

Mildura Basketball Association Incorporated

By-Laws – 31/08/2023

1. DEFINITIONS

In these By-Laws unless the contrary intention appears;

“Association” means the Mildura Basketball Association.

“Committee” means the Committee of Management referred to in Rule 20 of the Rules.

“Junior Competition” means the Under 20 competition and all competitions of a lesser age group.

“Manager” means the General Manager as appointed by the Committee.

“Competitions Manager” means the Assistant to the General Manager as appointed by the Committee.

“The Rules” means the Rules of the Mildura Basketball Association Incorporated.

“Secretary” means the Secretary of the Committee of the Mildura Basketball Association.

“Senior Competition” means all competition other than junior competition.

“Junior Sub-Committee” means the Junior Representative Sub-Committee

“Senior Sub Committee” means the Senior Representative Sub-Committee

“Summer Competition” means the competition that commences in or about October and is completed in or about March.

“Winter Competition” means the competition conducted in between the finish and commencement of the summer competition.

“New Heat player” means a person who has or intends to play for the Mildura Heat and who has not previously played in a summer season competition in the Mildura Basketball Association.

2. Association Colours

The colours of the teams representing the Association shall be black, red and white.

3. Affiliated Clubs

3.1. The committee shall have the power to accept or refuse any application for affiliation by any Club of the Association.

3.2. Upon its application of affiliation being accepted each Club shall agree to abide by the Rules and By-Laws of the Association and shall agree to accept and obey all decisions made by the Committee.

- 3.3. The Committee shall have the power to terminate a Club's affiliation where any Club fails to comply with the conditions of affiliation or for any other reason deemed sufficient by the Committee.
 - 3.3.1. One representative with a maximum of two must attend all affiliate club meetings which will occur on the first Monday of each month during the summer season and at a minimum, bi-monthly during the winter season.
- 3.4. Any Club wishing to become affiliated with the Association shall make an application in writing which shall be lodged with the Manager.
- 3.5. The Constitution and By-Laws of each affiliated Club shall not be inconsistent with the Rules and By-Laws of the Association and shall be subject to the approval of the Association.
- 3.6. Each affiliated Club shall prior to the commencement of the summer season notify the manager in writing of the name, address and telephone number of the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Club.
- 3.7. It shall be the object of each Club to be affiliated with the Association to field at least one team in the summer competition within each of the following Grades for both Men and Women:
 - 3.7.1. Premier League
 - 3.7.2. A Grade
 - 3.7.3. Under 18
 - 3.7.4. Under 16
 - 3.7.5. Under 14
 - 3.7.6. Under 12
 - 3.7.7. Under 10
 - 3.7.8. Under 8
- 3.8. Each Club is only permitted to field one Premier League men's and one Premier League women in the summer competition.
 - 3.8.1. Each club is only permitted to field one or two teams in A-Grade men's & one or two teams in A-Grade women in the summer competition.
 - 3.8.2. Each team is only permitted to field one or two teams in division 1 boys & one or two teams in division 1 girls in the summer competition. Unless at the discretion of the committee due to division being merged.
 - 3.8.3. Each club is only permitted to field a total of 4 teams in a boys or girls age group. If a Club enters two or more teams in any age group, they will be required to enter one in Division 1 of that age group. At the conclusion of the grading period if that team is not capable of remaining in Division 1 they will be reallocated to the appropriate grade.
 - 3.8.4. If all clubs have met the above criteria a club may apply to the committee to field extra teams.
- 3.9. The committee in its discretion may refuse an application by a club to field a Premier Grade team in summer competition. In exercising its discretion, the committee shall regard the following non-exhaustive matters:
 - 3.9.1. Any views expressed by Presidents of the Clubs.
 - 3.9.2. The viability and strength of the Premier League teams.
 - 3.9.3. The pool of talent within the Association.
 - 3.9.4. The strength of the Premier League competition.

- 3.9.5. Any association or quasi-associations the Club has with any other Club also fielding a team in the Premier League competition.
- 3.9.6. The consistency with which the Club has previously fielded a Premier League team in the Premier League competition.
- 3.9.7. The strength of the team the Club seeks to field in the Premier League competition.
- 3.9.8. The strength of the Premier Grade competition.

- 3.9.9. No club affiliated with the Mildura Basketball Association may pay an individual more than \$500.00 cash or in-kind payments during any season or must otherwise be approved by the Committee.

