

Southern Peninsula
Basketball Association
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BY – LAWS FOR THE SOUTHERN PENINSULA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

(Amendment Notice – As of 1st April 2018)

1. POWER OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT AND SPBA STAFF

- 1.1 The BOM and or employees of the SPBA shall have the power to suspend, disqualify, fine or otherwise deal with any teams or member thereof, any score bench official, referee or spectator which or who has committed any breach of the constitution laws, or By-laws, or rules made thereunder, or practised, counselled or sanctioned any conduct arising out of or in connection with Basketball, which conduct is in the opinion of the BOM, unbecoming, unfair or contrary to the interests of Basketball, after hearing relevant evidence from any teams, players or persons connected with the incidences.
- 1.2 The BOM shall have the power to make By-Laws and to alter, amend, add to or rescind same as the occasion may require. The By-Laws may be altered by resolution passed at a meeting, of which notice setting out the proposed amendment has been given to SPBA members not less than twenty-eight days (28) prior to the meeting.

2. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 2.1 Failure by teams to have at least one representative attend the Annual General Meeting will incur a fine. Independent team not attending that gives at least 48 hours notice shall be treated as a notified forfeit. Independent teams not attending and giving no notice or less than 48 hours notice will be treated as a un-notified forfeit. Except in the case of Clubs. Attendees to the Annual General Meeting can only sign for one team.
- 2.2 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.

3. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- 3.1 All players must be financial members of the Association and registered with teams in which they play. All registered players shall be eligible to play in Association matches subject to the following conditions:
 - are within the age bracket for that competition as per clause 3.12;
 - has no current Basketball Australia recognised or association suspensions;
 - is financial within the association.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 Players must be thirteen (13) years of age to participate in any senior competition (including mens, womens and mixed).
Any team that plays a player under this minimum age will be deemed to have played an ineligible player and the match will be considered a forfeit.

The parent or guardian of a player who is 16 years of age or younger must complete an Indemnification form in the presence of an Association staff member in order to compete in a senior competition.

Junior Players

- 3.4 Players may play permanently in more than one grade in the same age group given that they are a bottom age player. Top age players that finish in division $\frac{3}{4}$ after grading may not join another team in a higher grade or fill in for a higher team without permission from SPBA. Top age players that finish in division $\frac{1}{2}$ after grading are not allowed to join or fill in for a team in a lower grade.
- 3.5 Players in Junior Competition may play additional weekly games in older age grades and in Senior Competition.
- 3.6 Players are not permitted to fill in for a team in their own division.
- 3.7 The BOM has the power to accept or reject any application to play in Domestic competition. Acceptance or rejection will be decided using the following criteria:

- (i) Appropriate (age, division, etc.) placement
- (ii) fair competition

- 3.8 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.*
- 3.9 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.

- 1st team player = 3 points
- 2nd team player = 2 points
- 3rd team player = 1 points

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.*

A player that is playing up an age group drops a point. i.e. An u14 1st team player playing in U16s will only attract 2 points instead of 3.

This is required to avoid strong domestic teams being created to the detriment of other teams.

A junior representative player is defined as playing with a Representative team anytime during the Championship season currently or in the past 12 months.

A player is not considered a junior representative player if:

- they are a 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; or
- they have not played Representative basketball in the last 12 months.

- 3.10 To qualify to play in the final series, a player must play 50% of the total of games including grading (e.g. 50% of 14 games = 7 games). A bye will be counted as a played game only if,

the player plays the game prior too or after the bye. For a forfeited game, the players in the non-forfeiting team will be counted as a game played if, the player plays the game prior to or after the bye.

- 3.11 In the event of a player being ineligible to play in semi-finals and final matches under the condition of By-law 3.10 the player may through his team apply to the Association for a Special Permit to play in finals matches.
The applicant must outline clearly valid and genuine reasons for the application. The decision by the Basketball Operations and Administration Manager shall be deemed as final.
- 3.12 Ages for junior competition will be December 31st of the playing year.
- 3.13 A player's name must be on the stadium scoring device before the end of the first half and be 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.
- 3.14 Teams who play ineligible players in any game will forfeit that game.

