Junior Competition By-laws

1 By-law Alterations

- 1.1 The By-laws may be altered during the currency of the competition by a resolution passed at a general meeting by the full Committee.
- 1.2 All By-law alterations made are to be updated at the Annual General Meeting.

2 Registrations and Insurance

- 2.1 Registration and payment of fees are to be completed online through the nominated site, before the date specified, except where otherwise approved by the Committee. A Player will be considered registered with the Association upon payment.
- 2.2 BVC insurance is payable per annum, per player for the calendar year 1st Jan -31st Dec.
- 2.3 Association Fees will be set by the Committee.

3 Teams

3.1 All teams will be selected for the junior competition by the team selection panel chosen by the Committee. Any changes throughout the season will be at the selection panels discretion.

4 Refunds

- 4.1 Injured players may request a refund for games not played in writing to the committee; all refunds will be at the Committee's discretion.
- 4.2 All forfeit refunds must be requested in writing to the Committee.
- 4.3 There will be no refund of the BVCA Fee once a player has commenced playing.

5 Eligibility

- 5.1 All players must turn 7 years of age prior to the commencement date of the season they wish to participate in.
- 5.2 All players turning 16 years of age the year of the current competition are eligible to play.
- 5.3 All players must play a third of the season plus one game to be

eligible to play in any finals series.

- 5.4 Lower division players are eligible to fill in for a higher division to make the fifth player of that team, at the Committee's discretion, i.e. –division 3 to 2 and division 2 to 1. – Amended –Lower division players are eligible to fill in for a higher division to equal the amount or registered players in that team.
- 5.5 All players are to notify their coach/team manager if they are unable to play.
- 5.6 A child must play in the junior competition up to the age of 15 in that calendar year, but is still eligible to play in the junior competition to the age of 16 in that calendar year.

6 Game Rules

- 6.1 In all divisions, all players must take the court in the first half of the match.
- 6.2 In all divisions all players are to spend at least 1 minute on the substitution bench.

6.3 **Division 3 matches:**

- Are to play zone defence at all times.
- The game time will be 2x 12-minute halves.
- No clock stoppages will apply in any matches.
- Substitutions can be made at any time throughout the match without going through the bench.
- Half time interval allowed will be 1 minute.

6.4 **Division 2 matches:**

- Any defence is allowed
- The game time will be 2 x 15 minute halves.
- A 15 point mercy rule will apply
- The Clock stoppage rule will apply in the last minute of the last half of the match. (No clock stoppage will apply if the mercy rule is in place)
- All shots taken from outside the three-point perimeter will be counted as 2-point shots.
- Time outs allowed are 1 x 1 minute time out, per team, per half.
- Half time interval allowed will be 1 minute.

6.5 **Division 1 matches:**

- Any defence is allowed.
- The game time will be 2 x 20 minute halves.
- The clock stoppage rule will apply in the last 2 minutes of the second half of the match. (No Clock stoppage will apply if the mercy rule is in place)
- Time outs allowed are 2 x 1 minute time outs per team per half.
- Half time interval allowed will be 2 minutes.
- 6.6 Points will be awarded as follows:

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Win	3 Points
Loss	1 Point
Bye	3 Points

Draw	2 Points
Forfeit (Win)	3Points
Forfeit (Loss)	0 Points

- 6.7 All teams must have a minimum of 4 players in order to commence a match.
- 6.8 No extra time will be given for a draw in the domestic competition.

7 Finals

- 7.1 In the event of a draw in any final, extra periods shall be of 5 minutes duration, with timing rules of 2-minute clock stoppages in the last half applying.
- 7.2 The four leading teams in each grade will play off in the finals in accordance with the Page System. If less than four teams are in the competition, the Committee shall determine the system used.
- 7.3 To be eligible to play in any final series a player must have played a third of the season plus 1 game.
- 7.4 A Player who has taken the court for any part of the match shall be deemed to have taken part in such game and shall count as one of the required matches required to qualify.
- 7.5 All finals set by the Committee before the season commencement will remain.
- 7.6 In the event of a forfeit of any final, The team that lost to the forfeiting team in the previous final will then be eligible to play the final being forfeited.

