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SBA Rules for Under 8 & 10 (TBA)

# **1 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS**

## **1.1 Closing Date**

All players must register with the Sunbury Basketball Association (SBA) via their Clubs Database and sign the back of the scoresheet in the first three (3) rounds of EACH season. The Club Database is to be given to the Secretary of the Association or the nominated person by completion of the third (3) round of EACH season. Unregistered players cannot take the court after week three (3). Breach of this By-Law will mean player/s and/or teams are not registered and will be penalised as per By-Law 1.6.

## **1.2 Player Restriction per Competition**

A player is only permitted to register with one (1) team in Senior &/or Junior competition. Registration will only be accepted via the Club Database or for new players on the back of the Scoresheet. Unregistered players cannot take the court after week three (3).

## **1.3 New Players**

Before taking the court all new players starting with a team during the season must register their details and sign in the appropriate section on the relevant signing sheet (Back of Scoresheet).

## **1.4 Team Fees**

All team fees must be paid before a team takes the court for the third (3) scheduled round of each season. These include the Basketball Victoria registration and the SBA team registration.

## **1.5 Player Fees**

SBA endorses the clubs by ensuring all players are financial by the third playing game of each new season and SBA informs the clubs in writing of their financial obligation.

## **1.6 Penalties**

All teams found to be playing an unregistered player/s will forfeit. If forfeiting team loses, score will remain and no premiership points will be awarded to this team. If the forfeiting team wins, a score of 20 - 0 in favour of the losing team will be awarded with no premiership points being awarded to the forfeiting team.

## **1.7 Junior Age Restriction for Senior Competition**

A Junior competition player must turn 16 years of age within the current senior season before they are permitted to play in the SBA Senior competition. Junior competition players under 18 years of age must have written consent of their parent or guardian to play in the SBA Senior competition. Consent must be given in writing to the SBA Secretary on an SBA Indemnification form before the player takes the court.

"Exception" Junior competition players who turn 15 years of age within the current senior season can apply to the Senior committee for special dispensation to play in the Senior Competition as long as they meet the criteria laid down by such committee.

No other exceptions will be considered

## **1.8 Junior Competition Level Restriction**

Junior players may not play in a competition level which is more than one level higher than their qualifying age level. Refer to By-Law 1.15 for qualifying age level. Penalty as per By-Law 1.6

### **1.9 Latest Time for Registration**

No new Senior or Junior player may be registered within the last four (4) rounds before finals in any season. Any team playing an unregistered player will be penalised as per By-Law 1.6. This By-Law does not apply to the U8 or U10 Competition.

### **1.10 Proof of Age**

All new Junior players must present proof of age to SBA before playing their first game. If a player has not done so after having played 3 games, By-Law 1.6 will apply. The SBA reserves the right to ask for proof of age from any player for any competition Junior or Senior.

### **1.11 Allocation of New Players to Clubs**

If a new player enquires at the stadium or to an SBA official or club official, their details must be forwarded to the Chairperson of the Senior or Junior Delegates Committee or nominated person for Club allocation.

### **1.12 Registration Acceptance**

SBA has the right to accept or reject any entries without question.

### **1.13 Player Numbers per Team**

All junior teams must accept up to 10 players before a waiting list is commenced.

### **1.14 Senior Age Restrictions**

- a) The Master's Women's competition will be open only to women aged 30 years or over. No under age players are permitted.
- b) The Master's Grade Men's competition will be open only to men aged 35 years or over. No under age players are permitted.
- c) Clubs will be required to ensure that players in the age restriction competitions have their correct date of birth registered on the registration sheets.
- d) Should players register after the third (3) game, registration details are required on the signing sheet the first game they play, together with the usual registration information.
- e) Failure to comply means player is not registered. By-Law 1.6 will apply.

### **1.15 Junior Qualifying Age Level**

In regard to all Junior competitions, players must be under the age of the competition level as of midnight on the 31st December of the year the competition commenced. To commence playing basketball, a player must turn 6 years of age in that calendar year. Failure to comply means player is not registered. By-Law 1.6 will apply.

### **1.16 Club Registration**

A player may only register/play with one club. For exceptions to this By-Law refer request to the relevant Senior/Junior committee for their deliberation.