4. CLEARANCES

- 4.1 Application for clearances must be forwarded through the SPBA office via email.
- 4.2 Clearances may be affected up to half way through any playing season.
- 4.3 A player who is refused a clearance twice in one season may appeal to the BOM, who will request both the team and the player involved to give evidence as to why the clearance should be refused or granted by the BOM.

5. INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS WITHIN CLUBS

- 5.1 Clubs with 2 or more teams in the same grade shall have the first 3 weeks of a season to stabilise their teams by interchanging their players between rounds. After the 3rd round no interchange of players between such Club teams may occur.
- 5.2 Club players are not permitted to play in 2 teams within the same competition during the same round.

6. MATCH OFFICIALS

Each team is to provide a reliable official for the score table. Games are not permitted to proceed until these requirements are met. If both teams only have five players available with no scorers then both teams are to use one player as a scorer and play four on four. Teams unable to fulfil these requirements within 10 minutes of the starting of the clock will forfeit the game.

7. COMPETITION RULES

- 7.1 The matches will be conducted under the Official Basketball Rules of F.I.B.A. with the following modifications which apply to all matches except finals series. Finals Series variations are listed in By-law 8.
- 7.2 A team may commence the match with 4 players. A maximum of ten players may play in any one game. Each team may have a maximum of 12 registered and active players.
- 7.3 If a team withdraws from the competition any time after the 3rd game of a season a penalty will apply. The penalty will be determined by the BOM.

- 7.3 Teams who notify the Manager / Administrator at least 2 Working Days (A working day being defined as Monday to Friday, not including Public Holidays) prior to the fixtured game time will be fined as a notified forfeit. Teams who notify Manager / Administrator within 2 Working Days prior to the fixtured game will be fine as an Unnotified forfeit. Forfeit fines will be determined from time to time by the BOM.
- 7.4 All outstanding fees recorded by a team during a season must be paid before said team can play the following match.
- 7.5 Game fees for forfeited games will be refunded, unless the teams use the referees and or court during the game time.
- 7.6 All round games shall be played under the following rules:
- Two (2) x eighteen (18) minute halves;
 - The clock will not start for either half until the ball is in play;
 - Clock will stop on all whistles in the last two (2) minutes of the second half only;
 - The clock will not stop on any made field baskets;
 - The ball shall be advanced to the throw in line in the front court in the last two minutes of the game if the team entitled to the ball calls the timeout as per FIBA rule 17.2.4.
 - Substitutions and timeouts will be allowed at any point during the game except the last one (1) minute of the first half;
 - Teams are allowed one (1) time out per half;
- 7.7 For each minute a team is late the opponents are awarded one point. These points will begin to accumulate when one team has at least four players at the centre ready to tip off. If a team is ten minutes late for a fixtured game time, the match is deemed to be an Unnotified forfeit.
- 7.8 Shooting at the wrong basket:
The score will not count in U9 and U10 divisions. The penalty is as a violation and the ball is to be taken at the sideline by the non-offending team. For all other divisions the score will be counted and rewarded to the opposing team.
- 7.9 Additional rules may be introduced by the BOM from time to time. Such rules will be notified to all clubs or teams (if not associated with a Club), in writing and will be permanently displayed on a notice board at the Dromana & Rosebud Basketball Centres.
- 7.10 The Sin Bin is implemented in all competitions for all teams, U14 and above. Whereby a player who receives a Technical Foul, a Bench Technical Foul or an Unsportsmanlike Foul will be forced to sit on the bench for a period of 5 minutes of playing time.

8. FINALS SERIES COMPETITION RULES

During finals series the following game timings shall apply:

- 8.1 All finals games shall be played under the following rules:
- Two (2) x twenty (20) minute halves;
 - The clock:
 - will not start for either half until the ball is in play;
 - will stop for all whistles in the last one (1) minute of the first half and last three (3) minutes of the second half;
 - Substitutions and timeouts will be allowed on any whistle throughout the game;
 - Teams are allowed one (1) time out per half;

9. PLAYERS UNIFORMS

- 9.1 Each team must register the colour of its playing uniform. The SPBA office shall have the power to order any team to change any part of their uniform.
- 9.2 After the 3rd week of any season, any player who does not wear the correct uniform is ineligible to play in that game. A player may wear incorrect coloured shorts or singlet but the team will be penalised by 3 points per item being awarded to the opposition team. Pockets on shorts are not permitted for safety reasons; shorts must be "sports" shorts.
- 9.3 Singlet Numbers will now fall inline with the current FIBA ruling. Players are allowed to wear any number including from 0, 00 and 1-99.
- 9.4 Registered uniforms of recognised Clubs (see By-Law 2. (2) to have priority over other teams in all domestic competitions. In the case of two recognised Clubs having the same colour uniform, the Club with the longest association with the SPBA will have priority.