4. Registration

- 4.1. Every player participating in a competition conducted by the Association shall be registered with the Association.
- 4.2. A Player shall become registered upon a person, team, or club lodging with the association full player details. The applicable team entry fee for the team within which the player is playing and the players Basketball Victoria Registration fee.
- 4.3. Players are able to fill-in for a team a maximum of two times before they are required to register to that team. Any team that fields an unregistered player three or more times may be penalised by forfeit of points in the game that unregistered player participates.
- 4.4. Junior players registering for the first time must produce a declaration of their age signed by their parent or school headmaster upon request from the Competitions Manager or Manager.
- 4.5. All players participating in a competition who suffer an injury during that competition shall report such injury including the time and the manner in which it was suffered to the Competitions manager or the Manager.
- 4.6. Affiliation, Basketball Victoria registration fees and team entry fees shall be fixed annually by the Committee and paid by the date fixed. Any Club or team that fails to pay their fees by the due date may be summoned to appear before the Committee to show cause as to why the Club, team or teams should not be disqualified from participating in the competition or otherwise penalised.
- 4.7. There shall be separate team entry fees fixed for:
 - 4.7.1. Senior teams
 - 4.7.2. Junior teams other than Under 8 & Under 10 teams.
 - 4.7.3. Under 8 & Under 10 teams.
 - 4.7.4. Summer and winter competitions
- 4.8. A player who is registered with the Association pursuant to clause 4.2 shall remain registered with the association until the commencement of the summer season in the following year provided any team entry fee payable for the team within which the player plays in the winter competition is paid by the date fixed by the committee.
- 4.9. Teams are required to have a minimum of 7 registered players.
- 4.10. All player registrations shall expire at the conclusion of each season.

5. Transfer of Players

- 5.1. A registered player shall not be permitted to play for any other Club within any competition unless he has been cleared by the Club with which he has been registered.
 - 5.1.1. No clearances are to be submitted until the 1st day of September for the upcoming summer season.
- 5.2. The committee shall in its absolute discretion have the power to order that any team that has played a player that has not been cleared in accordance with this rule shall forfeit any match in which that player has participated.
- 5.3. Any player seeking a clearance prior to the commencement of the summer season must first apply for a clearance with the last registered club & with a first & second choice club nominated with the best interest of the competition factored in. The club is to approve or deny the clearance within 7 days & shall deliver that clearance form to the manager.
 - 5.3.1. If the clearance is denied the manager will contact the player looking to be cleared & conduct a lodgement meeting to discuss.
If the clearance is to continue to the next club affiliate meeting a \$30 lodgement fee will apply which is non-refundable.
- 5.4. The manager shall table all requests of clearance at the next convened meeting of Club Affiliates.
 - 5.4.1. Specifically to clearances two specific meetings will occur on the last Thursday prior to round 1 & the Thursday two weeks prior to this date. All other clearance discussions will occur in line with the club affiliates meeting on the first Monday of each month as per 3.3.1.
- 5.5. A player shall be considered to have been cleared only if the clearance form has been signed by the Presidents of both the Club granting the clearance and the Club accepting the clearance subsequent to the meeting of Presidents at which the request of clearance was tabled.
- 5.6. A club shall be required to answer an application for clearances within 21 days & return to the stadium manager. The manager will conduct an assessment of the clearance application within 14 days with the player applicant. The application fee will then proceed to the next club affiliated meeting with the \$30 lodgement fee.
- 5.7. If the clearance is not answered within 21 days or is refused by the Club, the player may appeal to the Committee. The Committee, or the Committee's appointed sub-committee appointed for the purpose may hear such evidence and make such decision on the appeal as it thinks fit and such decision shall be final.
- 5.8. Appeals must be lodged with the Competition Manager or Manager.
- 5.9. No clearance application will be granted for junior players if those applications are lodged after the completion of four rounds of the summer season proper unless both Clubs concerned agree.
- 5.10. No clearance rules or processes shall apply to players competing in the Under 10 age group or below.
- 5.11. Closing date for lodging all clearance applications shall be the 31st day of December in each year.
- 5.12. A player who is registered with a Club in the Association but who has not played with that Club for a period of twelve months still requires a clearance to play

with another club. A player who was previously registered to a Club but has not played for three or more summer seasons does not require a clearance to play with another club.

- 5.13. A player who is registered with a club which has been disbanded shall be considered to be automatically cleared from that club & is to provide two preferences in which club they would like to join which will be at the discretion of the committee.
- 5.14. Any player that has been coached in authorised BVCC academy, NITP academy, Mildura academy from that calendar year & junior heat div 1, 2, or 3 from the previous season can't get a clearance to the club where that coach is affiliated to the club. This is only applicable to a head coach of the junior heat div 1, 2 or 3 team or head coach of the academy programs.
- 5.15. A club can only accept a maximum of 2 receiving players in that age group at the discretion of the committee for the benefit of the competition.

