



BASKETBALL
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COMPETITION BYLAWS

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1. EXPLANATION OF TERMS

- 1.1 The word “he” has been used to represent both sexes.
- 1.2 The Association means Basketball Geelong (also referred to as BG in this document).
- 1.3 Stadium means any venue where games are controlled by Basketball Geelong.
- 1.4 Season refers to a 6 month period eg Summer Season October – March, Winter Season April – September.
- 1.5 A Competition is a group of teams who play against each other for a season. Generally defined by gender, age group and a division. For example, Division 1 Men, 12 Girls Division 2, etc.

2.0 INTERPRETATION OF RULES

- 2.1 The Competition Manager of Basketball Geelong shall determine the interpretation of the BG By-Laws, which will be enforced by the Customer Service Officers, Referee Supervisors and Referees where appropriate.
- 2.2 The Basketball Geelong Competition Manager has the right to rule on matters not specifically covered in the Bylaws in the best interest of Basketball and Basketball Geelong.
- 2.3 If the by-laws are proven to be intentionally breached an appropriate penalty will be imposed by the Competitions Committee and Competition Manager.

3.0 LAWS

- 3.1 The Laws of Basketball Geelong shall be those adopted from time to time by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) or as modified by Basketball Australia or Basketball Victoria with the following bylaws being substituted wherever necessary. The Board of BG reserves the right to alter and amend its By-Laws as it sees fit for the benefit of BG and its competitions in consultation with Club Delegates and prior to the start of a new season.

4.0 CLUB OFFICIALS RECOGNISED BY BASKETBALL GEELONG

- 4.1 Only two nominated officials from each club will be recognised by Basketball Geelong. All official Basketball Geelong matters will be dealt with through one or both of those officials or a nominated proxy if both are unable to fulfill duties. **(Refer to Operations Manual for current club contacts)**
- 4.2 In social leagues the team official is the team contact as nominated on the online Team Entry.

5.0 OBLIGATIONS OF CLUBS

- 5.1 It is the obligation of each club to provide a representative at official Basketball Geelong meetings.
- 5.2 It is the obligation of each club to nominate a suitable person to sit on a Basketball Geelong appointed subcommittee when required.

6.0 TEAM ENTRIES

- 6.1 Teams will be accepted into competitions based on the entry criteria **(Refer to Operations Manual for current entry criteria)**
- 6.2 Each new club shall pay to Basketball Geelong a guarantee fee. This fee will act as a safeguard against clubs who fail to pay accounts during the season. If all accounts are



- paid, the guarantee will carry over from season to season. The guarantee fee will be refunded to clubs if they withdraw from the Association provided all accounts are paid in full. **(Refer to Operations Manual for current list of fees and charges)**
- 6.3 Prior to each season BG will invite clubs to enter teams into the nominated competitions proposed for the season. BG may, at their discretion and in consultation with the clubs, merge or split competitions or place teams in a competition other than that in which a team has been entered by the club. **(Refer to Operations Manual for current team entry process)**
- 6.4 During the season BG may, at their discretion and in consultation with the clubs, merge or split competitions or allow a team to change the competition in which it is playing. This can be done through a formal grading process or in extenuating circumstances may occur at any time during the season. **(Refer to Operations Manual for current grading process)**
- 6.5 Clubs causing alterations to the draw for any competition after it has been completed will be fined **(Refer to Operations Manual for current list of fees and charges)**.
- 6.6 A Club shall be considered disbanded when it has not taken part in Basketball Geelong matches for twelve (12) months or when notification of disbanding has been given by the delegated officer of said Club, in writing, to the Competition Manager
- 6.7 Where a player's Club amalgamates with another Club, the player shall automatically become a member of the combined club.
- 6.8 No club with outstanding accounts will be allowed to amalgamate.

7.0 PLAYER REGISTRATION, INSURANCE & ELIGIBILITY

- 7.1 All players must pay an annual membership fee with Basketball Geelong and complete the required online form and make payment online. This payment contains a proportion of money for BG Registration and Basketball Victoria Insurance.
- 7.2 Players registered with another Basketball Victoria Country affiliated association will, on production of proof of registration, only be charged the current Basketball Geelong Secondary membership fee. **(Refer to Operations Manual for current list of fees and charges)**
- 7.3 Registrations of junior players is subject to being asked for proof of age, either with a birth certificate, extract of birth or passport.
- 7.4 All players must pay the prescribed membership fee before their first game of the new registration period.