10. PROTESTS

Any team desiring to lodge a protest in respect of any game must notify of intention to protest within twenty-four (24) hours of the game concluding. The official protest must be lodged in writing to the Association within seven (7) days of the match. The parties concerned shall have the right to attend the meeting at which the protest will be heard.

11. ADMISSION FEES

Admission fees and penalty for non-payment for the competition matches will be determined from time to time by the SPBA.

12. PLAYERS HEALTH

- 12.1 Players all play any match at their own risk.
- 12.2 The Southern Peninsula Basketball Association follows the recommendations of Basketball Victoria in their Member Protection Policy. The preference is that a women known to be pregnant not play or referee basketball. The policy is detailed in the Basketball Victoria Member Protection Policy under section 4.

13. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- 13.1 Life Members may be elected at the Annual General Meeting by a three/fourths majority of those present, provided that written notice of nomination for such election shall have been given to the Honorary Secretary, 21 days at least before the meeting is held. Life memberships shall be restricted to those whose services to basketball and the Association has been worthy of the highest honour. By resolution of a three/fourths majority vote of the Association, Life Membership may be cancelled.
- 13.2 Privileges of a Life Member shall include free admission to all functions held by the Association, and attendance at all Association meetings. Life Members shall be awarded a badge of appropriate design.

14. TRIBUNAL PROCEDURES

The SPBA operates under a Regional Tribunal and adopts all procedures as per Basketball Victoria procedures.

15. UNRULY BEHAVIOUR BY SPECTATOR(S)

During any game if the game officials identify any unruly behaviour by spectators the following procedure is to occur:

- i. The Referee is to stop the clock and game.
- ii. Notify the Stadium Manager who is to speak to:
 - a. The coach / coaches and or Captain / Captains.
 - b. The Spectator/Spectators

The Manager will inform the spectator that the behaviour is unsuitable and this continues he/she will be asked to leave.

When the spectator complies with the Managers instructions the game will resume.

If the spectator refuses to comply with the Managers requests or if the behaviour re-occurs. The Referee stops the clock, if subsequent behaviour continues the Manager will inform the spectator he / she must now leave the court area. If the spectator refuses to leave, the clock remains stopped. The spectator is to be notified that the police are to be called. If there is a time delay of more than 5 minutes in the police arriving the game is cancelled.

The SPBA may investigate to determine if the game should be rescheduled at a later date.

16. HANGING FROM THE RINGS

Any person hanging from the rings, nets and or supports during non-game times will incur a 3 week suspension.

17 WINDING UP:

17.1 In the event of the Southern Peninsula Basketball Association being disbanded, its net assets will not be distributed to members but will be distributed to:

- (i) a fund with objectives similar to those of Southern Peninsula Basketball Association; or
- (ii) a fund which has a philanthropic or benevolent purpose, including the promotion of art, culture, science, religion, education or charity, and including the benefiting of a fund certified to be a patriotic fund under section 24 of the Patriotic Funds Act 1958 or the fund or part of the fund of the Australian Red Cross Society; or
- (iii) a community or charitable organization

18 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

18.1 The Southern Peninsula Basketball Association is established to encourage the local community to play basketball and to further develop participation of basketball throughout the local community.

19 ANTI – DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Southern Peninsula Basketball Association has adopted the Anti - Discrimination Policy of the Basketball Victoria as outlined in the June 19th 1998 Policy Statement. (See attached Policy statement)

20 JEWELLERY & HAIR REGULATION:

- (i) Rings are not accepted to be worn. (only securely taped wedding bands allowed.)
- (ii) No bracelets or necklaces allowed.