6. Player Eligibility

- 6.1. A player shall be deemed not to have competed in a game if the player does not take the court regardless of the fact that the player's name appears on the score sheet for that game.
- 6.2. Where the club fields both a Premier League & A grade side, a player may play in both the Premier League & A grade team in the one round of competition so long as the player is not a marquee player. Each club is to nominate 4 restricted and registered for the premier men and 2 for the premier women's competition by round 5. These restricted players are required to be qualified by season end or can't be considered a restricted player and thus must be replaced by another player.
- 6.3. On no more than 5 occasions a player may play an additional game with a team in a higher grade or higher division within the grade in which the player usually plays. On these occasions the team in the above division or grade shall have no more than 7 players in total, this includes the players playing up.
 - 6.3.1. If a div 1 junior team has any less than 6 players they may bring up a player from a lower grade equal to that division to make their numbers up to 6.
If a div 2 junior team has less than 6 players they may bring up a player from a lower grade equal to that division to make their numbers up to 6.
For finals – This is subject to the committee decision.
- 6.4. Where a Club has two or more teams entered in the one grade of competition a player must remain with the team with which they commenced their participation unless permission to change teams is granted by the Committee.
- 6.5. In junior grades players shall be eligible to play in the summer competition only if they are under the stated age on the 31st December in the year following the commencement of the season.
- 6.6. Junior players are only permitted to play in the lowest eligible grade. A junior player may apply to the committee to exercise its discretion to permit the player to play in a higher grade. In exercising its discretion, the committee is to have regard to the following non-exhaustive matters:
 - 6.6.1. Whether the Club has entered a Division 1 team in the lower grade.

- 6.6.2. Whether the player is of such extraordinary ability that it is inappropriate that the player play in the lower grade having regard to the quality of the lower grade.
- 6.7. A junior grade team shall not be permitted to play with more than 3 Division 1 representative players unless all Division 1 representative players in that team have not played for any other Club in any previous summer season competition.
Exemption: In relation to the rule regarding under 18 Boys & under 19 girls the rule shall read. A junior grade team shall not be permitted to play with more than 3 division 1 representative players unless all Division 1 representative players in that team have not played for any other Club in the past 3 summer competitions.
- 6.8. For the purpose of clause 6.7 a Division 1 representative player is a player selected to play in any Division 1 representative side for the first tournament after the 1st of September in the year of the commencement of the relevant summer season.
- 6.8.1. A junior heat division 1 team for the purpose of 6.7 is to consist of the first 8 players named & classified as div 1. This is irrespective of if the actual division 1 team or squad consist of a higher number of players.
- 6.8.2. A Junior Heat player that has been selected in either division 1, 2 or 3 of a Junior Heat team must play club basketball in that same age group. Whatever division of Junior Heat they are selected for they must play in a division equal to or higher within that age group. They can play up as per bi law 6.3.
- 6.8.3. Where clashes of training and games occur between Junior Heat and Club level, priority is to be given to the Club team.
- 6.9. In the event that a player is not selected in the first Division 1 representative side of the season by reason of matters other than merit then the committee may determine that that player is a Division 1 representative player for the purpose of clause 6.6 in addition to other Division 1 representative players as determined to clause 6.8.
- 6.10. A Senior Heat player may not compete in any competition unless he/she has played at least one game in the summer season prior to the 31st of December of that season unless unanimous agreement is reached between all Club Presidents who field a team in the Premier League competition.
- 6.11. Where a new Heat player is available to play at the commencement of the summer season or before the sixth round of the summer season, the New Heat player must play for the Club team that finished last in the previous summer season.
- 6.12. Subject to 6.11. above, where a new Heat player is available to play in the sixth or subsequent rounds of a summer season, the new Heat player must play for the Club team that is last on the ladder at the commencement of the sixth round of the summer season.
- 6.13. Where there is more than one new Heat player available to play then the subsequent new Heat players must play for the next lowest Club team after the last placed Club team has selected which new Heat player it requires.
- 6.14. The Club with an entitlement to a new Heat player pursuant to 6.11, 6.12 and/or 6.13 above can agree to forfeit their entitlement in which case the next lowest finishing team has an entitlement to that new Heat player in accordance with 6.11, 6.12 and 6.13 above.
- 6.15. 6.11, 6.12, 6.13 and 6.14 cannot operate so as to require more than one new Heat player to play in any one Club team in any one season.

- 6.16. A senior heat import player if they stay for a consecutive season will play for the bottom team each year in accordance with 6.11.
- 6.17. At 1 week prior to the first round a junior player may apply to the club with which they are registered with for a permit to play in a senior grade competition with a different club. A permit application must be granted only where the original club does not offer the junior player a position in a team in the same grade as that for which the permit is sought.
- 6.17.1. Any player permitted to another team is not required to pay additional fees. That club doesn't have to accept that player.
- 6.18. Where a permit application is rejected, the player may seek a permit by appealing to the Committee in the same manner as is provided for appealing clearance refusals.

