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BY – LAWS FOR THE SOUTHERN PENINSULA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

(Amendment Notice – As of 1st October 2021)

1. POWER OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT AND SPBA STAFF

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

2. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 2.1 Failure by teams to have at least one representative attend the Annual General Meeting will incur a fine. Independent team not attending that gives at least 48 hours notice shall be treated as a notified forfeit. Independent teams not attending and giving no notice or less than 48 hours notice will be treated as a un-notified forfeit. Except in the case of Clubs. Attendees to the Annual General Meeting can only sign for one team.
- 2.2 A Club is defined as more than 3 teams governed by one body with a duly elected Secretary. In the case of Clubs the number of representatives required to attend the Annual General Meeting must equal at least 50% of the number of teams in that Club. If less than 50% of teams attend the non-attending teams shall incur the amount of a notified forfeit fine, regardless of if the team has notified.

3. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- 3.1 All players must be financial members of the Association and registered with teams in which they play. All registered players shall be eligible to play in Association matches subject to the following conditions:
- 3.2 Grades are defined as ability levels (e.g. 1, 2 and 3 etc.) for senior Competition and age or school level for Junior Competition. Divisions are defined as ability levels within a grade in Junior Competition.

Senior Representative Players (Big V Players)

- 3.3 The policy for Senior Representative Players (Big V Players) is that they cannot play lower than Division 2 Grade.

Junior Players

- 3.4 Players may play permanently in more than one grade in the same age group given that they are a bottom age player. Top age players that finish in division $\frac{3}{4}$ after grading may not join another team in a higher grade or fill in for a higher team without permission from SPBA. Top age players that finish in division $\frac{1}{2}$ after grading are not allowed to join or fill in for a team in a lower grade.
- 3.5 Players in Junior Competition may play additional weekly games in older age grades and in Senior Competition.
- 3.6 Players are not permitted to fill in for a team in their own division.
- 3.7 The BOM has the power to accept or reject any application to play in Domestic competition. Acceptance or rejection will be decided using the following criteria:
 - (i) Appropriate (age, division, etc.) placement
 - (ii) fair competition
- 3.8 To be eligible to play in a Junior Representative side the player must play in the Winter Domestic Competition. *This applies for age groups from U12-U18s. High performance exemptions may be granted by the SPBA DOC. Refer to Basketball Victoria Country website for BVC Country Championship eligibility guidelines.*
- 3.9 Teams may not have more than four junior representative players within a single team.

Teams that exceed this limit of players due to players having been selected to a representative team are exempt if the relevant players have played for the domestic team for two or more consecutive seasons.

Players that play up an age group do not count as a representative player.

Exemptions may be granted to ensure a competitive and fair competition by the SPBA.

A player is not considered a junior representative player if:

- they are a first-year Representative player who was successful in gaining a position in a Representative program in October will not be classed as a Representative player for the Summer season only; or
- they have not played Representative basketball in the last 12 months.

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

3.11 In the event of a player being ineligible to play in semi-finals and final matches under the condition of By-law 3.10 the player may through his team apply to the Association for a Special Permit to play in finals matches.

The applicant must outline clearly valid and genuine reasons for the application. The decision by the Basketball Operations and Administration Manager shall be deemed as final.

3.12 Ages for junior competition will be December 31st of the playing year.

3.13 A player's name must be on the stadium scoring device before the end of the first half and be marked as active to be eligible to play in the game. Players should only be marked as active when they are present and paid at the game.

3.14 Teams who play ineligible players in any game will forfeit that game.

4. CLEARANCES

4.1 Application for clearances must be forwarded through the SPBA office via email.

4.2 Clearances may be affected up to half way through any playing season.

- 4.3 A player who is refused a clearance twice in one season may appeal to the BOM, who will request both the team and the player involved to give evidence as to why the clearance should be refused or granted by the BOM.

5. INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS WITHIN CLUBS

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

6. MATCH OFFICIALS

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

7. COMPETITION RULES

- 7.1 The matches will be conducted under the Official Basketball Rules of F.I.B.A. with the following modifications which apply to all matches except finals series. Finals Series variations are listed in By-law 8.
- 7.2 A team may commence the match with 4 players. Only 10 players may be registered in one team.
- 7.3 If a team withdraws from the competition any time after the 3rd game of a season a penalty will apply. The penalty will be determined by the BOM.
- 7.3.1 If a team is ten minutes late for a fixtured game time, the match is an Unnotified forfeit. Teams who notify the Manager / Administrator at least 2 Working Days (A working day being defined as Monday to Friday, not including Public Holidays) prior to the fixtured game time will be fined as a notified forfeit. Teams who notify Manager / Administrator within 2 Working Days prior to the fixtured game will be fine as an Unnotified forfeit. Forfeit fines will be determined from time to time by the BOM.

- 7.4 All outstanding fees recorded by a team during a season must be paid before said team can play the following match.
- 7.5 Game fees for forfeited games will be refunded, unless the teams use the referees and or court during the game time.
- 7.6 Referees will start the game clock at the time of the scheduled game for all divisions.
- 7.7 For each minute a team is late the opponents are awarded one point.
- 7.8 Shooting at the wrong basket:

The score will not count in U9 and U10 divisions. The penalty is as a violation and the ball is to be taken at the sideline by the non-offending team. For all other divisions the score will be counted and rewarded to the opposing team.

- 7.9 Additional rules may be introduced by the BOM from time to time. Such rules will be notified to all clubs or teams (if not associated with a Club), in writing and will be permanently displayed on a notice board at the Dromana & Rosebud Basketball Centres.
- 7.10 The Sin Bin is implemented in all competitions for all teams, U14 and above. Whereby a player who receives a Technical Foul, a Bench Technical Foul or an Unsportsmanlike Foul will be forced to sit on the bench for a period of 5 minutes of playing time.

8. FINALS SERIES COMPETITION RULES

During finals series the following game timings shall apply:

- 8.1 The clock will stop for all time-outs, and for all whistle blows in the last 1 minute of the first half and last three minutes of the second half. Time-outs are allowed on any whistle or opposition made field goal. Substitutions are allowed at any dead ball situation. The clock shall not stop after any made field baskets unless a timeout is called.

9. PLAYERS UNIFORMS

- 9.1 Each team must register the colour of its playing uniform. The SPBA office shall have the power to order any team to change any part of their uniform.

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

10. PROTESTS

- 10.1 Any team desiring to lodge a protest in respect of any game must endorse the score sheet in the presence of the referee, signifying the intention to protest. The official protest must be lodged in writing to the Association within seven (7) days of the match. The parties concerned shall have the right to attend the meeting at which the protest will be heard.

11. ADMISSION FEES

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

12. PLAYERS HEALTH

- 12.1 Players all play any match at their own risk.
- 12.2 SPBA prefers that pregnant women not play after they are 12 weeks pregnant.
- 12.3 The Southern Peninsula Basketball Association has adopted the recommendations of Basketball Victoria Pregnancy Policy in regard to playing and refereeing. The Policy statement is detailed in the VBA Pregnancy Policy document June 19th 1998.

13. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- 13.1 Life Members may be elected at the Annual General Meeting by a three/fourths majority of those present, provided that written notice of nomination for such election shall have been given to the Honorary Secretary, 21 days at least before the meeting is held. Life memberships shall be restricted to those whose services to basketball

and the Association has been worthy of the highest honour. By resolution of a three/fourths majority vote of the Association, Life Membership may be cancelled.

- 13.2 Privileges of a Life Member shall include free admission to all functions held by the Association, and attendance at all Association meetings. Life Members shall be awarded a badge of appropriate design.

14. TRIBUNAL PROCEDURES

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

15. UNRULY BEHAVIOUR BY SPECTATOR(S)

1. The Referee is to stop the clock and game.
2. Notify the Stadium Manager who is to speak to:
 - a. The coach / coaches and or Captain / Captains.
 - b. The Spectator/Spectators
3. The Manager will inform the spectator that the behaviour is unsuitable and this continues he/she will be asked to leave.
4. When the spectator complies with the Managers instructions the game will resume.
5. If the spectator refuses to comply with the Managers requests or if the behaviour re-occurs:
 - a. The Referee stops the clock, if subsequent behaviour continues the Manager will inform the spectator he / she must now leave the court area.
 - b. If the spectator refuses to leave, the clock remains stopped. The spectator is to be notified that the police are to be called.
 - c. If there is a time delay of more than 5 minutes in the police arriving the game is cancelled.
6. The SPBA may investigate to determine if the game should be rescheduled at a later date.

