



BY-LAWS

FOR

GREAT SOUTHERN AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION Inc.

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ADOPTED: 1ST MAY 2023

THESE BY-LAWS ARE TO BE REVIEWED AND ACCEPTED ANNUALLY AT THE FIRST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AFTER THE A.G.M. THESE BY-LAWS CAN BE REVIEWED AND CHANGED AT A GSABA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING.

RULES OF BASKETBALL TO APPLY: All matches will be played in accordance with the Official Basketball Rules, except where this Association's By-Laws and Rules differ and therefore override the Official Basketball Rules as set out below.

1. CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

AMENDED: 17th APRIL 2023

1.1 AFFILIATION OF CLUBS:

a) Clubs must register team listings for the upcoming season on or prior to the completion of the minor round games of the current season. Nomination fee is payable by the third match of the season.

1.2 PLAYER MOVEMENT

AMENDED: 17th APRIL 2023

- a) Any junior player shall be allowed to play in their eligible junior competition and any other higher junior competition.
- b) After a senior player has played five games in a particular division, he/she is not eligible to play in a lower season division for the remainder of the season.
- c) Where a Club has two teams in one age group or division, the club has only until the completion of round five to be able to swap players from one team to another. A player shall not play for two teams in the same age group or division in the same round. New players commencing after round five may play up to two minor round games with one team and be eligible to change teams if necessary.
- d) If a player uses a combination of divisions to qualify for finals, they are only eligible to play finals in the highest division they have played. For Example: If a player needs a combination of games to reach the 30% qualifying rule and plays 1 game in Division 1, 3 games in Division 2, they only qualify for the Division 1 finals.
- e) Any junior player playing in a senior competition abides by senior player status.

- f) Under 21 Youth League players are eligible to play in the Under 21 Youth League competition and any other senior competition. When an Under 21 Youth League plays in a senior competition, the player abides by senior player status.
- g) In the Under 12 competitions clubs can use players from the Under 10 competition. Players who have met the qualification and affiliation rules in the Under 10 competition they can play in junior competition finals.
- h) Under 21 Women/Girls are eligible to play in their nominated competition and any other senior competition that is above their nominated competition.

1.3 FORFEITS

AMENDED: 17th APRIL 2023

- a) The GSABA trading terms is 14 days for payment of invoices. A reminder notice will be sent at the expiry of the trading terms and the fine must be paid within 14 days of issuing the reminder. **CLUB PENALTY:** Failure to do so prohibits the team involved and any of its members from participating in any GSABA Inc. programmed or sanctioned matches until all outstanding monies are paid.
- b) Where prior notice is given, registered players of the non-forfeiting team will have this match recorded as a played match. **SEE FEES.**
- c) Forfeits which occur on the night: All players in attendance will have the match recorded as a played match. Match fees will be returned to all players who had paid prior to the match being forfeited.
- d) Any games cancelled all registered players of the teams involved will have the match recorded as a played match.

1.4 FORFEITS DURING FINALS

In the event of any team forfeiting during the finals, that team surrenders its position on the premiership table and moves to the bottom of the table. All other teams move up for all final's games. **SEE FEES.**

1.5 UNIFORMS

AMENDED: 17th APRIL 2023

- a) All junior and senior players must be in correct club-coloured uniforms, (i.e., tops, shorts and no taped numbers). **PENALTY:** A player that is not in correct uniform that player receives a foul and the team will incur a 4-point penalty with 4 points awarded to the opposition team.
- b) Changes in uniform design and colour must be ratified by Management Committee before the beginning of any season in which the club wishes to introduce the new uniform.

c) Clubs are allowed to play players out of correct uniform up to and including Round 5 of each season. From Round 6 of each season all junior and senior players must be in correct uniform as per Clause 1.5 (a).