7. Finals Eligibility

Junior Eligibility

- 7.1. A Junior player must have played a minimum of one third plus one junior grade matches for his Club in the current season competition to be eligible to play for that Club in finals in the junior grade in which the player has played the minimum number of matches. Any games played by virtue of clause 6.4 are not counted for the purpose of this clause 7.1.
- 7.2. Exceptions to junior finals eligibility may be granted on application by a Club to the Committee. The ruling of the Committee shall be final. Exceptions may be applied for in the following circumstances in particular:
- 7.2.1. If a junior team has any less than six players the Committee may grant permission for the team to make its numbers up to six, but only when the circumstances are exceptional.
- 7.2.2. Where a person not normally domiciled in Sunraysia moves into the district for bona fide occupational transfer, other than a new Heat player, and registers with the Club too late to play the minimum required qualifying rounds, the Club may apply for approval for that player to participate in finals.
- 7.2.3. A Club may apply to the Committee to give a ruling on any player who is prevented by exceptional circumstances from qualifying to participate in finals.
- 7.2.4. In all cases where a Club wish the Committee to give a ruling regarding a players' finals eligibility, the application must be in writing and delivered to the Competitions Manager or the Manager at least five days prior to the scheduled game.

Senior Eligibility – A reserve, B Grade and lower

- 7.3. A player must have played a minimum of one third plus one matches for the team in the current season competition to be eligible to play for that team in finals.
- 7.4. Exceptions to eligibility may be granted on application by the team to the Committee. The ruling of the Committee shall be final. Exceptions may be applied for in the following circumstances in particular;
- 7.4.1. If the team has any less than five players the Committee may grant permission for the team to make its numbers up to five, but only where the circumstances are exceptional.

- 7.4.2. Where a person not normally domiciled in Sunraysia moves into the district for bona fide occupational transfer, other than a new Heat player, and registers with the Club too late to play the minimum required qualifying rounds, the team may apply for approval for that player to participate in finals.
- 7.4.3. A team may apply to the Committee to give a ruling on any player who is prevented by exceptional circumstances from qualifying to participate in finals.
- 7.4.4. In all cases where a team wish the Committee to give a ruling regarding a players' finals eligibility, the application must be in writing and delivered to the Competitions manager or the manager at least fourteen days prior to the commencements of the first round of finals.

Senior Eligibility – Premier League and A Grade

- 7.5. A player must have played a minimum of one third plus one matches for his Club in that division in the current season competition to be eligible to play for that Club in finals. This excludes players that play up under rule 6.3
 - 7.5.1. Any qualified Junior or A Grade player can play up in premier without the need to qualify in that grade.
- 7.6. Where a player plays a Premier League match and an A Grade match in the one round by virtue of clause 6.3 then the Premier League match for that round shall be included in determining the number of Premier league matches played for the purpose of clause 7.5.
- 7.7. Exceptions to finals eligibility may be granted on application by a Club to the Committee. The ruling of the Committee shall be final. Exceptions may be applied for in the following circumstances in particular;
 - 7.7.1. If a team has any less than six players the Committee may grant permission for the team to make its numbers up to six, but only where the circumstances are exceptional.
 - 7.7.2. Where a person not normally domiciled in Sunraysia moves into the district for bona fide occupational transfer, other than a new Heat player and registers with the Club too late to play the minimum required qualifying rounds, the Club may apply for approval for that player to participate in finals.
 - 7.7.3. A Club may apply to the Committee to give a ruling on any player who is prevented by exceptional circumstances from qualifying to participate in finals.
 - 7.7.4. In all cases where a club wish the Committee to give a ruling regarding a players' finals eligibility, the application must be in writing and delivered to the Competitions Manager or the Manager at least five days prior to the scheduled game.

General Eligibility

- 7.8. It shall be the duty of each Club to ensure that all of its players are eligible to play in any particular grade as provided for in these by-laws. A Club which has played any ineligible player in any team in any competition including final series may at the discretion of the Committee forfeit all matches in which the ineligible player participated.
- 7.9. Junior players are permitted to play in Senior grades providing boys are top age under 16 player and girls are top age 14 player or older. Any player under the age of 18 competing in the Senior Competition will be required to have their

parent/guardian sign an underage indemnity form prior to taking the court for the first time.

8. Conditions of Play in Matches in Association Summer Competition (Including Final Series)

8.1. All matches shall be conducted under the official rules of the Federation of International Basketball Associations subject to the following modifications which are applied

8.1.1. Except in Premier League Men's and Premier Women's competitions, games shall consist of two twenty minute halves and be scheduled in 50 minute time slots.