8 Uniforms

- 8.1 No Pockets will be allowed in any shorts.
- 8.2 Players must wear their own garment underneath singlet supplied.
- 8.3 All shorts are to be Navy or Black in color.
- 8.4 The referee shall be the sole judge in any uniform discrepancy.

9 Forfeits

9.1 If a team hasn't taken to the court by the 10-minute mark of the first half, a forfeit will be called. There will be a point awarded for every minute for the non-forfeiting team.

10 Court Behavior

10.1 Any behavior that brings the game into disrepute or compromises the safety of other players will be dealt with according to FIBA Rules.

10.2 Any unsupervised children will not be the responsibility of the Terang Olympic Basketball Association.

11 Representative Squads

- 11.1 Squad coaches shall be advertised by the Committee in June each year for the upcoming season, all coaches shall be selected at the Committee meeting following the AGM each year.
- 11.2 All squad coaches are to have a Working With Children Check and have filled out the required Statutory Declaration.
- 11.3 Squad coaches shall be pursued by the Committee if no applicants apply for the position.
- 11.4 The Committee reserves the right to re advertise the positions if no suitable applicants apply.
- 11.5 All duplicate applicants will be asked if they are willing to coach any other age groups before selections are made.
- 11.6 The closing application date is final No late applications will be considered.
- 11.7 All players must be registered and financially current with the Terang Olympic Basketball Association and playing in the domestic competition.
- 11.8 To be eligible for Squad, any player must have played a third of the domestic competition plus one game.
- 11.9 All Squad Try-outs are to be attended, with the only exceptions being in writing to the squad co-coordinator. The Committee must approve all exceptions.
- 11.10 When the final squads for all age groups are selected, No new players are to be added. There will be a full Committee meeting to discuss any special circumstances that may arise regarding new players.
- 11.11 A Maximum of 10 players to be selected for each squad age group. Unsuccessful players are eligible to train throughout the squad season with the coach's approval. These players will be eligible for selection in the event of player shortage via the squad coordinators approval.
- 11.12 The squad co-coordinator/ squad treasurer is to handle all tournament deposits, training cost & uniform deposits. No deposits will be returned other than through squad co-coordinator or squad treasurer.
- 11.13 All training costs are to be paid at the beginning of the season.
- 11.14 All coaching staff and players are answerable to the Committee of the Terang Olympic Basketball Association.
- 11.15 All players are to fill in a medical consent and Code of Conduct form.
- 11.16 All squad related issue's are to be directed solely to the Squad Cocoordinator who will then liaise with the Committee.
- 11.17 The only person to have contact with any tournament directors regarding, player list, team entry, uniform changes or anything squad

related is the squad co-coordinator.

11.18 All coaches will be asked to ensure that each player in the squad taken to the tournament takes the court for at least 5 minutes of each game. Excluding all finals. Any indiscretion regarding court time is to be directed to the squad co-coordinator in writing within 48hrs.

12 Referees

- 12.1 All referees are to be registered with BVC.
- 12.2 All referees will referee in accordance with the FIBA rules.

13 Court Supervisor / Uniform Washing

13.1 The court supervisor and singlet washing will be on a rostered system of the full Committee.

14 Items not covered

14.1 The Committee of the TOBA has the right to rule on matters not specifically covered in the By-laws without precedence for the best interests of basketball and the Association at the time.

15 Protests / Complaints

- 15.1 It is considered desirable that any team wishing to make a protest in respect of any game should endorse the score sheet in the presence of the referee, signifying the intention to protest.
- 15.2 The official protest must be lodged in writing to the association secretary within three (3) days of the match
- 15.3 Any protest or complaint or response concerning referees must be made in writing to the association secretary within three (3) days.