### **1.17 SBA Database**

The SBA conducts three (3) separate competitions, Seniors/Juniors/Sub Juniors (U8 & U10). Whilst it is possible for a player to be registered within up to two (2) competitions, a player is only entered once into the SBA Database under the club system. Once a player is registered in a team in a competition, they are deemed registered in all the competitions, where applicable and all appropriate Bylaws will apply. "Exception", an under 10 player may play as many games as required in the under 12 competition without penalty.

## **2 TIMING RULES**

### **2.1 Normal Rounds (40 minute schedule - 15 minute halves)**

Each team is permitted three (3) minutes warm-up at the beginning of the game. Referees cannot vary this warm up time.

First Half

- one time out per team
- clock will stop for referees time outs only
- no substitutions in last minute of the half unless compulsory
- no time out in last minute of the half

Half Time – two (2) minutes duration

Second Half

- one time out per team.
- clock will stop for all referees time outs
- no substitutions in last minute of the half unless compulsory
- no time out in last three (3) minutes of the half

### **2.2 Normal Rounds (50 minute schedule - 20 minute halves)**

Each team is permitted three (3) minutes warm-up at the beginning of the game. Referees cannot vary this warm up time.

First Half:

- one time out per team
- clock will stop for referees time outs only
- no substitutions in last minute of the half unless compulsory
- no time out in the last minute of the half

Half Time – two (2) minutes duration

Second Half:

- one time out per team
- clock will stop for all referees time outs
- clock will stop in the last three (3) minutes for all time outs, all shooting fouls and all compulsory substitutions
- in the last minute of the game clock will stop for all whistles

### **2.3 Finals (60 minute schedule – 20 minute halves)**

Each team is permitted three (3) minutes warm-up at the beginning of the game. Referees cannot vary this warm up time.

First Half:

- two time outs per team
- clock will stop for ALL time outs
- clock will stop for ALL whistles in the last minute

Half Time – two (2) minutes duration

Second Half:

- two time outs per team
- clock will stop for ALL time-outs
- in the last three (3) minutes clock will stop for ALL whistles

Extra periods will only be played in finals if scores are tied at the end of playing time. Extra periods in finals will continue to be played until a winner is decided.

- five minutes duration
- one time out per team
- in the last three (3) minutes clock stops for ALL whistles

#### **2.4 Penalties for Late Starts**

Late starts due to lack of players, lack of a competent scorer or timer, non-financial team or incorrect uniform, will incur a two (2) point penalty for each minute (or part thereof). Ten minutes late will deem the result of the game to be a walk-over and relative penalties will also apply. Score awarded to team receiving walkover will be 20 – 0.

#### **2.5 Starting Time**

Referees only will signify the start of the game. Games will be started at the scheduled time with the referees present on court. Exception to this will be if previous games are running overtime as each team must be allowed 3 minutes warm-up time. Referees must give a one minute warning before starting the game and starting the clock at all times.

#### **2.6 Provision of Scorers/Timer Bench Official**

- a) Each team is responsible for providing a competent scorer or timer bench official to act either as scorer or timekeeper. Teams not represented on the bench have no recourse if they are not satisfied with the manner in which the game is either scored or timed.
- b) All clubs must provide competent scorers &/or timers on each day of final series as per roster provided by the relevant committee. Penalty of \$22.00 per rostered game not attended.

#### **2.7 Club Delegates at Finals**

On day of finals all club delegates are to make themselves available at the stadium to assist the relative committee chairperson. Penalty of \$55.00 per club will be imposed for non-attendance.

#### **2.8 Team Responsibilities for Game Clock & Scoresheet**

First named team on scoresheet is responsible for operating game clock. Second named team is responsible for scoresheet. Duties may be exchanged if score-bench persons agree.

#### **2.9 Scoresheet Interpretation**

In the case of scoresheet individual scores and running scores not agreeing, running score takes precedence only if player's numbers are recorded on running score.

#### **2.10 Twenty Four Second Device / Shot Clock (Senior Competition)**

At the discretion of the Senior Committee, 'A' Grade Men and Women shall play with 24 second device/shot clock.

