

SCONE AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

RULES & BY LAWS

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Scone Basketball Association (SBA)

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INTRODUCTION

- The Scone Basketball Association is a non-profit organisation. The Association was formed in 1958 and first operated out of the Scone District Club Boys Club (currently the Youth Club). In 1971 after securing funds we built the Scone Basketball Stadium located at Scone Park Scone.
- SBA offers basketball competitions across a broad range of age groups. These by-laws have been produced by SBA to ensure that all participants have access to the rules and conditions under which our competitions are conducted.
- Comments and suggestions for the improvement is always welcome and form a necessary part of the continual improvement of our Club.
- These by-laws were adopted by the Executive Committee of Scone Basketball Association on 5 March 2019.
- In the event any situations occur that are not covered within these by-laws, these situations will be dealt with by SBA on a case by case basis and if appropriate, the by-laws will be amended accordingly.
- Enforcement of these by-laws will be the responsibility of SBA committee but the game referees may help identify any lack of compliance with any of the rules outlined in this document.

1. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1.1. Members Rights

All SBA Members have the right to:

- Enjoy their basketball activities
- A safe and healthy sporting environment
- Skilled and qualified leadership
- Share in decision-making processes
- Equality of opportunity

1.2. Members Responsibilities

All SBA members are responsible for:

- Playing fairly and safely
- Playing by the rules
- Co-operating with coaches, team mates, officials and opponents
- Abiding by decisions
- Applauding all good play
- Abiding by Basketball Australia, Basketball NSW and SBA's various policies and procedures.

2. CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

2.1. Players, officials and spectators are bound by BNSW Zero Tolerance Policies towards any abusive or inappropriate behaviour from players, spectators and team officials. These policies include: -

- Player's Code of Behaviour,
- Spectators Code of Behaviour and
- Coaches & Officials Code of Behaviour

2.2. These documents are available on the SBA website.

2.3. If any of these policies are breached, a designated official on behalf of SBA may ask the person responsible to leave the premises.

2.4. Players and team officials who would like to offer feedback or request clarification on officiating issues should contact an Executive Committee person.

3. CONDUCT OF GAMES

3.1. All games are played under the jurisdiction of the SBA and shall be conducted according to the rules as laid down in the current "Official Basketball Rulebook" released by FIBA, except where variations are listed within these competition by-laws.

3.2. All games will be under the control of the SBA, which is responsible for receiving Competition Nomination Forms, Nomination Fees, Memberships and Game Fees.

3.3. The SBA is also responsible for compiling the draws, notifying team contacts of the draw and any changes to that draw, receiving notice for forfeits and notifying affected teams, as well as ensuring that the competition rules are adhered to.

3.4. The Senior and Junior Coordinators are responsible for the application of all rules.

3.5. The Senior and Junior Coordinators will assess each individual situation and direct it to the Executive Committee if required.

3.6. The SBA committee will endeavour to allocate teams into appropriate standard competitions and ensure the smooth running of those competitions.

4. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY

4.1. All players must be registered members of the SBA and BNSW. It is the team's responsibility to ensure that all their players are registered members prior to playing.

4.2. Membership will expire **twelve (12) months** from the date of your initial registration and annually thereafter. This initial registration date will be applied to subsequent renewal of your membership (ie if your membership is paid late, the initial expiry date will be applied).

4.3. If you are currently a registered member of another Basketball Association, you will be required to provide evidence of this and pay any Affiliation Fee (Secondary Membership) to compete in a competition conducted by SBA.

4.4. Senior Teams must complete team nomination forms listing all players on their team to be eligible to play.

4.5. Team names will be accepted at the discretion of the Senior and Junior Coordinators within time frames nominated at the start of each competition.

4.6. A registered player must ensure his or her name is **printed** on the score sheet before taking the court. Any team who plays an ineligible player will forfeit that game. Names must be printed in legible writing on score sheets. In the Junior division names are recorded by official team nominated adult manager.

4.7. For their own welfare and safety, players under the age of **14** are not permitted to play in the **Mixed** Senior Competition.

4.8. For their own welfare and safety, players under the age of **16** are not permitted to play in the **Men's** Senior Competition. There will be committee discretion to allow players under age to play in men's competition in relation to any representative player - this will be case by case and approval by committee.

5. TEAM NOMINATION

5.1. All Junior teams are required to have a team manager/ parent who will ensure the team and its members are aware of these by-laws.

5.2. All Senior teams are required to nominate a team captain who will ensure the team and its members are aware of these by-laws.

5.3. Senior teams must nominate at least **eight (8) players** for a team nomination to be accepted to ensure that the team has enough players for the competition. Eligible approved junior players may form part of a senior team but must be nominated on senior nomination form before the start of the competition.

5.4. Competition teams in Senior and Junior can be mixed, or opposite sex as decided by the committee each competition.

5.5. Where the SBA conducts a Mixed Competition, this would have additional specific rules apply to its conduct in terms of Basketball NSW rules and configuration of players on court at any one time.