8.1.2. In Premier League Men's and Women's games shall consist of four ten minute quarters.

8.1.3. The clock governing the progress of a match for summer competition during the normal season and the first two rounds of finals shall be stopped as follows:

Premier League

- Foul shots
- Substitutions
- Time outs
- Umpires time outs
- During the last two minutes (and any subsequent extra time periods) on every whistle.

All other senior and junior grades with the exception of Under 8 & 10 Grades

- During the last minute of the second half only on every whistle
Under 8 & 10 grades timing rules may be modified from time to time but must reflect a governing philosophy and emphasis of fun and participation.

8.1.4. Grand Final timing rules – the clock governing the progress of a match for summer competition grand finals shall be stopped as follows –

Premier League – on every whistle as per the official rules of the Federation of International Basketball Associations.

All other senior and junior games – on all time outs including umpires time outs and during the last minute of the first half and last two minutes of the second half only (and any subsequent three minute extra time periods) on every whistle.

8.1.5. The commencement of each game shall be preceded by a five minute warm up time.

8.1.6. A team shall be permitted to take the court with only four properly attired players and continue the game to its conclusion with only four properly attired players, but only on four occasions in any one season of competition and not during a finals series.

8.1.7. Should a team have less than four properly attired players ready to take the court at the beginning of the game, the game shall be recorded as a forfeit win to the other team. If both teams have less than four properly attired players able to take the court at the beginning of the game, the game shall be deemed a double forfeit.

- 8.1.8. If a team attempts to take the court with only four properly attired players on more than four occasions in any one season, the game/s shall be recorded as a forfeit win to the other team. Despite the forfeit win, the game shall continue to its conclusion after half time unless the respective coaches agree not to continue the game after half time or if either team is reduced to three on court players by reason of injury, foul, ejection or otherwise.
- 8.1.9. Providing the opposing team is on the court and ready to play and the appointed referee is ready to commence the game a team which is not in position to commence shall be penalized by two points for every minute they are late. The penalty points will be added to the score sheet prior to the commencement of the game and shall be credited to the captain of the team.
- 8.1.10. If the team is not in a position to proceed after ten minutes have elapsed a forfeit shall be called by the referee.
- 8.1.11. The timing device on each bench shall be used for determining when a forfeit has occurred or determining how many minutes a team is late starting.
- 8.1.12. The team present shall be credited with a 20 to nil victory.
- 8.1.13. The game referee is to endorse the score sheet accordingly stating that a forfeit has occurred.
- 8.1.14. The names of the players on the team which has forfeited shall be erased from the score sheet and they shall be determined to not have played in the match for the purpose of these by-laws.
- 8.1.15. Names of players on the team present that are recorded on the score sheet and present shall be deemed to have played the game for the purpose of these by-laws.
- 8.1.16. A team which forfeits three games may be disqualified from competition by the Committee.
- 8.1.17. A team or Club that believes it has forfeited a match because of exceptional circumstances, or if the team or Club believes that a forfeit has been unjustly or incorrectly called, may appeal the decision to the Committee within seven days of the scheduled match by giving notice in writing setting out the reasons for appeal.
- 8.1.18. The following size basketballs shall be used for competitions:
- Under 8 Size 5
 - Under 10 & 12 Size 5
 - Under 14 boys & all girls / women's teams Size 6
 - All other grades and age groups Size 7
- 8.1.19. Temperature rule will come into effect once court temperature reaches 35°C. If 35°C and above the game shall have a mandatory 1 min time out half way through the first & second halves of play with the clock running. When court temperature reaches 40°C games must be abandoned. If a game is abandoned before it commences or before or at half time it will be counted as a draw. If a game is abandoned after half time, the games score will stand as the final result.
- 8.1.20. In all grades excluding U8 & U10 a forfeit after round 4 will result in a cost recovery fine to the club or social team if 24hrs notice is not given. Clubs may be invoiced a forfeit levy at the beginning of the season and if they deplete the

initial levy will be re-invoiced so they are always in credit in case of forfeit. Social teams will be required to pay the levy before taking the court for their next game. The fee will be determined by court hire and referee cost therefore different for juniors and seniors.

8.1.21. Playing conditions of all junior grades is-

- U10 half court man on man for the entire game
- U12 man to man defence. No half court zone defence however full court zone press back to man to man is aloud.
- U14 as per U12 in the first half but no conditions apply after half time.
- U16 & U18 no playing restrictions exist.

8.1.22. If a player refuses to leave the stadium after being sent out for a disqualifying foul (ejection) or after two technical fouls that player shall incur an automatic 2 week suspension from playing and coaching. With a refusal of a player to leave the game is called off and recorded as a forfeit.