### **3 WALKOVERS**

#### **3.1 Un-notified**

1<sup>st</sup> - Cost of team sheet fee times 2 fine (Seniors)  
Cost of team sheet fee times 2 fine (Juniors)

2<sup>nd</sup> - Cost of team sheet fee times 2 fine and Cost of team sheet fee times 2 bond  
(Seniors)  
Cost of team sheet fee times 2 fine and Cost of team sheet fee times 2 bond  
(Juniors)

3<sup>rd</sup> - Loss of bond and team disqualification for the remainder of the season (Senior and Junior)

A team can only give 2 walkovers in a season without being disqualified: it does not matter whether they are notified or un-notified

#### **3.2 Notified**

Advice of walk-over must be given to the SBA Secretary or nominated person forty eight (48) hours prior to start of the game. All such walk-overs will incur a fine of \$45 for Seniors and \$45 for Juniors.

#### **3.3 Refund of Bonds**

Refunds of bonds, if applicable, will be made at season's end by applying in writing to the SBA Treasurer with a copy of the issued receipt.

#### **3.4 Payment of Fees**

All walk-over fees must be paid to the SBA Treasurer within 14 days of receipt of relative Invoice.

#### **3.5 Score Allocation**

Teams winning by walk-over shall be awarded a score of 20 – 0.

#### **3.6 Refund of Fees**

In the event of a walk-over the team(s) will have their team sheet fee and door entry fee refunded.

#### **3.7 Game Qualification**

Game qualification for the winning team in the event of an un-notified walk-over will only apply to those players whose names are on the score sheet and who have signed the signing sheet. No qualification for team giving the walkover. In the case of a notified walk-over, game qualification points will be awarded for the winning team only.

#### **3.8 Team Suspension or Disqualification**

Teams suspended from the competition or disqualified for giving three (3) walk-overs are not liable for future walk-over fees during the rest of the season.

## **4 PLAYER QUALIFICATION**

### **4.1 Registration**

All players must be registered as per Section 1 of these By-Laws.

### **4.2 Signing of Scoresheet**

- a) A player's name (first name or initial plus surname), must be on the front of the scoresheet before taking to the court
- b) For Finals Qualification each player must sign the signing sheet and can so before & after the game only.  
Once the signing sheet is presented to the Registrar no signing will be permitted.
- c) Signatures are required for 50% of the scheduled rounds for that season to qualify for finals. If the number of rounds is odd (eg. 17), deduct a round (ie, 8 rounds would qualify).
- d) In the case of injured players and/or pregnant women, the individual is permitted to place his/her name on the front of the sheet and sign the back to achieve qualification for finals.
- e) Players have to pay a players fee at the door and be at the game in order to sign the sheet.
- f) Player's names may be added to the sheet at any stage during the game. However they must be on the team sheet before they take the court.
- g) Any missing or incomplete names will be treated as unregistered players. Penalty as per By-Law 1.6.

### **4.3 Clearance from another Club**

If a player is cleared to another club, the player must qualify for finals from the date of the clearance to the new club. Qualifying cannot be transferred from club to club.

### **4.4 Byes**

In order that the 'bye' game be registered a player must play and qualify for the game before and after the bye. In the case of the bye being the first game, the player must qualify in the subsequent game and if the bye is the last game the player must have qualified in the game prior to the bye.

### **4.5 Game Limit in Higher Grades for the Senior Competition**

A senior player may play a maximum of five (5) games in any one of a combination of higher grades. The player then cannot play in any lower grade if they have played six (6) games in any combination of higher grades.

Eg, 2 games in 'A' Grade, then 1 game in 'B' Grade, then 2 games in 'C' Grade, then 2 games in 'C Reserve', then 1 game in 'A' Grade. This final game in 'A' Grade would prevent the player from playing C Reserve again that season.

### **4.6 Game Limit per Week and per Night**

- a) A senior player may only play one night per week and one game per night within the SBA senior domestic competition. Exception to avoid a walkover a player may play a second game, as long as they meet the requirements of all other By-Laws, and player numbers don't exceed five (5).
- b) A junior player may play one only senior game per week within the SBA domestic competition.

- c) In any instances of a player playing two or more games in one senior round, penalties shall apply to the team(s) for which that player is not registered. Exception to this By-Law, see 4.6 a).

#### **4.7 Elevating Players in Finals**

When a club team of Seniors/Juniors qualifies for the finals series and due to injury/unavailability, cannot field a team of six (6) players, that team may elevate players from lower grades/age groups to bring their player numbers up to six (6) as long as such players have qualified in their respective grade/age groups and that grade/age group has been eliminated from the finals series and is not/was not involved in that round of finals. In regard to junior players being elevated to senior finals whilst still involved in the junior finals series, this is permissible as long as they meet the requirements of all other By-Laws. Eligible Junior A Grade players can only be elevated to Senior A or B Grade finals.