16. HANGING FROM THE RINGS

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

17. WINDING UP

- 17.1 In the event of the Southern Peninsula Basketball Association being disbanded, its net assets will not be distributed to members but will be distributed to:
- (i) a fund with objectives similar to those of Southern Peninsula Basketball Association; or

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

18. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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

19. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

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

20. JEWELLERY & HAIR REGULATION

- (i) Rings are not accepted to be worn. (only securely taped wedding bands allowed.)
- (ii) No bracelets or necklaces allowed.
- (iii) Earrings will only be allowed if they are flat studs and tapped securely.
- (iv) No plastic hair slide combs or clips are to be worn on the basketball court.
- (v) Bobby pins are allowed.
- (vi) No metal/hard plastic head bands are permitted. Material head bands are accepted if they are less than 2cm in width.
- (vii) Braided beads are only allowed if secured in a pony tail.
- (viii) No long platted hair is allowed.

APPENDIX 1 – U9 & U10 COMPETITIONS

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMS

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

OBJECTIVES OF THE COACH

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

OBJECTIVES OF THE REFEREES

To acquaint the player and the coach with the basic rules of: fouls, travels, double dribbles, and held balls.

Not to be overly strict on violations initially, and to explain the violation to the players and coaches.

Referees need to be able to communicate well with the players and coaches.

APPENDIX 2 – RULE CHANGES FOR UNDER AGE COMPETITIONS

UNDER 9 AND BELOW

- Size 5 basketball
- Lowered ring (8 foot) where available
- Three point shots do not count
- Free throw shots from edge of netball circle
- Cross court rule not enforced
- Three seconds in key not enforced
- Man to man defense must be played
- 10 point mercy rule to the 3 point line on end and side balls

After a basket is scored or a side ball situation referees are to enforce the above. This is not enforced in normal passages of play where a player loses the ball to the opposition.

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

- Once a player has 5 fouls, they must sit on the bench for at least 2 minutes. The player is then allowed to return to the game. If a 6th foul is recorded, the player must sit out the rest of the game
- Each player is only allowed to score 10 points (5 field goals) per half, plus any bonus free throw points. This is to encourage passing and to give all players an opportunity to score.
- No results are recorded on the SPBA website for U9 competitions. There are no premiership points or finals
- In the first four weeks of each season, coaches are permitted on the court to help their players

UNDER 10

- Size 5 basketball
- Normal ring (10 foot)
- Three point shots do not count
- Free throw shots from edge of netball circle
- Cross court rule not enforced
- Three seconds in key not enforced
- Man to man defense must be played
- 10 point mercy rule to the 3 point line on end and side balls

After a basket is scored or a side ball situation referees are to enforce the above. This is not enforced in normal passages of play where a player loses the ball to the opposition. However if the referee assesses that a team is struggling to get the ball up the court he / she may direct the defence to retreat to the three point line

UNDER 12

- Size 5 basketball
- Normal ring (10 foot)
- Three point shots count from inner 3 point line
- Free throw shots from short free throw line
- Five seconds in key allowed
- Man to man defense must be played

UNDER 14

- Size 6 basketball
- Normal ring (10 foot)
- Three point shots count from inner 3 point line
- Free throw shots from regular free throw line
- Five seconds in key allowed
- Man to man defense must be played

SPBA group competitions into genders. However, for junior players at an under 12 age and younger, children may participate in either gender. For U9, U10 and U12 competitions, competitions will be gendered and it is recommended players participate in the gender they identify as.

MAN TO MAN DEFENSE

Man to man defense requires:

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

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

Tribunals & Member Protection - Basketball Victoria

By-laws (Tribunal)

1. Tribunals & Reports

- 1.1 Tribunals and reports are conducted under the Basketball Victoria By-laws (Tribunal) which can be found on the SPBA website.
- 1.2 Tribunals are administrated and conducted under the regional Peninsula Tribunal Panel, an independent group. This tribunal runs under the direction of Basketball Victoria and adopts all policies and procedures outlines in the Basketball Victoria Tribunal.
- 1.3 All by-laws previously made concerning Tribunals are rescinded.

2. Social Media

- 2.1 The SPBA follows the Basketball Victoria Member Protection By-laws regarding conduct on social media. Participants that violate these by-laws will be sactioned through the Basketball Victoria Tribunal.