

STRATHALBYN & DISTRICT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INC

BY-LAWS

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1. Timing and Playing conditions for Minor round games

- (a) All games are to start as per programme - team and time as per Association clock.
- (b) The first listed team (as per programme) will wear bibs where two teams are wearing similar colours.
- (c) If a team has less than four (4) players (i.e. 0-3) at the scheduled starting time of the match the clock will be started. An attempt will be made by the opposing players, committee and the referees to either move a player from the opposing team if numbers are suitable or upgrade a player from a lower grade. When there are four (4) players present the match must start and proceed as a normal game.
 - 1) If a team in a senior competition does not have four (4) players at the ten minute mark, the match will be forfeited, and the final score will be 20-0. This applies to senior grades only.
 - 2) If a team in a junior competition does not have four players then a 3x3 game may proceed or it will be called a non game and be rescheduled or a drawn game.
- (d) All grades games will consist of 4 quarters of 10 minute duration with clock stopping in Time Outs and in last minute of the 4th quarter on all whistles. A Referee can stop the clock for a player injury or a circumstance which there is a hold up in play.
- (e) Each team is allowed 1 Time Out per quarter with Time Outs of 1 minute in duration.
- (f) Substitutions and Time Outs are not allowed in the last minute of the first 3 quarter.

2. Junior Competition

- (a) All Junior players must be registered and financial with S&DBA before their first game for the season
- (b) Trainings will be provided to all players in the CADP format and local trainings as set out by the S&DBA and SA Country. A CADP coordinator will be appointed by the S&DBA Committee.
- (c) The teams are not based on ages but children's abilities
- (d) In Juniors, all teams should start with equal numbers on the court, e.g.: if one team has 4 players and the opposing team has more and will not divide teams equally, than the opposing team will only be allowed to play with 4 players, having extra players on the bench.
- (e) After the third game if any interested children wishing to play will have their names taken but will only be slotted into a team if there is a vacancy (at the discretion of the committee)
- (f) All Juniors must play the minimum "Qualifying level" of minor round games in their designated grade to qualify for finals.
- (g) A draw will remain a draw.
- (h) Forfeit rule shall not apply.
- (i) Three point shots only count as 3 points in Sophomore and Graduates.
- (j) The Rookie and Freshman grades free throw line will be at the front of the circle.
- (k) All other Junior divisions will shoot from the free throw line.
- (l) Rookie, Freshman and Sophomores teams are not permitted to play "ZONE DEFENCE" as defined by the committee's "NO ZONE RULE". Graduate teams a Zone defence is permitted.
- (m) Any Junior player who is required to play in a higher/lower Junior division as a fill in player, will be decided upon by Committee delegates before the game.
- (n) The borrowing of registered players from the same grade is allowed to make up required numbers for a team
- (o) In the event that there is a combined total of 6 players for a Junior game both coaches of that level will be responsible for obtaining 1 extra registered and financial player each.
- (p) In the event of finals, if a team finds their numbers have dwindled, their coaches need to contact the committee for assistance in obtaining required players.

- (q) Junior players who are 14 years and older are eligible to play in the Senior competition. They may only play for 1 team per season.
- (r) Any fill in player will have to pay the game fee. Even if they have already paid a game fee in a previous game. Season pass holders will pay a game fee as a fill in player.
- (s) The committee may decide that players need to be swapped after 3 games to balance teams.
- (t) Uniforms-A playing singlet will be loaned to players at their game for the season. The singlet must be returned to their coaches at the end of the season. Playing shorts are to be basketball style plain navy or plain black with no pockets. After round 3 a penalty of 10 points per player will be issued for incorrect playing uniform. This penalty will be issued at half time of the game by the Referees.
- (u) The divisions of our Juniors will be made up with Rookies, Freshmen, Sophomores and Graduates. Divisions will be decided on before the season by Committee based on player numbers.
- (v) A Mercy rule shall apply when a team is up by 20 points or more if requested by the losing coach to the referees. The Winning team must not play a full court defence and play defence over the half court line. Penalty - Side ball to the offensive team.
- (w) COACHES ALL STAR TEAM AWARD
 - 1) A player from each participating Junior team (excluding Rookies) will be nominated for this award which will be ratified by the S&DBA committee.
 - 2) Criteria for this award
 - Minimum attendance of 50% at training
 - Contributes to the group on court as well as trainings
 - Can be relied upon to come to trainings and games
 - Does what a coach asks of them
 - Gives their best effort and works hard to improve their individual game
 - Is positive and respectful within their own team, opposition players referees and coaches.
 - Plays with intensity, fairness, leadership and discipline
 - Is a good sport and encourages others.