#### **4.8 Representative Players**

All junior representative players must play Sunbury domestic basketball if game schedules permit. Representative Coaches are to in no way influence their players against playing Sunbury domestic basketball, no matter what the reason.

#### **4.9 Game Limit in Higher Grades for the Junior Competitions**

A junior player is only permitted to play three (3) games in a higher age/grade. Once they have played a fourth game they are tied to that higher age/grade. This Bylaw does not apply to an U10 player playing in the U12 Competition. They can play both grades all season.

## **5 UNIFORMS**

### **5.1 General**

No player will be permitted to take the court unless attired in the correct uniform as registered with the SBA.

### **5.2 Colour and Design**

Team singlets, shorts and numbers are to be of the same colour and design and in a good state of repair.

### **5.3 Non Permitted Numbers**

- a) '0' and '00' numbers
- b) Taped or pencilled (hand written) numbers

### **5.4 Under Garments**

T-shirts, 'Skins', tights and the like will not be permitted to be worn under singlets or shorts without prior written consent of the SBA Committee. If worn they must be the same basic colour as the uniform.

### **5.5 Interchanging of Singlets or Shorts**

No interchange of singlets or shorts will be allowed during the game with the exception as per By-Law 5.9.

### **5.6 Clash of Numbers**

Singlets may not be worn inside out to avoid a clash of numbers.

### **5.7 Correct Shorts**

- a) All players should be in correct shorts after the third (3) round of the season.
- b) Athletic shorts, bathers or the like will not be permitted to be worn in place of playing shorts. Bicycle shorts may be worn under playing shorts provided they are the same colour as the playing shorts.
- c) No shorts with pockets will be permitted.

### **5.8 Footwear**

Non-marking soled footwear will be the only footwear permitted on the court area.

### **5.9 Open Wound or Blood**

Any player with an open wound must be substituted immediately from the court. Before the player is allowed back into the game, the wound should be treated so that no further bleeding occurs. The wound should be covered or sutured. Where blood appears on any part of the uniform the player must change that part of the uniform. No penalty will apply if the substitute uniform does not match the normal team uniform. If there is blood on the ball, the ball must be replaced. Club/team whose player bleeds is responsible for cleaning up the blood using the blood kit available from the Door Person.

### **5.10 Hire of Singlets**

Singlets may be hired from the Door Person at a cost of \$10 per set. This should be paid prior to using. If not, the club will be invoiced. Hired singlets must be returned to the Door Person immediately after the game.

### **5.11 Club Colours**

Clubs must request the SBA Committee in writing for approval of club colours and design on both shorts and singlets as well as alternative colours. Any changes of approved club uniform must have written approval of SBA. Clubs will have priority of colour as per priority listing which can be obtained from the SBA. Where colour clashes occur, team which has priority has the right to wear the colours. The other team must change to alternative colour.

## **6 CLEARANCES**

### **6.1 General**

All players in the SBA domestic competition must complete clearance procedures as laid down in these By-Laws if they wish to represent an SBA club other than the SBA club they last registered with or if they wish to play for a non SBA club in the SBA domestic Senior 'A' Grade competition.

"Any issues arising from these By-Laws are to be forwarded to the relevant committee".

### **6.2 Clearance Eligibility**

For the forthcoming season clearances will close at the completion of the second last home and away round (midnight) of the preceding season pertaining to that player. A player not nominated for the forthcoming season, or not playing in the current season, can apply for a clearance at any time. Clearances will reopen after Round 6 or three weeks after the completion of any grading phase.

Any player that is registered or nominated to a team cannot clear to another club until the following season.

### **6.3 Exemptions**

The following categories are exempt from these clearance requirements.

- d) Players last registered with an SBA club that no longer exists
- e) Any player with a clearance to a non SBA club team playing Senior 'A' Grade in the SBA domestic competition
- f) Players never previously registered with an SBA club
- g) Players playing in a composite team made up from two or more clubs
- h) Players playing for a club team in a tournament

### **6.4 Approved Form and Fee**

The SBA approved clearance form must be used. These forms, may be obtained from the SBA website or the Clearance Secretary. The person requiring the clearance must obtain the form and pay the appropriate fee. Player is to complete their section of the clearance form and seek permission from the club they wish to join, then place in the SBA Clearance mail box. Clearances will be date stamped and forwarded to the club the player are seeking to join and clear from, for those clubs to action.

