

WELCOME TO THE 2017/18 SUMMER SEASON



BBA By-Law Changes for the Summer 2017/18 Season

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Tournaments

- Domestic Sides are able to enter tournaments as long as there is no Bendigo Junior Braves sides represented within the same age group and division. This must be in writing to the BBA Board.

Timing and Game Regulations

- Late start penalty points are to be applied **PRIOR** to the commencement of the game;
- The game clock is to be started at the scheduled time for commencement of the game provided the Referee is ready at the centre.
- If Referees are late attending a game, and the players from **either team are not ready to play**, the game clock shall be set as if the game started on the scheduled time.
- If both teams are in attendance, the game clock shall be started when the referees arrive to take charge of the game.

Scorers

- Each team **MUST** supply a competent scorer (12 years of age or older) **before their scheduled start time** of the game.
- If a team fails to supply a scorer by the official starting time then the opposing team will be awarded one (1) point for every one (1) minute that no scorer is present, these points shall be added by the Referee **BEFORE** the commencement of the game.
- If no other persons are present, then it can be mutually agreed that a player or a Coach may operate the time clock or control the clock/scoresheet/stadium scoring.

Player Uniforms

- A player who is not wearing the team's correct uniform will be penalized five points, per player. **These points will be added to the opposition to the commencement of the game or when the player first enters the court.**
- **T-Shirts worn under singlets may now be permitted** provided they must be either the same colour as the dominant colour of the singlets, white or skin colour.
- **Compression stockings may now be permitted** provided they are of the same dominant colour as either the team shorts, black or skin colour and do not cause injury to other players.
- Note 'Correct uniform – tops must be the exact same colour and pattern with permitted numbers (numbers must be legible) and will be of legal size, shape and material. Shorts must be the exact same colour. **A stripe no wider the 5cm will be permitted.**

Senior Playing Regulations

- A player must be **14 years of age** or older on the date of the game to play in an open aged match within the Domestic Basketball Competition.
- Senior Players may play two games in one night however; they can play up or down 1 Division/Grade in the Senior Competition.

Junior Playing Regulations

- Junior players are not allowed to take part in two games within the same age group and division.
 - e.g. a player may not play for the Under 14 Boys Division 1 rockets and then take court for the Under 14 Boys Division 1 Pumas.
 - There will be an exemption for club teams throughout the grading period only.
- The three point line will not be recognized in the Under 10 age group.
- The 6.25 metre three point line will be used for all domestic games in Under 14's & **Under 12's**.

Sin Bin Rules

- Any player, coach or team official who incurs a Technical Foul as a result of verbal abuse towards an official or who disputes a decision of a Referee, will be sent to the Sin Bin for a period of five minutes.
 - This does not include breaks between quarters or halves.
- For players that incur a first technical foul, they may sit on the team bench.
- For a coach or team official that incur a first technical foul must remove themselves from the team bench at least 25 metres away and cannot communicate with the team during this period.
 - A second Technical Foul, results in the player, coaching staff or team official being ejected from the game and subject to possible Tribunal action.

Note- The player must leave the immediate playing area. They are not permitted to be in an area that enables them to interact with anyone on or off the playing area they were ejected from. The seating area on another court is acceptable.

Ineligible Players

- Any team, which is found to have been playing an ineligible player, shall forfeit all points gained for the games in which the player took part. This shall be enforced by the BBA Sports Office.
- Where a team has insufficient players present to avoid a walkover, an ineligible player may be enlisted to allow the game to proceed but must be declared on the scoresheet prior to the game.
- **Players must pay the BVC & BBA insurance fees or they shall be deemed as ineligible.**