8.0 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 8.1 Junior players competing in "under" age competitions must be under the age requirement of the division as at December 31 of each year. **(Refer to Operations Manual for list of cut off dates for competitions.)**
- 8.2 Any player who wishes to change clubs must be granted a clearance from their current club to the new club before playing any games for their new club. **(Refer to Operations Manual for Clearance procedure.)**
- 8.3 Any player who has their clearance denied may appeal the decision by following the appeals guidelines. **(Refer to Operations Manual for Appeals procedure.)**
- 8.4 A player may be granted a permit to play with another club providing their club does not have a team competing in the same junior or senior division. Except in Seniors Division One (1) where players will be granted a permit to a club even if their club has a team in that competition. Their new preferred club must lodge an online Permit form and follow the permit procedures. **(Refer to Operations Manual for Permit procedure.)**



- 8.5 All Players must adhere to the Player Points Valuation System (Juniors) and/or D1 (Senior) Point Score System. Player's that do not adhere to the policy are ineligible. **(Refer to Operations Manual for PPVS Juniors & Senior Points system.)**
- 8.6 Any junior who is aged under 15 years must have an indemnity form signed by their parent/guardian allowing them to play in senior competition. This must be submitted to Basketball Geelong prior to playing their first game
- 8.7 Clubs having more than one team in any one division may transfer players only once between teams during any season.
- 8.7.1 A player may only play for one team in any division.
- 8.7.2 Players transferring must attain qualification with new team to be eligible for finals.
- 8.8 All Junior Representative players are expected to play in the GBL **(Refer to Operations Manual for current ruling on Representative players playing in GBL)**
- 8.9 To be eligible to play in a Basketball Geelong final of a particular division, a player must compete (i.e. Be on the bench in uniform and pay for the game) in at least one half of the scheduled rounds in the fixture of that division. **(Refer to Operations Manual for full current ruling)**
- 8.10 A player registered in any particular division, upon playing the number of games or more required to qualify in a particular higher senior division final series, shall be deemed to be a player of such higher senior division, that player is no longer eligible to play in the lower divisions. If a junior player plays more than the qualified games in a higher division within their age level, that player is no longer eligible to play in the lower divisions.
- 8.11 Clubs have the opportunity to play players who have not qualified in a particular final as a replacement player **(Refer to Operations Manual for full current ruling)**
- 8.12 Exemptions (Final Qualification) Basketball Geelong may consider granting special consideration for finals eligibility in exceptional circumstances to players impacted by long term injury. **(Refer to Operations Manual for full current ruling)**

9.0 INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- 9.1 Any team found to have played an ineligible player shall forfeit all matches in which the player participated.
- 9.2 Only the ineligible player will not be credited for finals.
- 9.3 Clubs will be notified in writing if an ineligible player has played for a club/team
- 9.4 Clubs, after being notified of playing an ineligible player, may be fined if they continue to play the ineligible player.
- 9.5 A player will be deemed ineligible if any of his given name (or initial), surname or number is not written legibly and accurately into stadium scoring.
- 9.6 Players must notify Basketball Geelong if they change their name. Notification must be given before using their new name on stadium scoring, otherwise the player will be deemed to be ineligible.