- (iii) Earrings will only be allowed if they are flat studs and tapped securely.
- (iv) No plastic hair slide combs or clips are to be worn on the basketball court.
- (v) Bobby pins are allowed.
- (vi) No metal/hard plastic head bands are permitted. Material head bands are accepted if they are less than 2cm in width.
- (vii) Braided beads are only allowed if secured in a pony tail.
- (viii) No long platted hair is allowed.

Under 9 and 10 Saturday Competitions

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMS

The objective of these programs is to provide an opportunity for new players to learn the fundamental skills and Rules of Basketball in a fun and friendly environment.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COACH

To play all players for relatively equal periods of time and to encourage them to shoot, dribble, pass and play in a team concept.

OBJECTIVES OF THE REFEREES

To acquaint the player and the coach with the basic rules of: fouls, travels, double dribbles, and held balls. Not to be overly strict on violations initially, and to explain the violation to the players and coaches. Referees need to be able to communicate well with the players and coaches.

MODIFIED RULES FOR UNDER 9 & 10

- 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 three weeks of competition
 - Both coaches are permitted on the court in these three weeks to help players
 - 2 Referees will be supplied for U9 competitions
 - No results will be recorded on the SPBA website for either season
- Ideally we wish to provide single sex competitions however girls can play in boys competitions in Under 9 and Under 10 competitions.
- All matches for Under 9 and 10 are played with a size 5 basketball.
- All matches for Under 9 to use the lowered rings.
- A liberal five seconds in the key.
- No cross-court violation at the centre line.
- The perforated line at the bottom of the circle is the free throw line.

DEFENCE

- Man to man defence shall apply unless a team has less than the required number of players when they may play a zone defence.
- When one team is 10 points ahead, that team **MUST** automatically retreat to their own 3 point line when playing defence on end and side balls.
- After a basket is scored or a side ball situation referees are to enforce the above. This is not enforced in normal passages of play where a player loses the ball to the opposition. However if the referee

assesses that a team is struggling to get the ball up the court he / she may direct the defence to retreat to the three point line.

TIMING RULES UNDER 9 AND 10

- As per SPBA Competitions Rules 7.6

SCORING UNDER 9

- Each player is only allowed to score 10 points (5 field goals) per half, plus any bonus free throw points. This is to encourage passing and to give all players an opportunity to score

FOULS UNDER 9 AND 10

- Under 9's – once a player has 5 fouls, they must sit on the bench for at least 2 minutes. The player is then allowed to return to the game. If a 6th foul is recorded, the player must sit out the rest of the game.
- Under 10's – 5 fouls only.

Man To Man Defence in Under 12 to Under 14 Competitions

All teams will be required to play man to man defence

- Each player must pick up and defend one player
- This does not have to be done at full court; half court or the three-point line is acceptable.
- Players can move into a help position provided they maintain vision on both their players and the ball.
- Teams may still play a trapping defence but must adopt man-to-man principles once the trap is broken.
- Teams with less than five players on the court may play a zone.

The penalty for an illegal defence, after two warnings to the coach will be a Bench Technical foul.

Rule Changes For Under Age Competitions

Under 9	Size 5 basketball Free shots from the edge of circle Three point shots do not count Cross court rule not enforced Three seconds in the key not enforced Man to man defence must be played Girls are eligible to play in boys competition
Under 10	Size 5 basketball Free shots from the edge of circle Three point shots do not count Cross court rule not enforced Three seconds in the key not enforced Man to man defence must be played Girls are eligible to play in boys competition
Under 12	Size 6 basketball Free shots from short line Three point shots count from the inside line (where available) Man to man defence must be played
Under 14	Size 6 basketball Free shots from normal foul line Three point shots count from the inside line (where available) Man to man defence must be played

*if inside three point line isn't available the outside line shall be used.

Tribunals & Member Protection

Basketball Victoria By-laws (Tribunal)

1 Tribunals & Reports

- 1.1 Tribunals and reports are conducted under the Basketball Victoria By-laws (Tribunal) which can be found on the SPBA website.
- 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.
- 1.3 All by-laws previously made concerning Tribunals are rescinded.

2 Social Media

- 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.