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Basketball Victoria Country has completed a review of the BVC Eligibility Rules and has formed an overall Game Development Committee to look at all issues surrounding the development of the game in Regional Victoria.

It is important that the Eligibility Rules are made available to all people involved in teams that are intending to enter the BVC Country Championships.

Associations are advised to please read the rules and contact the BVC Office should they require further advice.

Applications for exemption to the rules or where a rule requests that an exemption should be applied for must only be completed by an Association and signed on behalf of the Association by the Association Secretary.

Written requests for exemptions will be received up until closing date for entries to the applicable Championship.

An Eligibility Panel will be formed by members of the BVC Game Development Committee.
Decisions of that Committee are final.

All Associations are requested to make the eligibility event rules available for perusal by their squad coaches.

Basketball Victoria Country Eligibility Rules

For an Athlete to compete for an Association at the BVC Country Championships the Athlete must satisfy the following which is applicable to:

Under 12 Championships

Under 14 Championships

Under 16 & Under 18 Division 1 and 2 Championships

Under 16 & Under 18 Division 3 and 4 Championships

1. Must reside in the Affiliated Associations town/city for the majority of time (e.g, 4 days out of 7). This will then be defined as the Home Association of the Athlete. If the Home Association of the Athlete does not intend to enter the applicable Country Championships the Athlete may apply for an exemption to represent another Association. *And;*
2. Must be a registered competitor with the Association and compete in the Association's domestic competition and have done so within 90 days of the commencement of the applicable Country Championships or having competed regularly with that Association in the last 12 months, apply for an exemption to this rule. *And;*
3. When an Athlete who has lived and played in a district for longer than 90 days leaves the district, that Athlete remains eligible (but not bound) for a further period of 90 days. *And;*
4. When an eligible player, who has competed at junior level in a country Association for at least three years, moves to the Metropolitan area, they remain eligible to represent that Association in Country Victorian events, under the following conditions:
 - The Athlete must remain a qualified player of that Association; i.e. be a regular playing member competing in that Association's major season.
 - When a "dependant student" who has competed at junior level in a country Association for at least three years moves to another Association they will remain eligible (but not bound) to compete for their original Association

Note: Dependant student is defined as a person living away from the parent/guardian's home (a) full time and (b) non salaried and (c) to gain accredited qualifications.

5. If an Athlete's Home Association intends to enter the Country Championship and that Athlete wants to compete with another Association at the Country Championships an application for exemption is required nominating:

- Why that Athlete cannot represent their Home Association, *and*;
- How they satisfy all other eligibility rules, including being a regular competing domestic competitor, *and*;
- An agreement from the Home Association that they have no objection to the details of the application.

6. Exceptional circumstances will also be considered and any Association that believes there are circumstances that have not been covered by the Eligibility Rules should apply for an exemption for any Athlete, clearly stating why the exceptional circumstances should be considered.

Under 16 & Under 18 Eligibility Additions

7. An Athlete may represent a second Association only if that player has made them self available to represent their Home Association as Specified in Rule 1. *And*;

8. To be eligible to represent a second Association the Athlete must be playing in that Association's competition on a regular basis for a period of at least 90 days prior to the BVC Under 16 or Under 18 Country Championship or having competed regularly with that association in the last 12 months, apply for an exemption to this rule. *and*;

9. A player may not represent a second Association in the same division as, or lower division than, that player's Home Association in the BVC Under 16 or Under 18 Championships.

Exemption Applications

Written requests for exemption to the BVC Eligibility Rules must be submitted by the closing date of the applicable country championships nominated on the entry form and forwarded to:

Basketball Victoria Country
Championship Eligibility Committee
P.O. Box 463
BENDIGO VIC 3552

- Late or verbal requests may not be considered.
- Penalties apply to Associations that fail to comply with the BVC Eligibility Rules

It is every Association's responsibility to ensure that all members of the team comply with the Eligibility Rules.

For any further information on player eligibility please contact Sammy Cartwright on 5440 6303 during office hours.