1.6 SCORERS/TIME KEEPERS:

AMENDED: 17th APRIL 2023

a) All clubs must supply one non-playing score bench official for each team. Failure to do so results in a loss of one point per minute that they do not have a scorer to a maximum of 20 points if a scorer is not present by half time.

b) If a scorer is not available. A player substitute cannot take the court if they commence scoring. A coach may score.

1.7 CONDUCT

All clubs shall be held responsible for the conduct of its members and shall assist the match officials at all times. Management Committee to decide action for breaches of conduct.

2. PLAYERS RESPONSIBILITIES

AMENDED: APRIL 17TH 2023

2.1 ELIGIBILITY FOR FINALS:

a) A player must play a minimum of 30% of minor round games in the current season to qualify for a final series. When calculating player's games played and where the number is not a whole number, the number will be rounded up to the next whole number. For example: 3.1 goes to 4.

b) A player may play in more than one age group or division finals series if they meet the above eligibility. Finals games will not count towards eligibility or ineligibility of players during a final's series.

c) Applications for sick/injured players who have not met the finals eligibility requirements-

- A player, who due to injury/illness fails to qualify for the finals under By-law 2.1 Eligibility for Finals, may apply in writing (club letterhead) to GSABA Management at least 14 days prior to the start of the finals for that age group/division, for permission to play in the finals.
- Applications subsequent to that timeline may only request consideration of injury/illness, which has occurred within the 14-day period prior to the start of that age group/division finals.
- For all/any applications received and to be considered for approval for finals eligibility, players are required to have played 4 matches during the minor round season.
- Note – If a player has still not played the required 4 matches at the state closure deadline application time, but is intending to play over the final weeks of the season to meet the required minimum 4 matches, they must submit

their application by the stated deadline for it to be eligible to be considered for approval.

- In considering any application the GSABA Committee shall have regard to only 2 criteria:
- 1. Whether the player is a bona-fide player for the team as indicated by the player being registered and assigned to the team prior to the date of injury/illness or commencement of the season;
- 2. The validity of the injury/illness preventing the player from otherwise qualifying to play as indicated by submission of a medical certificate with dates the player was medically unfit to play from a suitably qualified medical practitioner.

2.2 APPEARANCE AT MATCH:

AMENDED: APRIL 17TH 2023

- a) All players must have their name on the iPad or score sheet prior to taking the court.
- b) Players must pay their entrance fee and gain a stamp to be shown to the referee.
- c) Players must be dressed and physically able to take the court by half time siren in all minor round games. **SEE COMPETITION RULES**

2.3 CLEARANCES

AMENDED: MAY 1ST 2023

- a) No player shall play for more than one affiliated Club without first obtaining a clearance from their existing Club.
- b) Each clearance must be submitted with a \$40 administration fee. Clearances to/from Under 10 teams do not require a fee, but still require a clearance.
- c) Players may present clearances to the Management Committee at any time. A player may not be cleared if he/she has played a game in the current season.
- d) The Clearance form must be signed by the player's current Club President or Secretary, the President or Secretary of the Club they wish to be cleared to.
- e) When both clubs have signed the Clearance form and submitted it with Clearance fee to the Business Administrator. The Business Administrator will advise the player and the Club within 7 days that the transfer is complete. If the player is ineligible due to not meeting Clearance rules, then the player and the Club will be advised that it will be brought to the next GSABA Committee Meeting.
- f) Players who have not registered or played any games during the preceding two seasons shall not require a clearance, providing no monies or uniforms are

owed to the previous club(s). A fill in player on a fill in registration is considered to have not played for the purpose of this rule.

- g) Players who are without a team to play in at their current club and are transferring for one season only to enable another club to form a team are required to fill out a permit clearance.

2.4 AGE REQUIREMENT

To play in the senior basketball competition all players must be a minimum of thirteen years of age. If there is any doubt in regard to the age of a player then a birth certificate will need to be produced.