3. Timing for Major round games

- (a) In all finals games the clock will stop on all Time Outs and in the last **2 minutes** of the 4th quarter on all whistles.
- (b) Games will be 4 x 10 minute quarters.
- (c) Substitutions or Time Outs are not allowed in the last minute of the 1st 3 quarters.
- (d) In the event of a draw at full time in all grades, there will be an extra 5 minutes put on. The clock will stop for every whistle in the last 2 minutes. Teams continue to play same ends as in the 4th quarter. A second overtime will be another added 5 minutes with a change in ends until a result achieved. One Time Out only is allowed per team in a overtime period and no carry over if a team has not used their full quantity during regulation. Restart of Overtime will start with a sideline ball with team with the side ball arrow.

4. Eligible Players

- (a) All Senior players must be registered with S&DBA prior to their first game for the season.
- (b) Any team who plays an unregistered player shall be deemed to have forfeited to the opposition. A further (3) premiership points will be deducted from the teams standing on the premiership table.

5. Forfeits (Senior Grades only)

- (a) In the case of a forfeit, all players from the non forfeiting team with names on score sheets will be credited with the match towards qualifying for finals.
- (b) If a team does not have four (4) players on the court and ready to play ten(10) minutes after the scheduled start, it will be classed as an un-notified forfeit (by law 5D)and will lose 2 premiership points.
- (c) Refunds will be given to both teams if a game cannot continue to be played under by-law 5 (b)
- (d) In the event of a forfeit, if the association Secretary has been notified inside 24 hours prior to the match, a forfeit penalty will be 2 premiership points on top of the forfeit. Forfeits should be notified 24 hours or more before the scheduled start time to assist game rescheduling or possible fill in players.
- (e)Any team forfeiting three (3) matches in the season, a delegate will be called before the committee.
PENALTY: At the discretion of the committee.

6. Legal Numbers

- (a) Numbers 0-99 will be deemed legal numbers

7. Junior Domestic Coaches

- (a) Domestic coaches including Assistants 14 years and over must have a current Working With Children Clearance and will be encourage to complete Play By The Rules.
- (b)Coaches for teams will be selected and ratified by committee.
- (c) Any fill in coach will need to hold a Working With Children Clearance.

8. Scorers/Timekeepers

- (a) All teams must provide one bench official for each game
- (b) Each team must have a score sheet completed prior to commencement of each game
- (c) At half time of the match the umpire of the match must delete from the score sheet the names of players who have not attended the stadium to play in the match. However, should such players arrive to play at or after half time, their names may be written on the score sheet and such players allowed to play.

9. Balls and ball sizes

(a) The match ball sizes will be size 5 balls for Rookies (if majority of players are Under 10), size 6 balls for Freshman Boys & Girls, Size 6 Sophomore Boys and Girls, Size 6 for Senior Women and Graduate Girls. Size 7 balls for Graduate boys and Senior Men.

!) If majority of players in a Rookie competition are under 12 players, then a size 6 ball will be used.

10. Player Eligibility for the major round.

(a) At the commencement of each season, the committee shall set a qualifying level of minor round matches for Player Finals eligibility.

!) The Qualifying level shall not be less than one third of the number of Minor round matches programmed for the ensuing season.

