

SPBA By-law amendments – effective 1st of April, 2018
Approved by SPBA Board of Management – 14th February, 2018

Clause #		Clause	Reasoning
AGMs 2.1	Previous	Failure by teams to have at least one representative attend the Annual General Meeting will incur a 3 premiership point loss, except in the case of Clubs. Attendees to the Annual General Meeting can only sign for one team.	Using this option allows teams to not attend and notify should they be unable to, but with a lesser penalty. This change also avoids affecting ladder results where in the past it has caused uncompetitive finals due to the 1v4 and 2v3 two week finals structure.
	Changed	Failure by teams to have at least one representative attend the Annual General Meeting will incur a fine. Independent team's not attending that supplies the SPBA office at least 48 hours notice shall be treated as a notified forfeit. Independent teams not attending and who do not supply the SPBA Office notice or less than 48 hours notice will be treated as a un-notified forfeit. Attendees to the Annual General Meeting can only sign for one team.	

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AGMs 2.2	Previous	A Club is defined as more than 3 teams governed by one body with a duly elected Secretary. In the case of Clubs the number of representatives required to attend the Annual General Meeting must equal at least 50% of the number of teams in that Club. Failure by a club to do so will incur a 1 (one) premiership point loss to all associated teams.	As per above reasoning but for club teams.
	Changed	A Club is defined as more than 3 teams governed by one body with a duly elected Secretary. In the case of Clubs the number of representatives required to attend the Annual General Meeting must equal at least 50% of the number of teams in that Club. If less than 50% of teams attend the non-attending teams shall incur the amount of a notified forfeit fine, regardless of if the team has notified.	

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Eligibility of players 3.2	Previous	Grades are defined as ability levels (e.g. 1, 2 and 3 etc.) for senior Competition and age or school level for Junior Competition. Divisions are defined as ability levels within a grade in Junior Competition. Sections are defined as mixed ability groupings within a grade which combine for finals to produce one Premiership team.	Irrelevant to our current structure and simplified wording.

	Changed	Grades are defined as ability levels (e.g. 1, 2 and 3 etc.) for senior competition and age or school level for Junior competition. Divisions are defined as ability levels within a grade in Junior Competition.	Removed: “Sections are defined as mixed ability groupings within a grade which combine for finals to produce one Premiership team.”
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Eligibility of players 3.3	Previous	Senior Representative Players (Big V Players) The policy for Senior Representative Players (Big V Players) is that they cannot play lower than Division 2 Grade. Therefore they cannot play in division 3 or 4.	Irrelevant to our current structure. The below wording will remain: “Therefore they cannot play in division 3 or 4.”
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Eligibility of players 3.8	Previous	To be eligible to play in a Junior Representative side the player must play in the Winter Domestic Competition. This only applies for U12 and U14 age groups.	Now a requirement of junior representative program and Basketball Victoria Country eligities.
	Changed	To be eligible to play in a Junior Representative side the player must play in the Winter Domestic Competition. This applies for age groups from U12-U18s. High performance exemptions may be granted by the SPBA DOC. Refer to Basketball Victoria Country website for BVC Country Championship eligibility guidelines.	

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Eligibility of players 3.9	Previous	<p>In order to try and present a fair and even competition for our Domestic teams, SPBA has a 3 Representative player per Domestic team system for Junior Representative Players. No team may enter domestic competition with a total of 3 or more Junior Representative Players. This is required to avoid strong domestic teams being created to the detriment of other teams. Therefore the below rules will apply:</p> <p>play with a Representative team anytime during the Championship season (Winter domestic season)</p> <p>any first year Representative player who was successful in gaining a position in a Representative program in October will not be classed as a Representative player for the Summer season only</p> <p>stopped playing Junior Representative basketball at the end of the Championship season he/she is no longer classed as a Representative player for the Summer season</p>	<p>This change allows for a more even spread of representative players across domestic team according to skill level, rather than treating all representative players as the same skill and age level.</p> <p>This also allows teams to play up with representative play restriction if they wish to play with higher graded rep players.</p> <p>The clause is also changed to</p>
	Changed	<p>In order to try and present a fair and even competition for our Domestic teams, SPBA has a Junior Representative player point system per team.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1st team player = 3 points 2nd team player = 2 points 3rd team player or below = 1 points</p> <p>Each junior domestic team can have a maximum of 8 points of players registered to their team. For example, a team could have 2 first team players and 1 second team player but the rest must be non-representative players.</p> <p>A player that is playing up an age group drops a point. i.e. U14 1st team player playing in U16s will only attract 2 points instead of 3.</p> <p>This is required to avoid strong domestic teams being created to the detriment of other teams.</p> <p>A junior representative player is defined as playing with a Representative team anytime during the Championship season currently or in the 12 months prior.</p> <p>A player is not considered a junior representative player if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they are a first-year Representative player who was successful in gaining a position in a Representative program in October. This player will not be classed as a Representative player for the Summer season only; or 	<p>count players as rep players up to 12 months after their last representative game. This prevents teams going and hunting rep players as soon as they finish playing rep. Allow for teams to have for example:</p> <p>-4 x 2nd team players or -1 x 1st team player -5 x 3rd team players</p> <p>The dropping point idea is a simpler, easier and fairer way to determine for players/ teams playing up.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> they have not played Representative basketball in the 12 months prior to being selected 	
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Eligibility of players 3.13	Previous	A player's name and number must be written on the scoresheet before the end of the first half of any game to be eligible to play in the game.	This by-law is updated to refer to new technology. It is intended to avoid teams pulling in unexpected players in the second half of games.
	Changed	A player's name must be on the stadium scoring device before the end of the first half <u>and be</u> marked as active to be eligible to play in the game. Players should only be marked as active when they are present and paid at the game.	