2.5 FILL IN PLAYER

AMENDED: MAY 1st 2023

- a) A fill in player of any age on a 3-game registration, can play for any club/team providing they haven't played or been nominated for a different club that season. Players will not be able to play finals on a 3-game registration and must meet player clearance rules to be eligible. A fill in player can only play for one Club in a season.

3. COMPETITION RULES:

AMENDED: MAY 1st 2023

- a) Refer to the Operations Manual for the Competition Rules Policies:
 - i) GSABA Senior & Junior 50 Minute Competition Rules
 - ii) GSABA Men's & Women's Division One Competition Rules
 - iii) GSABA Under 10 Competition Rules
- b) Forfeits – The clock will start under the referee's instructions. The team must commence the match with two or more players and has until the half-time siren to have four players in playing uniform ready to play. Players must be on court or in their team's coaches bench area when the half-time siren sounds. Penalty is one point per minute to a maximum of 10 points until the fourth player reaches the coaches bench area. Failure to have four players on the court or in their team's coaches bench area by the half-time siren results in a forfeit.

3.1 RUNNING OF THE CLOCK:

At the start of the game, if only one scorer is available, that person will do the score sheet and the clock, which will run as per normal game. If another scorer becomes available then they will assist on the bench.

3.4 DRAWN MATCHES:

- a) Minor round games that finish in a draw will be recorded as a drawn match.

- b) No finals game can finish in a draw and must be decided by extra periods of three minutes durations and the clock stops in the last minute of an extra period.
- c) In this event, on the siren of the second half, teams shall be given a two-minute break. The teams will continue to play in the same direction they played in the second half during the three-minute extra period.
- d) Team fouls continue from the second half.
- e) One time out is permitted for each team.
- f) If teams draw again the same procedure is followed for as many times as it takes until a winner is obtained.

3.5 HOT WEATHER POLICY:

AMENDED: APRIL 15th 2013

On days when the forecast maximum competition temperature as published in the Advertiser that day is 35 -37 for Victor Harbor, Junior Competition timing rules for games may be modified as follows:

1. Referees to call a time-out at the halfway point (5-minute mark) of each period, if one has not been already called.
2. The half-time break to be extended by a minute, from 2 minutes to 3 minutes.
3. The clock to only stop in the last minute of the game instead of the last two minutes.

The Business Administrator will access the Bureau of Metrology to determine if a modified game is required. The Umpire in Charge will be notified before the commencement of the first game of the night.

On days when the forecast maximum temperature as published in the Advertiser that day is 38 degrees or more, junior scheduled games for that day will be cancelled at 1.00p.m. of that day if the predicted temperature for 4.00p.m. that day is 38 degrees or more. Senior scheduled games for that day will be cancelled at 1.00p.m. of that day if the predicted temperature for 6.00p.m. that day is 38 degrees or more.

The Business Administrator will use the Bureau of Metrology prediction for Victor Harbor to determine the cancellation.

If the scheduled games for days with a forecast temperature of 35 or above are cancelled this will be posted on the GSABA Website on the Home Page and the Hot Weather Policy page at 1.00p.m. If games are to be modified this will be listed at 1.00p.m. as well.

It is the responsibility of the Clubs, Coaches, Team Contacts, Players to check the GSABA Website to see if the games are to be cancelled. The responsibility to check game cancellations lies with the Club.

3.6 ABANDONED GAMES:

AMENDED: MAY 1st 2023

A commenced or delayed game may be deferred or abandoned if the court becomes unplayable or for any other reason determined by the Referee Supervisor. Examples may be power failure, court hazards, player injury that prevents their removal from the court, court backboard/ring is broken or a fight.

Minor Round Abandoned Games

- i) The Referee Supervisor is required to complete any period of the game that can be completed within the scheduled timeslot.
- ii) A commenced game, the result shall be the scores as at the time the game was abandoned.