!!) Byes will not count towards the qualifying level of games eligibility.

!!!) The qualifying level shall be advertised on each association programme

iv) In the event of games being cancelled due to Hot Weather Policy only players that are Registered and Financial shall have the game credited to their eligibility for finals.

(a) All senior players must play the minimum qualifying level of minor round games in one grade to qualify for finals

(b) Any senior player who has played in five (5) minor round games in a higher grade during the season shall not be permitted to compete in lower grade minor round or finals games.

PENALTY- Forfeit lower grade senior points.

(c) A senior qualified player shall be permitted to play in higher grade finals.

11. Minimum Playing age

(a) At the commencement of the summer season any new players joining the junior competition must be Six (6) by the 1st of January.

12. Reporting of Players to the tribunal

(a) In the event of a player/s being reported, the tribunal, as appointed by the S&DBA has the power to serve such penalty as indicated by the Disciplinary Tribunal By-Laws as adopted by the S&DBA. If the player is found guilty, he/she will not be eligible for Best & Fairest votes.

13. Players playing for Two Teams in the same Grade

(a) A registered player may play for any of the teams up till the third round of the season, after which the player must play for one team only.

Penalty: Loss of 2 Premiership points.

(b) If a team has less than 4 players at the scheduled start time then By Law 1(c) may take effect.

(d) Matches played in alternate teams of the same grade shall not be included in a player's "Qualifying Level" for finals eligibility.

14. Premiership Points

- (a) Points will be allocated for Premiership table as: -
 - 2 Points = Win
 - 0 Points = Bye
 - 1 Point = Draw
 - 0 Point = Loss
 - 0 Point = Forfeit

15. Incorrect Uniform

- (a) No player shall commence to play unless correct uniform for the club is worn. Three weeks is allowed at the start of the season to obtain correct uniform. Correct uniform: - as registered with the Association for the grade/team by the club. Correct numbers, with no duplication numbers must be clearly visible and taped numbers will not be acceptable. Any uniform considered indecent will be deemed incorrect uniform.

16. Referee's

- (a) The Committee will appoint a Referee Coordinator this may be a dual role. This role will consist of rostering, assist coordination of training opportunities, managing a data base for Referee payments and messaging Referee responsibilities.
- (b) Referees will be allocated games as set out by the referee coordinator.
- (c) Any umpire who fails to umpire a game for which he/she is rostered will not be paid game payments for that game.
- (d) It is a requirement that referees wear correct uniform as set out by the Referee Coordinator.

17. Clearances

- (a)

18. Association Storm Sub Committee

- (a) Meetings to be held monthly through the Storm summer season September – March. Meetings outside this period can be as required.
- (b) S&DBA will ratify the storm Sub committee at the first meeting after the appointments.
- (b) Accurate minutes will be taken and circulated within 7 days to those members of the sub committee and to the S&DBA committee.
- (c) All decisions regarding coaches/teams/players/managers and all tournament and Carnivals MUST be ratified by the S&DBA committee before positions and teams are announced.
- (d) Storm are to provide team/player ratifications to S&DBA 4 weeks before carnival nominations close. S&DBA will confirm ratification with Storm within 7 days of receiving this information.
- (e) All Storm volunteers 14 years and over are required to have a current Working with Children Clearance.
- (f) A Storm committee representative will attend the S&DBA committee meetings. This representative has full voting rights

Association & Storm Team Selection

- (d) All S&DBA domestic players who reside in our district are encouraged to play for our Association
- (e) Eligibility for Association /Representative Teams; to be eligible for selection in S&DBA Rep Teams, players must be registered and financial players of the S&DBA in the domestic competition (October-April) before the first carnival of the season.
- (f) All Storm/Association teams must have a minimum of 7 committed players, in the case of the junior teams, parents must agree to a full commitment for the entire tournament/carnival before the team can be nominated. Players also must be eligible under the carnival by-laws. Younger players can be used only when all other options (i.e.: all players have been approached in the respective age groups) have been explored.
- (g) The Storm Committee reserves the right to provide a player exemption in some circumstances which will be ratified by S&DBA committee.

