotate back to man on man defensive principals shall be acceptable.

Specifically, violations fall into one of four categories:

- 1. One or more players was not in an acceptable man on man defensive position in relation to the ball.**
- 2. A cutter moved all the way through the key and was not defended using acceptable man on man defensive techniques (eg bumped, switched, followed).**
- 3. Following a trapping or help and recover situation the team made no attempt to re-establish man on man defensive positioning.**
- 4. The team zone pressed and did not assume man on man defensive positioning once the ball had been advanced into the quarter court.**

Appendix 2
"HANDS OFF" DEFENCE

1. In all Minor round games in U10, U 12 and U14 Age Divisions, where one team ("the leading team") achieves a score lead of or in excess of the prescribed amount, the referee in charge of the game shall (subject to a right of declining by the coach of the team with the lower score) call "hands off" defence in favour of the team with the lower score ("the lower team").
2. The prescribed amount shall be:
 - (a) U 10's - 15 points
 - (b) U 12, U14 - 20 points.
3. Hands Off defence shall continue until the lead by the leading team is:-
 - (a) U 10's - 10 points
 - (b) U12 and U 14 - 15 points.
4. During any period that Hands Off defence is called, when the lower team is in possession of the ball, the leading team may not until such time as the lower team has progressed the ball into the lower team's 3 point area:
 - (a) Intercept or deflect a pass between lower team members where such pass may be caught or taken by the receiving lower team member (ie a "good pass").
 - (b) Attempt to remove the ball from the possession of a lower team member
 - (c) Attempt to knock the ball from the hands of the lower team member.
5. Any violation under this heading will be dealt with by the ball being put in play from the sideline by the lower team nearest the point the violation took place. No foul shall be awarded for such violation unless a player or team commit, in the opinion of the referees, commit such violation persistently or deliberately.
6. This section shall not be construed so as to permit the leading team to play a Zone defence. The leading team shall continue to be required to play "Man on Man" Defence as defined herein.
7. This rule will not apply during finals games.

Appendix 3
HEAT POLICY

GAME CANCELATIONS

1. U-10's- Where the maximum forecast temperature for Nuriootpa for the following day, as advised on the 6pm News of Channel 9 television, is 36 degrees or more, all games for the forecast day will be cancelled. No forfeit or other costs will be payable in respect to such games.
2. U12-U18's. Where the maximum forecast temperature for Nuriootpa for the following day, as advised on the 6pm News of Channel 9 television, is 38

degrees or more, all games for the forecast day will be cancelled. No forfeit or other costs will be payable in respect to such games.

3. **Seniors-** Where the maximum forecast temperature for Nuriootpa for the following day, as advised on the 6pm News of Channel 9 television, is 40 degrees or more, all games for the forecast day will be cancelled. No forfeit or other costs will be payable in respect to such games.

GAME MODIFICATION

1. **U10's -** Where the maximum forecast temperature for Nuriootpa for the following day, as advised on the 6pm News of Channel 9 television, is 32 degrees or more, or at such other times as may be appropriate at the discretion of the Referee in Charge on any particular night, or
2. **All other competitions-** Where the maximum forecast temperature for Nuriootpa for the following day, as advised on the 6pm News of Channel 9 television, is 34 degrees or more, or at such other times as may be appropriate at the discretion of the Referee in Charge on any particular night,
 - (i) the referees will, unless a charged timeout has been taken near to the relevant time, call a non-charged time out at a suitable break in play as near as practical to the middle of each quarter of the game to permit players to take drinks.
 - (j) the referees will attempt to facilitate the calling of charged time outs by the coaches with a view to permit further regular drinks breaks for players.

AUTOMATIC HEAT POLICY CANCELLATIONS WILL NOT BE ADVISED DIRECTLY TO THE TEAMS IN ADVANCE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT TEAMS WILL CHECK THE RELEVANT INFORMATION THEMSELVES.

Game cancellation occurs the preceding night at 6.30pm after the News, and subsequent unforecast weather changes do not affect the cancellation decision.

Appendix 4 FORFEIT POLICY

1. **Forfeits are to be notified to Secretary or President of the Association. Full details including name of the notifying person and a return telephone number shall be provided.**
2. **It shall be the responsibility of the forfeiting team to also provide as much notice as possible to their scheduled opponents.**
3. **Where more than 48 hours notice of the forfeit is given, a forfeit fee of \$40 will be payable.**
4. **Where less than 48 hours notice of the forfeit is given, a forfeit fee of \$80 will be payable.**
5. **The forfeit fee will be invoiced to the forfeiting team within the week following the forfeit occurring. Unless advised otherwise by the Treasurer, the forfeit fee will be payable before the commencement of the game following dispatch of the invoice. Payment may be made to the Referee in Charge of the venue on the night of the following game.**

6. In the case of an Unnotified Forfeit, the non-forfeiting team shall be entitled to a refund of the player entry fee paid by them, on presentation of a receipt ticket signed by the game referee, unless the players chose to play a 'scratch match', in which case no refund is payable.

APPENDIX 5

REFEREES

1. **BVABA will have a policy of 3 levels of referees**
 - (a) **Green shirt 'Learner' referees.**
 - (b) **Blue Shirt referees of an intermediate standard, who shall as a minimum have passed a Level 0 refereeing course and hold a SACOA Level 0 certificate or equivalent.**
 - (c) **Grey Shirt referees, who shall be of a more experienced nature than a 'Blue Shirt' referee, who shall as a minimum have passed a Level 0 refereeing course and hold a SACOA Level 0 certificate or equivalent and who preferably (save as exempted by the Committee of Management) shall have undertaken the SACOA State Referee Development Program.**
2. **'Green Shirt' learner referees may not be approached and questioned by a player, coach or spectator at any time or in any circumstances. A 'Green shirt' referee will be under the tutelage of a 'Grey Shirt' referee, and any questions or comments should be directed to the 'Grey Shirt' referee in an appropriate manner and at an appropriate time.**
3. **'Blue Shirt' referees will usually be under the direction of a 'Grey Shirt' referee and if so any approach to the referees should be directed through the senior 'Grey Shirt' referee or the Referee in Charge on the day or night.**
4. **'Grey shirt' referees may be approached by the captain or coach of a team at an appropriate time (usually at the end of a quarter or at a charged time out) and in an appropriate manner to discuss any concerns that the captain or coach may have regarding the conduct of the game.**
5. **Referees will be paid at the scale and in the terms approved by the Committee from time to time. Such scale shall include consideration of the experience, qualifications and ability of each individual referee and their place within the referee level structure.**