5.6. SBA reserves the right to refuse admission of any team or player into competitions if that player or team is deemed unsuitable for a particular competition or division.

5.7. All teams having entered the competition and registered by paying the registration fee commit to paying all game fees and other associated fees.

5.8. Teams must provide 7 days written notification if they wish to withdraw from any competition. In the event written notification is not received, all game and/or forfeit fines must be paid.

6. FILL-IN PLAYERS

6.1. Players are only allowed to play in one competition per day/night except for juniors playing in senior competitions.

6.2. Players will also be allowed to fill-in for a team in a higher division/ grade.

6.3. Players cannot play down a division for another team or play for a team in the division they are currently playing in.

6.4. Fill-in players can only be sourced to complete a team of a **maximum of 5 players only**. (Team must have 4 regular players before using a fill-in player.

6.5. If regular team players arrive, fill-in players must substitute out of the game and may not return.

6.6. To avoid a forfeit where a senior team is short of players in any competition game a junior player (14+) (approved by Senior and Junior Coordinators) may play up in a senior game. The same junior player cannot play up in the same senior team more than two (2) times in the competition.

7. UNIFORMS AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE

7.1. General

7.1.2. No jewellery will be permitted to be worn and nails must be kept short or appropriately taped as per FIBA, BA, NSWBA and SBA approved specifications.

7.1.3. Braces, guards or protective equipment can only be used if prior approval is given by SBA.

7.1.4. Hair must not be tightly platted or in dreadlocks to a length where there is a reasonable chance that another player may be hit.

7.1.5. Appropriate sports footwear is to be worn at all times on the court surface areas. Work boots, bare feet, thongs, sandals, black soled joggers, dress or casual shoes, high heels or school shoes are not permitted when playing or training on court.

7.2. Team Uniforms All Competitions

7.2.1. Members of each team entering one of our competitions will be required to wear numbered singlets of the same make, colour and style.

7.2.2. Shorts will not have any external pockets.

8. SCORE-BENCH DUTIES

8.1. Each Senior team is required to provide one score-bench official for games before or after their games as per draw.

8.2. Teams failing to provide a score-bench official will concede **2 competition points**.

8.3. A parent or Team Manager may complete score bench duties in Junior Competition games.

9. FORFEITS

9.1. A team will forfeit a game if:

- 9.1.1. They advise SBA before the scheduled game time that they are unable to play the game;
- 9.1.2. They do not have at least 4 players ready to play within 5 minutes of the scheduled starting time of a game or they have not paid the relevant game fee;
- 9.1.3. Due to injury or players being fouled out during a game, they have less than 2 players that are eligible and able to play for the remainder of the game;

- 9.1.4. The team walk out and refuse to complete a game that has started.

9.2. Where a game is forfeited under clause 9.1.1 or 9.1.2 the result of the game shall be recorded as a loss against the team that forfeited.

9.3. Where a game is forfeited under clause 9.1.3 the game shall be recorded as a loss against the team that forfeited. If the team that forfeited:

9.4. was ahead at the point of the game when they forfeited, the score shall be recorded as 20-0;

9.5. was behind at the point of the game when they forfeited, the score shall be recorded as it was at the time.

9.6. If both teams forfeit a game under 9.1.1, 9.1.2 or 9.1.3 both teams shall be recorded as losing the game and the score shall be 0-0.

9.7. Where a team forfeits a game under 9.1.4 the game shall be recorded as a loss against the team that forfeited.

9.8. Each Senior Team will be required to pay a forfeit of \$100 before the first competition game.

9.9. Where a team finds they will have to forfeit a game due to insufficient players, the team contact must notify the Coordinator of their intention to forfeit not less than 24 hours before the appointed match time. Failure to notify within this time frame will result in the team having **\$50** deducted from the forfeit fee.

9.10. Any team that has **3 un-notified forfeits** in a single competition may be removed from the competition.

9.11. All remaining forfeit fees not drawn on for forfeits will be reimbursed to the team at the end of the competition.

10. FINES AND OUTSTANDING FEES

10.1. All outstanding fees/ fines must be paid prior to the team's first game of the competition, otherwise the team will not be able to take the court.

10.2. All members of such teams must pay their share of any outstanding team fees before they will be allowed to resume playing for another team in an SBA competition.

11. SPECIAL / LOCAL RULES

11.1. Senior Unisex Competitions

11.1.1. There must be no more than two male members on the court throughout the game.

11.1.2. Teams may start a game with only four players, provided that 11.1.1 is adhered to.

11.1.3. A game shall be forfeited if a team has no male or no female players remaining on the court. The score shall stand if the team forfeiting was behind or recorded as **20-0**.

12. STARTING OF GAMES

12.1. Where a game cannot start because one team has less than 4 players available or has not paid game fees, the game clock shall be started as usual.

12.2. This team will then have five **(5) minutes** to have sufficient players and/or fees paid to start the game before the game is forfeited.

12.3. Upon sufficient players being available, the game will commence without the clock being reset.

12.4. The team that had sufficient players to start the game at the scheduled time will be awarded 2 points for every minute or part thereof that had expired before the game started. Points will be added at the **end of the first quarter**.

13. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY FINALS

13.1. In order to be eligible to play in the Semi Finals and Grand Finals, a player must have played in at least **3** of all games during the competition.

13.2. Any players want to sign up in the last 5 rounds must be approved by co-ordinators in Junior or Senior competitions.

13.3. As with all games, teams must have a minimum of **4 players** available to start a semi-final or grand-final match. Fill-in players will not be allowed in semi-finals or grand-finals.

13.4. Eligibility appeals should be made to the SBA at least one week prior to the game. Supporting evidence must be produced by players who have been unable to

play due to work, illness, injury or representative duties. Exceptional circumstances will be taken into consideration.

14. COMPETITION POINTS TABLE

14.1. There is no competition points table for Miniball

14.2. A competition points table will be maintained by the Club to determine standings for teams during the course of competitions.

14.3. Points will be awarded Competitions, as follows:

- Win: 3 Points
- Draw: 2 Points
- Loss: 1 Point
- Bye: 3 Points
- Forfeits:
 - Notifying with 24-hour notice: 0 Points
 - Notifying with less than 24-hour requirement: Minus 3 Points
 - Financial, unregistered or ineligible player forfeit: Minus 3 Points
- Technical Fouls: Minus 3 Points

14.4. Positions on the points table will be determined by the following, in order:

- Number of points accumulated during the course of the competition,
- Fewest number of forfeits given
- Results of games played between tied teams
- Percentage of points for and against scored in all games played

15. SEMI FINALS, FINALS AND GRAND FINALS

15.1. There are no finals for Miniball.

15.2. For all other age divisions, at the end of the regular competition season, the following finals format will take place:

15.2.1. Semi-Finals - 1st placed team versus 2nd placed team (Major)

- 3rd placed team versus 4th placed team (Minor).

15.2.2. Finals – Loser of Major versus Winner of Minor (Final)

15.3. The winners of the Major and Final will progress to the Grand-Final.

15.4. For semi-finals and grand finals, the following timing rules shall apply:

- Each team will be entitled to call 2 time out per half. The clock will be stopped for all time outs.

- The last two minutes of the fourth quarter will be fully timed, only if the score difference becomes 10 points or less.
- In the event of a draw, extra periods of 3 minutes will be played until a result is achieved.

16. REFEREES

16.1. Our referees undertake a critical role in the delivery of our Local Competitions and are to be shown the appropriate level of respect from all participants and supporters.

16.2. As indicated earlier, our Club maintains a Zero Tolerance Policy for each of our competitions (in accordance to the Basketball NSW Zero Tolerance Policy and Codes of Behaviour) towards any abusive or inappropriate behaviour from players and team officials towards referees, players, score bench personnel or members of the public.

16.3. It is our intention to provide two referees for each competition game played. Individuals are encouraged to become involved with refereeing to assist the Club in this important area.

16.4. The match referee will make every effort to have games commence on time. This will be assisted by teams being ready to play at the scheduled starting time of the game. Referees will also make every effort to ensure that subsequent periods are commenced on time.

16.5. At half time the match referee will:

16.5.1. place a line through the name of all players that did not participate in the game for finals qualification purposes.

16.5.2. Add any additional points to teams for penalties.

16.6. The match referee will check and sign the scoresheet to verify the correct result at the conclusion of the game .

16.7. The match referee will note down on the scoresheet at the end of each game any players name who has received a Technical Foul and the reason for the Technical Foul (eg: offensive language).

17. PROTESTS / REPORTING OFFENCES

17.1. All protests regarding the outcome of a match should be lodged with a designated Committee Executive member within **48 hours** of the alleged incident.

17.2. Other complaints should be referred to an Executive within 48 hours of the alleged incident.

17.3. SBA operates under the Disciplinary Tribunal by-laws of Basketball Australia. A person will be reported if they committed an offence under the by-laws or acted in a manner which is detrimental to the proper and efficient conduct, control or administration of basketball.

17.4. Records of players who receive Technical Fouls will be monitored by SBA.

17.5. SBA is committed to providing a safe and enjoyable playing experience for all participants. It is essential that all participants are aware of their responsibilities with regard to their own conduct (see sections 1 and 2 of these by-laws for more details). Please note also there are measures in place for any participant or team that has a specific concern they would like addressed. It is essential that participants abide by these parameters to enable a fair and equitable outcome when resolving disputes.

18. INJURIES

18.1. All injuries must be reported to the designated Committee member present.

18.2. All injury report forms must be completed by SBA Committee member or game referee.

18.3. In the event of an injury, the referee will use his or her discretion as to when to stop the game. Spectators, coaches and managers are not to go onto the court until requested.

18.4. In the event of serious injury, an ambulance should only be called with permission from the injured person or their parent. The injured party should not be moved or treated by unqualified personnel.

18.5. For all details on Basketball NSW Sports Injury Insurance, including claims Procedures please check the "Sports Insurance" section of the Basketball NSW Website: <http://www.bnsw.com.au/about/insurance/>