Finals Round Abandoned Games

- i) The Referee Supervisor can allocate thirty minutes to delay the start of the game or use the thirty minutes in an attempt to complete a full game. (i.e. 4 ten minutes quarters). The Referee Supervisor has the responsibility to calculate the remaining playing time left, including the extra thirty minutes and advise the teams of how the game will be conducted. Example: (i.e. 21 minutes left, two ten-minute quarters and a one-minute break between quarters.) (i.e. 29 minutes left, three nine-minute quarters and a minute break between quarters.
- ii) 20 minutes of playing time constitutes a game in a finals game. If 20 minutes can't be played the highest ranked side wins the game.
- iii) A game that has not commenced and no playing time occurs the highest ranked side wins the game.

3.7 TEAM HUDDLES

ADDITION: 10th FEBRUARY 2014

Opposition Coaches, Team Managers, Players, Parents or Spectators should not enter the opposition team huddles during warm-ups, at the start of the game, at the quarter breaks, at time-outs and at the end of the game.

Opposition Coaches, Team Managers, Players, Parents or Spectators who enter the opposition team huddle and cause an incident that involves breaches of the

GSABA Codes of Conducts will receive an automatic two-week suspension if found guilty by the GSABA Management Committee.

4. COMPETITIONS:

4.1 JUNIOR COMPETITION

AMENDED: MAY 1st 2023

- a) Junior Competitions are based on age and gender groupings. Junior players must be under the prescribed age at the 31st December of the year of the conclusion of that season.
- b) The age grouping will be:
 - Under 10 boys (size 5) & Under 10 girls (size 5)
 - Under 12 boys (size 6) & Under 12 girls (size 6)
 - Under 14 boys (size 6) & Under 14 girls (size 6)
 - Under 16 boys (size 7) & Under 16 girls (size 6)
- c) Under 12 and Under 14 age groupings are not allowed to play a zone defence in any game. **PENALTY:** The coach is warned and following occurrences will incur an automatic two-point penalty and the opposition gain possession of the ball from the sideline.
- d) Once a junior team has a lead of 20 points or more and upon the opposing junior coaches' request, they must restrict their defence to all players running back to be inside the three-point line area until that lead is reduced to below 20 points. **PENALTY:** The coach is warned and following occurrences will incur an automatic two-point penalty and the opposition gain possession from the sideline.

4.2 SENIOR COMPETITION

- a) Senior players will be offered Division 1, 2, 3 and 4 Women's competition and Division 1, 2, 3 and 4 Men's competition. Men's competitions will use size 7 basketballs, Women's competitions will use size 6 basketballs.
- b) Senior teams will be graded by Management Committee at nomination meetings held for that purpose. The Management Committee will seek nomination of at least one team in each division by each Club, while also attempting to keep numbers of teams consistent across the divisions.
- c) The Management Committee shall reserve the right to grade teams into divisions other than those nominated, following consultation with the relevant Clubs. In particular, where a team (consisting of four or more of the same players)

has finished the minor round in either first or second position for the previous two seasons, that team would be required to play the following season in a higher division.

4.3 ASSOCIATION TEAMS

AMENDED: MAY 1st 2023

- a) The Management Committee may permit junior association teams to play as "Slammers" in normal competitions.
- b) Slammers teams will generally play in the age group above their own or they will play in the same division against the opposite gender (and in the case of Under 16's and Under 18's, in an appropriate Senior Division.
- c) Slammers teams will not be eligible to play in finals series.
- d) Clubs will generally support their players to play in Slammers teams, however may also recall them to Club teams as necessary during the season. Players may play for Slammers and Club teams in the same round in the same competition. The player's first responsibility however will be for their Club.

5. REPORTING PLAYERS:

AMENDED: 1st MAY 2023

Reporting of players shall be done in accordance with the procedures outlined in the administration manual of SA Country Basketball Council Inc. Tribunal Procedure.