Storm/Association Coaches Eligibility

- (h) Storm/Association Coaches 14 years and over must have a current Working with Children Clearance and completed Play By The Rules to be appointed to a team. Also they must have completed a minimum of one (1) season as a coach in our domestic competition or can demonstrate similar experience; priority will be given to current domestic coaches where applicable. Any head coach under the age of 18, a senior coach will be appointed to assist with that team.

Fees

- (i) Storm/Association players fees for Tournaments/Carnivals will be ratified at the first meeting following the AGM by the S&DBA Committee as recommended by the Storm Committee. Players will be invoiced a minimum of 21 days prior to tournament/carnival and paid 14 days prior to be eligible to play.

19. Protests

- (a) Any protest or report must be lodged within twenty-four(24) hours with the Secretary of the S&DBA in writing.

20. Miscellaneous

(a) Team Nominations

- (!) Prior to the commencement of each season, teams nominated by clubs may be relegated to a lower grade, promoted to a higher grade or accepted as nominated, at the discretion of the committee. The Committee may alter the grade of any team or player nominated, at any time Prior to commencement of round 4 only.
- (!!) For players not included in pre-season Team Nominations, the committee may at their discretion, Alter the grade placement of such players at any time prior to the commencement of a player's 4th match in any one grade.

- (b) Members of this association are allowed only a direct path from the car park to the stadium. All other areas, including congregating in the car park are prohibited.

Penalty: as deemed fit by the Association Committee.

- (c) Written notification must be given to the Secretary of the S&DBA of any intention of a team to disband mid season.

- (d) The S&DBA Committee has the power to rule on any points that are not covered under the Constitution or the By-Laws within the constraints of the act.

(e) The S&DBA Committee will apply a penalty when deemed necessary for any breaches of the By-Laws.

(f) Copies of By-Laws must be distributed or made available to all Teams, Players, Coaches of Junior grades and Referees, prior to each season. A copy of By-Laws to be made available at all times during competition, e.g. Canteen.

(g) SENIOR Best Player Votes.

i) Best and Fairest votes are to be awarded on a 3,2,1 points system, which are chosen by the referees of each individual game and placed in sealed envelopes.

!!) The sealed envelopes are to be placed in a locked box which are to be collected by a responsible committee person.

!!!) At the completion of the minor round games, the votes are to be counted by 2 impartial committee members or 2 persons elected by the committee.

iv) At the conclusion of the count of the Best & Fairest and Runner-up trophies will be awarded.

v) There shall be no count back

vi) Any player that is reported and found guilty will be ineligible for Best and Fairest awards

vii) The Most Valuable Player trophy at the Senior Grand Final matches will be awarded. This award is to be chosen by the respective game referees

21. Child Protection Policy

(a) The S&DBA Committee will appoint an accredited Child Protection Officer before the start of the summer season.

(b) Formally adopt the Basketball Australia Member Protection Policy

(c) All Committee, Junior Coaches, Canteen Staff, Referees and Team Managers will be required to produce a current Working With Children Clearance before that role can be fulfilled.

(d) A committee representative will in conjunction with the SA government regulations will carry out checks for current Working With Children Clearances and assist members and parents to apply for a clearance if its required.

22. Hot weather Policy

(a) When the advertised Temperature on the BOM (Bureau of Metrology Website) for Strathalbyn on the night before scheduled games is to be 37 degrees and over all games and Trainings will be moved to the Tyndale Stadium. If Tyndale is unavailable games and trainings will be cancelled.

(b) If temperature is advertised Over 42 degrees all games will be cancelled.

(c) In the event of a catastrophic fire danger all games will be cancelled.

(d) The S&DBA will make best attempt to reschedule games based on Stadium, Player and Referee availabilities.