10.0 UNIFORMS

- 10.1 A club must apply for registration of the colour and design of its uniforms.
- 10.2 The club with the longer record of participation in competitions conducted by Basketball Geelong shall have priority over a club with a shorter record. The lower priority team shall be obliged to change singlets when playing a team of the same or similar colours.
- 10.3 Clubs retaining their original colours will have precedence over clubs that have changed colours. **(Refer to Operations Manual for Registered Uniform List & Colour Priority).**
- 10.4 It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that its teams have alternative uniforms available as required. If two teams from the same club are playing each other then it is the responsibility of the second named team to change uniform colours.
- 10.5 A change of shorts is not regarded as a change of uniform.
- 10.6 Any team which fails to wear an alternative uniform or come up with a legitimate, valid and agreed upon alternative when directed by a Basketball Geelong Staff Member shall forfeit the match.
- 10.7 A player may be permitted to take part in any match with shorts of an incorrect colour at a cost of five (5) points which will be awarded to the captain of the opposing team. The Club will be notified if the player continues to be out of uniform. In case of flagrant breach the Club will be charged a higher penalty if it continues to occur. Referees will report this to nightly CSO who will record the name and number of the offending player on the stadium scoring system.
- 10.8 T-shirts / skins worn underneath playing singlets must be plain coloured Black, White or the same colour as the predominant colour of the playing singlet.
- 10.9 A player may not take the court in any match with an incorrect playing singlet, unless he has approval by the Customer Service Officer on that shift.
- 10.10 Singlets must bear legal numbers that are sublimated or of cloth, plastic, or other acceptable fabric and permanently attached. Chalked, taped, or inked numbers will not be permitted, unless under exceptional circumstances and approved by the Customer Service Officer on that shift.
- 10.11 Legal numbers: 1-99, The size of the numbers on uniforms must not be less than 20cm on the back and no less than 10cm on the front of the playing singlet.
- 10.12 Faded or damaged playing singlet and/or shorts must be replaced once the club has been notified in writing.

11.0 GAME REGULATIONS

All matches will be conducted under the official Basketball Rules of Basketball Australia with the following modifications: **(Refer to Operations Manual for GBL Game timing regulations).**

- 11.1 Match balls and a warm up ball will be provided by Basketball Geelong. Other basketballs (or any sports ball) are not be permitted in the stadium.
- 11.2 A minimum of five (5) players per team are required for Senior Division 1 before a game may commence.
- 11.3 For other divisions a team may take the court with four (4) players.
- 11.4 Players names and numbers may be entered on stadium scoring at any time during the first half of the game but must be entered before the player takes the court. The coach's name may also be entered on stadium scoring in the appropriate area.



- 11.5 A penalty of two (2) points for each minute or part thereof a team is late in being ready to commence a game will be awarded to the opposing team. Scorers must record start time of game for penalty purposes.
- 11.6 Referees shall note all penalty points on stadium scoring at half time ie. Late start. Penalties that are incurred after half time must be noted when they occur.
- 11.7 In the event of a team not being ready to play ten (10) minutes after the appointed time, a walkover will be awarded to the opposing team with a score of 20-0.
- 11.8 A club that has a team giving three (3) walkovers in any one season will be contacted by Basketball Geelong to discuss the possible withdrawal of that team from the competition.
- 11.9 If teams are equal on points at the end of the regulation time the game will be recognised as a draw. Overtime will not be played during the regular season.
- 11.10 Premiership points will be allocated as follows:
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| 11.10.1 Win | 3 points |
| 11.10.2 Draw | 2 points |
| 11.10.3 Loss | 1 point |
| 11.10.4 Forfeit Given | 0 points |
| 11.10.5 Forfeit Received | 3 points |
| 11.10.6 Byes | 3 points |
- 11.11 If two teams are equal on premiership points on the ladder at the end of the regular season, the result(s) of the game(s) between the two teams involved will be used to determine the placings.
- 11.12 If more than two teams are equal on the ladder at the end of the regular season, Points for and against will be used only between games involving the teams equal on points. Point's differential will be used if all teams play each other equal amount of times, if teams do not play each other equal amount of times then percentage will be used only between games involving the teams equal on points.
- 11.13 If a game is abandoned as a result of the referee deeming a team's conduct warrants a cancellation, the following shall occur;
- 11.13.1 If the team responsible for such actions is currently leading on points, the opposing team will be awarded three (3) premiership points and a score of 20-0 shall be recorded for percentage purposes. The team responsible for the forfeit shall receive zero (0) premiership points.
- 11.13.2 If the team responsible for such actions is currently trailing on points, the winning team's score at that time shall stand and the team will be awarded three (3) premiership points. The team responsible for the forfeit shall receive zero (0) premiership points.
- 11.13.3 If both teams are the cause of the issue then neither team will receive premiership points and the score recorded as 0-0.
- 11.13.4 The referee must report the team/s at fault.
- 11.14 Misconduct
- In all divisions, the Basketball Victoria 'Sin Bin' Policy will apply. That is a player receiving a technical foul will be penalised in the normal manner with the added penalty of the player being disqualified from the court for a period of five (5) playing minutes. The scorer will record the time the penalty was imposed on stadium scoring and advise the player's coach when the player is able to return to the court. Any player who receives two (2) technical fouls in a game will be disqualified.
- 11.15 Junior Development Rules