8.1.23. Games that end on equal points at the end of a game will be considered a draw with all premier games in the regular season playing 3 mins extra time. All finals games on equal points at the end of a game will play 3 mins extra time with premier finals games playing 5 mins extra time.

8.1.24. If a complete round of matches is unable to be played for reasons not controllable by the Association and they are unable to be rescheduled, these matches shall be cancelled.

9. Conditions of Play in Matches in Association Winter Competition

9.1. All matches shall be played under the conditions of matches in Associations Summer Competition subject to the following modifications which are applied:

9.1.1. All game shall consist of two twenty minute halves and shall be scheduled in fifty minute time slots.

9.1.2. The clock governing the progress of the match shall be stopped for all whistles during the last minute of the second half only.

9.1.3. Each team shall be entitled to two time outs in each half in any game.

9.1.4. Draws shall count as draws.

9.1.5. Teams shall be considered eligible to compete for the entire game provided four eligible players are present and listed on the score sheet prior to half time.

9.1.6. Finals shall run for two weeks. Semi Finals 1 v 4 and 2 v 3 with the two winning semi final teams to meet in the Grand Finals of all grades the following week.

9.1.7. A player to participate in finals must play one third plus one qualifying games for that team.

9.1.8. Any player may play multiple games in multiple teams or grades. In junior grades this applies to playing up or within that grade, not down. This cant occur in the last two rounds of competition.

9.1.9. For winter competition a penalty of 5 points total is the penalty for if a competent person is not present on the score bench and must be awarded no later than half time.

10. Scorers, Time Keepers and Score Sheets

- 10.1. FIBA score sheets/PlayHQ scoring software shall be used for all competitions except Under 8 & 10 where scores are not recorded.
- 10.2. It shall be the duty of each team to provide one competent person to act as scorer or time keeper for their game and both must be in position on the official score bench prior to the scheduled playing time.
- 10.3. A team or Club that fails to provide a competent person to act as scorer or time keeper shall be deemed ineligible to commence the game and shall be liable to incur the following penalty:
 - 10.3.1. Penalty of two points for every minute a competent person is not present on the score bench.
 - 10.3.2. The referee is to endorse the score sheet/PlayHQ scoring software with the relevant penalty prior to the commencement of the game.
 - 10.3.3. Forfeit of the game should a competent person not be present ten minutes after the scheduled commencement time of the game.
- 10.4. The score sheet/Play HQ scoring software shall be correctly filled in by a representative of each team prior to the scheduled commencement time of their game. Players details shall include given name and surname.
- 10.5. A players name may be added to the score sheet/Play HQ scoring software after the commencement of the game but must be added prior to the end of the first half. The name may be added only after the referee has been notified of the addition.
- 10.6. Should any anomaly, illegible writing, incorrect numbers, discrepancies or omissions be drawn to the attention of the referee after the commencement of the game, the referee is of the opinion that the team has filled out the score sheet scoring software incorrectly or incompetently he may call a technical foul against the team concerned.
- 10.7. The referee shall check the score sheet/scoring software at half time and again at the end of the match. At half time the names of all players who are not present at the game shall be deleted from the score sheet.
- 10.8. At the conclusion of the game the referee named first on the referee roster shall endorse his votes for most valuable player, awarding three votes to his first choice player, two votes for his second choice player and one vote for his third choice player.
- 10.9. The score sheet shall at all times remain the property of the Association and shall be kept on file by the Competition Manager during the season.
- 10.10. Score sheets may be examined after filing only by a person authorised by the Committee and only in the presence of the Competition Manager, the Manager, or a member of the Committee.
- 10.11. Any person who alters or adds to a score sheet or who attempts to do so in contravention to these Rules shall render himself, his team, or his Club liable to such penalties or disciplinary action as the Committee deems fit.