Clause #		Clause	Reasoning
Interchange of players within clubs 5.2	Previous	Club players are not permitted to play in 2 teams within the same grade during the same week.	More accurate wording.
	Changed	Club players are not permitted to play in 2 teams within the same competition during the same round.	

Clause #		Clause	Reasoning
Competition rules 7.3	Previous	If a team withdraws from the competition any time after the 4 th game of a season a penalty will apply. The penalty will be determined by the BOM.	We now have a 3 week grading period instead of 4.

	Changed	If a team withdraws from the competition any time after the 3 rd game of a season a penalty will apply. The penalty will be determined by the BOM.	
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Finals series comp rules 8.1	Previous	The clock will stop for all time-outs, and for all whistle blows in the last 3 minutes of the game. Time-outs and substitutions are allowed in the last 3 minutes of the game.	Updated finals rules
	Changed	The clock will stop for all time-outs, and for all whistle blows in the last minute of the first half and last three minutes of the second half. Time-outs are allowed on any whistle or opposition made field goal. Substitutions are allowed at any dead ball situation. The clock shall not stop after any made field baskets unless a timeout is called.	Reword to avoiding to match current rules across leagues.

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U9 and U10 Competitions	Previous	OBJECTIVES OF THE REFEREES To acquaint the player and the coach with the basic rules of: fouls, travels, double dribbles, and jump balls.	New terminology
	Changed	OBJECTIVES OF THE REFEREES To acquaint the player and the coach with the basic rules of: fouls, travels, double dribbles, and held balls.	

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U9 and U10 Competitions	Previous	<u>MODIFIED RULES FOR UNDER 9 & 10</u> Under 9 competitions do not play for premiership points nor do they participate in finals matches. U9 competitions will play three on three in two halves for the first four weeks of competition Both coaches are permitted on the court in these four weeks to help players	Align with the grading period

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Rule Changes for Under Age Comps	Previous	U9-U12 competitions 3pt shots do not count	SPBA build's this skill in our programs from an u12 age group so it does not make sense to not have it in domestic.
	Changed	<p>REPLACE RESPECTIVELY WITH: In U12s 3pt shots count. In U9s and U10s 3pt shots do not count.</p> <p>ADD IN Inside 3pt line for U12s-U14s</p>	

Clause #		Clause	Reasoning
Basketball Victoria By-Laws	Previous	<i>(Exert from out of date Basketball Victoria Tribunal By-laws)</i>	<p>These changes sometimes on a yearly basis and are out of date.</p> <p>Were originally in place as associations ran their own regional tribunals, now it is centralised through Basketball Victoria under their by-laws/constitution.</p>
	Changed	<p>Tribunals & Member Protection</p> <p>Basketball Victoria - By-laws (Tribunal)</p> <p>1 Tribunals & Reports</p> <p>1.1 Tribunals and reports are conducted under the Basketball Victoria By-laws (Tribunal) which can be found on the SPBA website.</p> <p>1.2 Tribunals are administrated and conducted under the regional Peninsula Tribunal Panel, an independent group. This tribunal runs under the direction of Basketball Victoria and adopts all policies and procedures outlines in the Basketball Victoria Tribunal.</p> <p>1.3 All by-laws previously made concerning Tribunals are rescinded.</p> <p>2 Social Media</p>	

		2.1 The SPBA follows the Basketball Victoria Member Protection By-laws regarding conduct on social media. Participants that violate these by-laws will be sactioned through the Basketball Victoria Tribunal.	
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