Basketball Geelong has introduced a number of rules to the junior division to assist in the well-rounded development of all players. **(Refer to Operations Manual for Junior Development Rules).**

11.16 Scoretable Representatives

- 11.16.1 Each team must provide a competent person for the score table. Both score table officials must complete stadium scoring team information at the beginning of the game and the referee must confirm the game and its players at half time and full time of every game.
- 11.16.2 The twenty four (24) second clock will operate in Division 1 Senior Games in the Championship Season only.
- 11.16.3 In games played with a 24 second clock, the score table will be manned by three scorers, two of whom will represent the first named team on the score sheet, and one of these scorers will operate the 24 second clock.
- 11.16.4 No participating player or coach is permitted to score, however for games starting at 8pm or later a player/coach may score without penalty with the exception of Division 1 Seniors.
- 11.16.5 Where only one scorer is available, the game shall start on time, and the offending team fined. A notation will be made on stadium scoring. (includes 24 second clock operator for Division 1 Senior games).
- 11.16.6 If neither team supplies a scorer, the clock shall be started on time and after the expiration of ten (10) minutes, if no scorer is provided, both teams shall forfeit the game.

11.17 Cancellation Of Games

Where games are cancelled due to extenuating circumstances, e.g. Power failure, Roof Leaks etc. The complete round will be cancelled if all teams in that division are affected. However, if not all teams in the division are affected, those who have had their games cancelled, will be awarded two (2) premiership points each and the bye team will be awarded three (3) premiership points. All players registered at that date will be deemed to have played the game and will be awarded a game towards finals eligibility. After half time the game result stands.

12.0 DISPUTES/APPEALS COMMITTEE

- 12.1 All disputes and appeals of any decisions are to be presented in writing from a Club Delegate to Basketball Geelong within seven (7) days.
- 12.2 Disputes and appeals shall be resolved by the Disputes by the Basketball Geelong Board or their delegated authority within fourteen (14) days,
- 12.3 The resolutions of the Basketball Geelong Board or their delegated authority shall be reported to the relevant clubs within seven (7) days.

13.0 AWARDS

13.1 Championship Season

- 13.1.1 A perpetual trophy entitled “The Geoff Smith Shield” will be presented annually to the most successful club during the Championship Season. For each win, points will be awarded as follows:
 - 13.1.1.1 Seniors (Division One only) – 10 points
 - 13.1.1.2 Juniors (Division One only) – 6 points



- 13.1.2 The club gaining the highest number of points up to the end of the regular season shall be declared the winner.
- 13.1.3 In the case of a club having more than one team in any division, points will only be awarded for the team finishing highest on the ladder.
- 13.1.4 Best Player Awards.
 - 13.1.4.1 The Best Player in Division One Men shall be awarded the “Ted Smith” trophy.
 - 13.1.4.2 The Best Player in Division One Women shall be awarded the “Jack Terrill” trophy.
 - 13.1.4.3 The above Best Player awards will be made in accordance with votes cast by each coach of each game of the Championship Season on a 3-2-1 basis.

14.0 RIGHT OF ENTRY / CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICERS

- 14.1 Basketball Geelong reserves the right to refuse admission to, and eject from the Stadium any person at any time.
- 14.2 It is the duty of each player, referee, official and spectator to obey the directions given by Basketball Geelong official appointed to take charge of the stadium.
- 14.3 All players, referees, officials and spectators are required to adhere to the Codes of Conduct as displayed in the stadium (**Refer to Operations Manual for current Codes of Conduct**).
- 14.4 The Basketball Geelong commission may discipline any person who is proved guilty of any breach of good conduct in any stadium controlled by Basketball Geelong.

15.0 FINES

- 15.1 Basketball Geelong commission reserves the right to set fines for offences against these bylaws (**Refer to Operations Manual for current list of fees and charges**).

16.0 BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

- 16.1 Basketball Geelong may amend these bylaws from time to time to facilitate the running of the competition. This should preferably be at the beginning of the season but may occur at any time with clubs being notified accordingly. By-Law changes will occur in consultation with the Club Delegates. The Operations Manual may be changed from time to time to reflect the rules brought in by the Club presidents and GBL Competition Committee.



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