The Clearance Secretary will forward this clearance request via an online format.

### **6.5 Club Responsibilities**

Clearing club has two (2) playing weeks from date of receipt to complete their section of the clearance form and return it to the Clearance Secretary, or give reasons as to why clearance cannot be granted. This will be done via an "online" email.

### **6.6 SBA Responsibilities**

All clearances will be processed by SBA in one (1) week if uncontested. If clearance is contested, all involved parties are to meet with the relevant Junior or Senior Committee. Such meeting is to be arranged by the Clearance Secretary and is to take place, at the latest, at the next scheduled meeting of the relevant committee. If a player has not played with an SBA club for two (2) seasons and there are no financial obligations or outstanding uniform / equipment liabilities to that club, an uncontested clearance will be granted during the third or subsequent seasons.

**6.7 Maximum Number**

A player cannot be granted more than one clearance per season without SBA Committee approval.

**6.8 Finals Qualifying**

Finals qualifying cannot be transferred from club to club.

**6.9 Financial Obligations**

No player shall be granted a clearance unless all financial obligations have been met, including the return of club-owned uniform or equipment.

**6.10 Confirmation of Clearance**

Advice of clearance is to be provided to the player and both clubs in writing by the Clearance Secretary. This may be done by notice on the notice board or via the online database.

**6.11 Clearance between Teams in Same Club**

Clearances between teams in the same club and playing in the same grade will be granted in the first four (4) weeks of any season after the clearance form has been completed and shall not be subject to the appropriate fee.

**6.12 General**

Any issues arising from these By-Laws are to be forwarded to the relevant committee.

## **7 PROTEST AND PENALTIES**

### **7.1 Time for Lodgement**

All protests or complaints must be lodged in writing to the SBA Secretary within 7 days of the incident. Such protest or complaint must be duly endorsed by the relevant club secretary. Such protest or complaint will be attended to by the relevant committee.

### **7.2 Complaints against Referees**

All complaints regarding referees must be lodged in writing to the referees adviser within 7 days of the incident and must be duly endorsed by the relevant club secretary.

### **7.3 Appeals against Sub-Committee Decisions**

Appeals against sub-committee decisions must be lodged in writing to the SBA Secretary within 7 days from notification in writing of the decision.

### **7.4 Appeals against SBA Committee Decisions**

Appeals against SBA Committee decisions must be lodged in writing to Basketball Victoria.

### **7.5 Power to Impose Penalties**

The elected Committee of the Association has the right to impose penalties for breach of By-Laws contained herein which have no specific penalty.

### **7.6 Non-Payment by Clubs**

When a club has an outstanding bill for more than 30 days from the dated invoice of \$330.00 or more then a penalty of 10 championship points per team will be imposed for each team in the competition. Should any club suffer from financial strain and not be in a position to pay their outstanding bill, the club is to seek a meeting with the SBA Committee of Management within 14 days of dated invoice to make alternative arrangements.

### **7.7 Forging Signatures or Tampering with Scoresheet**

Any person or player identified signing another persons name on the signing sheet or tampering with the scoresheet in any way will be reported for unsportsmanlike behaviour. Player may be offered 2 week suspension or placed on report, depending on the severity of offence.

### **7.8 Penalty for Withdrawal of Team**

A \$70.00 fine will apply for withdrawal of teams from Senior or Junior competition after completion and distribution of fixtures.

### **7.9 Dispute against Loss of Points**

Any dispute against loss of points must be lodged with the relevant committee within fourteen (14) days of the respective game.

## **8 GENERAL RULES**

### **8.1 Rescheduled or Cancelled Games**

The Executive Committee and/or relevant committee reserves the right to re-schedule, alter or cancel, the fixtured games and/or finals as the need may arise and re-grade teams if it is to the betterment of the competition.

### **8.2 Regraded Teams**

Any teams that are regraded, Junior or Senior, shall take with them their For and Against percentage and be given the same premiership points as the fourth placed team in the grade they have been regraded to. In the event that the regraded team finishes fourth on the same premiership points as fifth placed then the fifth placed team may challenge the regraded fourth team for representation in the finals. The challenge will be made by the relevant club delegate by way of the relevant committee. Notification of the intended challenge must be received by the relevant committee Secretary by no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> last round of the normal season.