6. MEMBERS AND SPECTATORS:

MEMBERS AND SPECTATORS of the Association are allowed only a direct path from the car to the stadium. All other areas, including congregating in the car park or congregating on the outside High School court for any purpose at all while G.S.A.B.A. has any event in progress (unless proof of an adult coach being in attendance) is prohibited. **PENALTY:** as deemed fit by the Committee.

7. POWERS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

AMENDED: MAY 1st 2023

- a) Have the power to report any player or remove any spectator who is not behaving in a manner befitting the reputation of basketball.
- b) Have the power to rule on any points that are not covered under the constitution.

8. REGISTERED CLUB COLOURS:

LAKERS: Gold and Purple
1st option base colour is: Gold / Purple

WILDCATS: Royal and Light Blue.
1st option base colour is: Royal / Light Blue

- SAINTS:** Bottle Green, Navy and White.
1st option base colour is: Bottle Green
- PISTONS:** Red, Silver, Grey, Blue and White.
1st option base colour is: Red / Silver Grey
- GOOLWA MAGIC:** Black and White.
1st option base colour: Black / White

9. FEES:

These fees may be adjusted as the Management Committee see fit.

- a) Affiliation fee: \$50.00 (issued with Winter Season Nomination)
- b) Nomination fees:
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| Under 10 | \$150.00 per team |
| Under 12 | \$150.00 per team |
| Under 14 | \$150.00 per team |
| Under 16 | \$150.00 per team |
| Senior | \$200.00 per team |
- c) Match money:
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| Under 8 | \$5.00 per player |
| Under 10 | \$6.00 per player |
| Under 12 | \$6.00 per player |
| Under 14 | \$6.50 per player |
| Under 16 | \$6.50 per player |
| Senior | \$10.00 per player |
- d) Forfeit fees:
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| Senior teams: | \$90.00 |
| Forfeit in finals: | \$90.00 |
| Junior teams: | \$70.00 |
| Forfeit in finals: | \$70.00 |
| Clearance fee: | \$40.00 |
- e) Junior Ineligible Player: \$70.00
- f) Senior Ineligible Player: \$90.00
- g) Team Withdrawal Fine: \$100.00 (after draw completed)

10. PENALTIES:

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a) Ineligible player results in a forfeit, which incurs the forfeit fine as well as a 20-0 loss recorded. Once an ineligible player is identified a warning letter is to be sent to the individual and the club that they have breached the by-laws and the GSABA reserve the right to fine as per the GSABA by-laws. Fines should be reserved only for repeated and intentional breaches and in most instances the forfeit result will suffice. Clubs reserve the right to appeal a forfeit result.

Examples are: player arriving after half time and taking the court.

player playing in more than one team within the same division
after the five-week period.

playing an under aged player in senior competition.

player failing to meet five game requirements for finals

player who plays who is unfinancial and uninsured.

b) Player playing prior to transfer approval results in a breach of player eligibility bylaws.

c) Falsifying a score sheet or iPad is a loss of all premiership points to that date.

d) GSABA adopts the Behaviour Technical Foul Policy which has set penalties.

e) Any player who receives a game suspension under the Behaviour Technical Foul Policy or under the SA Country Tribunal procedure in a season is not eligible for Association Best & Fairest, Runner Up and Point Scorer Awards.

i) For the purpose of this clause, a year shall commence with the first scheduled game of each Winter Season.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

AMENDED: MAY 1st 2023

a) Correspondence received from the Clubs to GSABA Management will not be addressed until the next GSABA Management Meeting.

b) GSABA Correspondence is to be communicated to the Clubs and the Clubs are responsible to ensure their Club Members fulfil their obligations.

c) GSABA Correspondence is to be communicated to the Clubs. It is the Club's responsibility to inform their Club member (s) of the correspondence.
GSABA Correspondence to be communicated to the Club member.

- d) GSABA Correspondence communicated to the Clubs that involves fines and penalties needs a date for the fine and penalties to be finalised by.