11. Conduct of Players and Club Officials

- 11.1. It shall be the duty of each player or Club member to obey direction given by any official or employee of the Association, including referees, who are appointed to take charge of a player area from time to time.
- 11.2. Any person found misconducting himself may be evicted from the stadium by any Association official.
- 11.3. Certain behaviours and swearing will not be tolerated. These actions will result in a technical foul or unsportsmanlike to be called. Both fouls will attract an automatic 5 min penalty in the sin bin. All tech fouls or unsportsmanlike fouls that are not of swearing abusive and or physically aggressive nature will not be subject to the 5 minutes of playing time sinbin rule. 2nd warning on flopping, hands over the line, clear path rulings or other such calls are tech fouls but not subject to the sin bin given they are not swearing, abusive and or physically aggressive nature.
- 11.4. It is the duty of all officials of the Association, including referees, to report any affiliated player or Club official who misconducts himself in any area under the control of the Association to the Competition Manager or the Manager. The Manager shall refer any such report to the Committee that shall make such determination as it thinks fit.
- 11.5. It is the duty of any referee of any game completed under the control of the Association to report any person who breaches any of the rules mentioned in the "Tribunal By-Laws" of Basketball Victoria. Such reports shall be made in accordance with the procedures set out in the "Tribunal By-Laws" of Basketball Victoria.
- 11.6. Reports made by referees must be given to the Competition Manager on the date of the report and the Competition Manager shall refer the matter to the Tribunal under the procedure set out in the "Tribunal By-Laws" of Basketball Victoria.
- 11.7. The Tribunal shall be constituted and its activities governed by the "Tribunal By-Laws" of Basketball Victoria.

12. Protests and Appeals (Other than in respect of Tribunal Matters)

- 12.1. Any team or Club desiring to lodge a protest or appeal in respect of any game shall endorse the score sheet in the presence of the referee signifying the intention to protest. The official protest shall be by notice in writing and lodged with the Competition Manager or Manager within seven days of the game. The Manager shall refer the matter to the Committee for determination.
- 12.2. The Committee may refer any protest or appeal to the Tribunal under the "Tribunal Bi-Laws" of basketball Victoria.
- 12.3. The Committee may determine the matter and make such order as it deems fit. The Committee decision shall be final.
- 12.4. The Committee may request the attendance of any person or persons at any meeting convened to consider such protests or appeals.

13. Players Attire

- 13.1. After a period of four rounds in the summer competition during which time warning shall be given by the referees or officials of the Association, the following regulations shall apply:

- 13.1.1. Players shall be correctly attired and shall be in the official uniform of their Club or team.
- 13.1.2. Players must wear numbers that the referee is able to signal with either one or both hands.
- 13.1.3. No two players with identical numbers shall be permitted to participate in a match.
- 13.1.4. The referee may refuse to allow incorrectly attired players to participate in a game.
- 13.1.5. All social teams shall have a correct set of singlets & will be reviewed at the discretion of the referee in consultation with the stadium manager.
Shorts are to be of a similar nature at the discretion of the referee in consultation with the stadium manager.

14. Miscellaneous

- 14.1. If for any reason a round of matches or match is not completed, the round of matches or match may be replayed at a later date. If that round is unable to be rescheduled then matches will be cancelled to ensure they do not affect the final ladder positions of the teams affected.
- 14.2. If a game is not able to be played or completed at the scheduled time, and the two teams agree to play the match at an alternative time, the match may be played at that time subject to the approval of the Competition Manager or the Manager. In the event that the two teams cannot agree the Committee shall determine whether the match shall be played.
- 14.3. Administration fees shall be determined by the Committee from time to time.
- 14.4. Clubs affiliated with the Association must first obtain permission of the Committee before entering any competition other than those administered by the Association.
- 14.5. Premiership points shall be allocated to competitions excluding under 10 as follows:
 - 14.5.1. Win 3 point
 - 14.5.2. Loss 1 point
 - 14.5.3. Draw 2 points
 - 14.5.4. Forfeiting team 0 points
- 14.6. The Summer finals series shall be played over three rounds under the page system as follows:
 - 14.6.1. First Semi Final 3rd plays 4th
 - 14.6.2. Second Semi Final 1st plays 2nd
 - 14.6.3. Preliminary Final winner of first semi final plays loser of second semi final
 - 14.6.4. Grand Final winner of preliminary final plays winner of second semi final
 - 14.6.5. The four leading teams at the conclusion of the minor rounds of competition shall comprise the final four. Tied positions shall be determined by percentage. In the event of tied percentages final standings shall be decided by head to head results.

15. Referees

- 15.1. The Committee shall administer and control referees for all competitions of the Association.

16. Other Competitions

- 16.1. Playing conditions applicable to other special competitions conducted by the Association shall be documented and distributed to the teams and/or Clubs participating.

17. Best and Fairest Awards

- 17.1. Best and fairest awards shall be awarded in all competitions with the exception of under 8 & 10.
- 17.2. Awards shall be decided on referee voting from each game in the minor rounds only in all senior competitions and the under 18 boys and under 19 girls.
- 17.3. The referee named first on the referee roster shall endorse each score sheet with their votes at the conclusion of each game as follows.
 - 17.3.1. Best player 3 votes
 - 17.3.2. Second best player 2 votes
 - 17.3.3. Third best player 1 vote
- 17.4. Voting may be perused by Club Officials after this time under the supervision of the Manager or Competitions Manager.
- 17.5. Premier grand final MVP to be awarded by the emergency referee & two match referees. That the 3 referees have a vote card 3 (being best), 2 & 1. If this leads to equal votes both or all players will be awarded the MVP.
- 17.6. The MBA Club Champion trophy will be awarded on premier grand final night. The points system to determine the club champion is 2 points for a premiership and 1 point for the runners up in the premiership, A Grade and all junior men and women div 1 finals.