### **8.3 Approval for Non-Surgical Prosthesis**

All non-surgical prosthesis (knee braces, plaster arm supports etc.) which are of a solid construction (eg, contain metal supports or consist of a plaster cast type support) must be viewed by the Committee and have written approval before the player can take the court wearing the support.

### **8.4 Minimum Players per Game**

Teams must have at least four (4) players on the court before the game can commence.

### **8.5 Fingernails and Jewellery**

Fingernails and jewellery to be checked by the referees prior to the commencement of all games and before clock is switched on. Players must be in uniform and at the court, 2 minutes before the scheduled start time for fingernail checks. All jewellery except flat wedding rings must be removed.

### **8.6 Alcohol and Drugs**

Persons under the influence of alcohol and/or substances will not be permitted to play and will be evicted from the stadium.

### **8.7 Drinks or Food on Court**

Players and spectators are not permitted on the court area with drinks or food.

### **8.8 Chewing Gum**

Chewing gum is not permitted in playing area.

### **8.9 Sweeping Courts**

Teams playing the first scheduled game for the sessions must sweep the court prior to commencement of the warm up period. All teams using the courts for training must sweep the courts prior to commencement of training.

### **8.10 Match Ball for Senior Competition**

For the Senior competition the SBA will provide one match ball for each court which is to remain under the control of the referees or the Door Person whilst games are not in play.

### **8.11 Inappropriate Behaviour**

- a) Inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated in the stadium by any person. The door manager and/or Committee members have the right to evict any persons using inappropriate behaviour in the stadium.
- b) A player, coach, official, spectator and/or team may face suspension and deregistration from the Association and/or barred from any and /or all venues operated by the Association for a period to be deemed appropriate by the relevant committee.
- c) A Committee member or life member has, at any time, the right to lodge a letter of complaint for any offending or abusive conduct, in writing to the Association's secretary.

### **8.12 Club Responsibilities**

Every club must submit a current list of full committee members to the SBA each year following the Club AGM. Every club must nominate two people to receive and approve clearances for that club. Every club must have a Senior and Junior delegate who is not a current SBA Committee member and that delegate is to attend the relative Senior or Junior Committee meetings. Failure to attend a notified meeting, (13 days notice to be posted in the club box at the stadium) will result in a \$55.00 fine.

### **8.13 Junior Representative Age Requirements**

A Junior representative player is only permitted to play representative basketball in their own age group unless written approval is given by the SBA Committee.

### **8.14 Senior Domestic MVP in Grand Finals**

Voting for Senior domestic MVP's in grand finals will be performed by an independent person/s appointed by the Committee.

### **8.15 Correspondence to and from SBA and Clubs**

All correspondence to and from the SBA and clubs must be directed through the respective secretaries.

### **8.16 Fundraising Activities**

Permission in writing, must be sought from the SBA by any club wishing to hold fundraising activities prior to fundraising taking place.

### **8.17 Club Duty Roster**

Club roster – two (2) competent people are to be rostered on club duty during Junior domestic competition. Failure to comply will result in a fine of \$110.00.

### **8.18 Junior Defence 'Points' Rule**

No Junior team may play defence in their front court once they have reached a twenty-five (25) point lead, with the exception of final series. Once the coach and team are aware that they have exceeded the twenty-five point lead and continue to play defence in the front court, the referee will then apply a player technical foul for every incident thereafter.

### **8.19 Animals in Stadium**

No animals are permitted in the stadium during competition or training without seeking Executive Committee permission.

### **8.20 Representative Player Playing in another Team**

Any Sunbury representative player who wishes to compete with another team, club or association in tournaments must seek the permission of the SBA Committee in writing.

### **8.21 Responsibility for Scoresheet**

The last team to pay the scoresheet fee is responsible for taking the sheet to the score bench prior to commencement of the scheduled game. Failure to comply refer to By-Law 2.4. The referee is responsible for returning the scoresheet to the signing off table immediately after signing off the game.

### **8.22 Court(s) Unfit for Play**

If in the opinion of the referees in consultation with the appropriate persons available at the time, the court is considered to be in a dangerous state and unsafe, the game will be called off. In the event of games being called off, the relevant committee will determine whether or not the game will be rescheduled or declare a result.