18. Representative Teams

- 18.1. The Committee shall appoint a Junior sub-committee to make recommendations regarding policy and format and to administer all facets of the junior representative program as per the Junior Heat Policy and Procedure Manual, including:
 - 18.1.1. Appointment of coaches
 - 18.1.2. Appointment of managers
 - 18.1.3. Budget and financial management specific to the program
 - 18.1.4. Purchase, distribution and maintenance of all uniforms and equipment.
 - 18.1.5. Organisation of accommodation arrangements for all teams for all events.
 - 18.1.6. Organisation and staging of presentations and functions
 - 18.1.7. Coordination of all advertising, information, and press releases to the media.
- 18.2. The Junior sub-committee shall advertise for applications for all coaching positions to provide for a reasonable time for submission and consideration of applications.

- 18.3. Coach selection recommendations shall be submitted to the Committee by the Junior sub-committee for approval.
- 18.4. The coach of each team shall have the responsibility for the selection of players to the team. In age groups where both Division One and Two teams are to represent the Association, the coaches of both teams are to consult during the selection process.
- 18.5. Coaches shall make recommendations to the Junior sub-committee regarding the appointment of a manager to their team. The Junior sub-committee shall appoint managers to each team.
- 18.6. The coach and manager of each team must consent to a working with children's check as a condition of their appointment.
- 18.7. Final selection of teams will be announced at the appropriate time and shall be advertised on the Association notice board Facebook Page and website.
- 18.8. All players representing the Association shall be registered players of a Club affiliated with the Association.
- 18.9. The Junior sub-committee shall set a junior representative player registration fee and a due date for payment prior to the commencement of the program each year.
- 18.10. Players who are not financial after the due date for the payment of the junior representative player registration fee shall be deemed ineligible to represent the Association until such time that the fee is paid in full.
- 18.11. All coaches, managers and players representing the Association shall comply with all regulations and rules of the Association and shall behave at all times in a manner that reflects pride in their position as representatives of the Association.
- 18.12. All players representing the Association shall obey all reasonable directions from the manager, coach, and officials of the Association.
- 18.13. The Committee shall appoint a Senior sub-committee to administer all facets of the senior representative program including:
 - 18.13.1. Appointment of coaches
 - 18.13.2. Appointment of managers
 - 18.13.3. Budget and financial management specific to the program
 - 18.13.4. Purchase, distribution and maintenance of all uniforms and equipment
 - 18.13.5. Organisation of accommodation and transport arrangements for away games
 - 18.13.6. Organisation and staging of presentations and functions
 - 18.13.7. Coordination of all advertising, information, and press releases to the media with final formatting and approval by the Association
 - 18.13.8. All match related home game day requirements
 - 18.13.9. Management of the Bar and servicing of the corporate areas
 - 18.13.10. Cleaning the facility at the conclusion of the match returning it to the state it was received in.
- 18.14. The Committee shall entrust the manager to ensure the stadium is presented to the Senior sub-Committee in a clean and tidy state on game day after the completion of the final team training.

- 18.15. The manager shall ensure canteen staff are available on game days to provide arranged food to the corporate areas and sell food and non-alcoholic drinks to the spectators.
- 18.16. The committee shall entrust the manager to administer all facets of the CBL program including:
- 18.16.1. Appointment of coaches
 - 18.16.2. Appointment of managers
 - 18.16.3. Budget and financial management specific to the program
 - 18.16.4. Organisation of accommodation and transport for away matches
 - 18.16.5. Organisation and staging of presentations and functions
 - 18.16.6. Coordination of all advertising, information, and press releases to the media
 - 18.16.7. All match related home game requirements
- 18.17. Players in the CBL program who are young enough to compete in the Junior program are expected to represent the Association at Junior Heat level in the appropriate age group for the entirety of the Junior Heat season.
- 18.17.1. Where clashes of trainings and games occur, priority is to be given to the Junior Heat Program.
 - 18.17.2. Where Junior Heat players are being selected for the CBL program. Both the Junior Hear Chairperson along with the respective age group coach are required to be consulted prior to that child being appointed to the CBL program.

Version Management Table

Date	Altered by Whom	Approved
31/08/2021	General Manager in consultation with Club Presidents	Board
30/11/2022	General Manager in consultation with Club Presidents and Board	Board
31/08/23	General Manager in consultation with Club Presidents and Board	Board