### **8.23 Team Sheet Fees and Stadium Entry Fees**

- a) Team sheet fees are to be paid to the Door Person prior to commencement of the scheduled game.
- b) The team sheet fees are as determined by SBA Executive and will be displayed at stadium(s) entry desk
- c) Entrance fee to stadium(s) will be as determined by SBA Executive and will be displayed at stadium(s) entry desk

### **8.24 Game Commencement**

The clock is to be started at the scheduled time by the referee if the scoresheet is not at the score bench provided the allotted three minutes warm-up has been completed. The team responsible for delaying the provision of the team sheet to the score bench will be penalised as per By-Law 2.4.

### **8.25 Disqualified Players/Coaches**

Disqualified players/coaches must leave the immediate playing area and must not be visible or audible to the game in which they were disqualified from.

### **8.26 Heat Policy**

SBA will adopt the Basketball Victoria guidelines in regard to heat policy.

### **8.27 Promotion/Relegation**

Promotion/Relegation to be for grades excluding those of C grade Women, C reserve Men and "A" grade Men and Women.

Promotion/Relegation will cover the top two (2) and the bottom two (2) teams in each grade.

Promotion/Relegation is at the discretion of the relevant committee.

The relevant Committee has the right to regrade teams at any time.

### **8.28 Score-person Responsibilities**

When a player acts as a score-person he/she not permitted to take the court for the remainder of the half in which he/she fulfils this score-person role. Score bench officials are not permitted to coach or be verbally involved in the game.

### **8.29 Pregnancy**

A woman who continues to play basketball whilst pregnant does so at her own risk.

Basketball is a physical, contact sport and requires a high level of physical exertion. The

SBA would prefer that a pregnant woman did not compete in matches and if she wished to train, did so in a manner appropriate to her pregnancy. The SBA preference is based on what it perceives to be the development of the embryo and the possible risk during pregnancy. The SBA does not wish to and will not discriminate against a player based on her pregnancy. The SBA would request a player who is pregnant seek medical opinion and advice as to her level of involvement in playing and training. Any player who is pregnant must rely on her own decision whether to play and train and in making that decision is to take into account the SBA's preference that she did not play.

### **8.30 Duty of the Junior & Senior Committee**

- a) To manage their relevant committees as per the By-Laws and competition rules
- b) To order trophies for finals from the approved SBA provider
- c) To organise duty rosters

### **8.31 Advertising and Marketing**

- a) Marketing for new players must be approved by the SBA Board
- b) Advertising or marketing activities that involve the SBA or clubs within the SBA must be approved by the SBA (eg, a raffle to raise money for a particular club held at Boardman during game time)
- c) Reference or representation of the SBA may only be undertaken by SBA Executive personnel

### **8.32 Photography**

- a) SBA will display a sign at each playing or training stadium under its control advising all people and players entering that photographs and movie films may be taken
- b) Professional photographers who enter a stadium under the control of the SBA for the purpose of taking photographs or movies for hire, reward or publication must have prior approval of the SBA
- c) Permission must be obtained from the subject of any photograph or movie film taken at a stadium under the control of the SBA before publication or use for public viewing (publication or public viewing includes print media, television, internet, CD/DVD and all other media)
- d) Permission of the parent(s) or guardian(s) of under age children must be obtained before a photograph or movie film of the child may be used for public viewing or any other form of publication

### **8.33 Cancelled Games**

If individual games (not whole rounds) are cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, participating teams will be allocated 2 points each. This action will then enact a no disadvantage rule, i.e. if at the end of the season any team is disadvantaged by this decision, they have the right of appeal. All appeals must take place within 24hrs of the last scheduled game of scheduled round.

### **8.34 Working With Children**

SBA will adopt the Basketball Victoria guidelines in regard to Working With Children.

### **8.35 Codes of Conduct**

SBA will adopt the Basketball Victoria guidelines in regard to Codes Of Conduct

**8.36 Junior Representative Player Restrictions (Jets)**

- a) No junior representative player (Jets) will be granted a clearance in their first year of representative basketball.
- b) No junior representative player (Jets) is permitted to play in the C Grade domestic competition
- c) No junior representative player (Jets) is allowed to apply for a clearance from one domestic club to another, unless such application is approved by a representative/s appointed by the SBA Board

**8.37 Player Allocation**

Any player allocated to a club by the Senior/Junior Committee cannot register with another club unless permission is granted by such committees.

**8.38 Ignorance of By-Laws**

Ignorance of these By-Laws is not grounds for defence or appeal