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SENIOR DOMESTIC COMPETITION

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These By-Laws are relevant to all Senior Domestic Competitions governed by the Ringwood Basketball Association, and managed by the The Rings.

1) REGISTRATION

- A) Team Entry / Registration must be lodged online complete with all details and the nominated fees, by the notified closing date. Individual players must register into their nominated team before the competition start date and pay their Basketball Victoria Annual Participation Fee where necessary. Any team registrations accepted after the closing date will incur a Late Fee.
- B) For new teams entering the competition there is a \$140 bond payable with registration. The bond will be refunded when the team leaves the competition provided the team does not have any outstanding walkover fines (refer to section 3) or leave midseason, or any other indiscretion deemed by the competition coordinator. A Bond Refund form will need to be completed and submitted within 6 months of the team leaving the competition.
- C) Teams playing any individuals that have registered into the team with incorrect information, or are participating under another players name, will be penalised. Teams will lose premiership points for each game in which the offending player participates.
- 3 points = Win
 - 2 points = Draw
 - 1 point = Loss

Premiership points will not be reinstated.

'Fill Ins' under Basketball Victoria (BV) guidelines may participate in 2 games across all BV affiliated competitions before registering with BV. On the 3rd game the player will be required to register and pay the BV Annual Participation Fee before taking the court.

- D) Where games are cancelled due to extenuating circumstances (e.g. power failure) the complete round will be cancelled if all teams in the grade are affected. However, if all teams in the grade are not affected, then those who had their game cancelled will be awarded (2) premiership points. If the game has passed the Half Time break the scores will stand and relevant premiership points will be awarded.
- E) No player under the age of 15 may participate in the open age competition. An offending team will incur loss of premiership points for each game the ineligible player participates. The ineligible player will not be covered for insurance purposes. The competitions supervisor at their discretion may ask for proof of age.

1) REGISTRATION (cont.)

- F) Players may only play in a second game on any given night providing the following criteria is met:
- The additional team is in a higher division than which the player was initially registered.
 - AND The higher ranked team requires an extra player to avoid a walkover (ie: 4th or 5th player only). If the team has 5 available players, they cannot have any currently registered players fill in from other teams within the same competition (ie Tues Men).

Penalty: Premiership points will be lost by the higher ranked team that the player participates with, should the above criteria not be met.

No player shall play more than (3) games at a higher level than which they were initially registered. After the 3rd game in the higher section the player must remain with that team.

- G) The grading, promotion and / or relegation of teams will be at the discretion of the competition coordinator.
- H) Players playing in the Veterans competition must have turned the respective age before entering the competition. Identification may be requested at any time, for sighting purposes only, by the competitions supervisor to verify a players age.
- I) No new teams shall be accepted into the competition after 1/3rd of the season has been played unless authorised by the competition coordinator.
- J) Each registered team shall nominate (1) person as team contact. This information is to be provided on the team's official online registration form. It is the responsibility of the team to advise immediately of any change of team contact information details.
- K) N.B.L / V.B.L and Youth League players are not allowed to play below the highest grade offered unless the player has played all grading games with the said team and the team is then graded below the highest grade offered. Premiership points will be lost for each game played.

(2) UNIFORMS

- (A) Singlets must be uniform and the same basic colour. All numbers must be the same size and colour contrasting to the singlets. No player shall take the court without a number. Numbers must be sewn, ironed or sublimated on. Numbers taped or drawn on are not accepted. (Singlet numbers: 1 - 99 permitted). Numbers must be clearly identified, if not incorrect uniform penalties will apply.

Teams must play in the correct uniform by the end of the **grading phase of the current competition**. In extenuating circumstances, permission for an extension of time may be obtained from the competition coordinator.

- (B) Players may wear compressions provided any shirt is sleeveless and pants are the same colour as the uniform shorts. T-Shirts are not permitted to be worn under the team uniform singlet.

Medical certificate required if non permitted compressions or t-shirts are needed to be worn.

Medical certificates must be given to the Competition Coordinator or Competition Supervisor before the commencement of the game.

- (C) (5) Points will be deducted for incorrect uniforms in all senior domestic competitions. Any shorts above the knee are permitted other than bike shorts or shorts with pockets and must be uniform and the same basic colour. No tracksuit pants allowed.

A team shall forfeit a maximum penalty of ten [10] points penalty for incorrect uniform.

- (D) Penalty points will be included by the referee before the scoresheet is finalised at the completion of half time. Players intending to take the court after the half time break, i.e. Players not playing in the first half only, must be in correct uniform, otherwise normal penalties apply at the conclusion of the game.
- (E) In case of a colour clash between (2) opposing teams, the team listed on the left of the fixture will change to the stadiums alternate set and pay the relevant hire fee. When these teams meet again in the same fixtured season, the opposing team will change and pay the relevant fee. Where alternate uniforms may not fit a team, the opposing team will wear them, but the cost covered by the nominated team. Where black is playing navy blue, alternate singlets must be worn (as above)

(2) UNIFORMS (cont.)

- (F) At the discretion of the Competition Coordinator, the RBA reserves the right to reject wording on singlets and/or shorts that is considered offensive. This includes team names, player names, sponsors or other words.
- (G) Only basketball shoes with non-marking soles are permitted on the court playing areas.
- i) Players will not be permitted to take the court in socks, thongs, street shoes or bare feet.
 - ii) Gloves are permitted to be worn
- (H) All other jewellery and electronic devices must be removed prior to taking the court.
- (I) Long hair can be in pony tails only – no plaits allowed.

(3) WALKOVERS

WALKOVER FINES FOR ALL SENIOR DOMESTIC COMPETITIONS

- A) Notified Senior Domestic \$110.00.
Must receive at least 48hrs notification.
- Un-Notified walkover equivalent of two team sheet fees.**
- Un Notified Senior Domestic \$144.00.
Less than 48hrs notification.
- Notification to be given to the Centre Management on 9298 4487**
- B) If a team gives (3) walkovers in the one competition the team may be disqualified from the competition and risk possible refusal of further admission into the Association at the discretion of the competition coordinator.
- C) If a walkover fine is not paid before the offending teams next game, no further points will be accredited until the fine is paid. Premiership points so lost will not be reinstated. **Teams will not be permitted to play in finals with outstanding walkover fines.**
- D) In the case of a walkover a scratch match is to be played, teams are encouraged to consider playing ineligible players so as a game may be played and to avoid a walkover fine. In the event of a scratch match the score shall be **20-0 (forfeit)** and the team **not giving the walkover** will receive a \$10 deduction in the scoresheet fee.

SCRATCH MATCH SCORESHEET FEES

\$82.00 Offending team
\$62.00 Opposition team

Normal competition rules will apply under scratch match conditions – scratch match score will be 20-0.

Teams who forfeit a game due to a walkover will not receive any premiership points, and a walkover score shall be noted as 0 – 20 (forfeit).

(4) SCORING RULE / SCORESHEETS

- A. Both teams are responsible for ensuring all players details, including singlet number, are correctly entered prior to the game commencing. New players can be added prior to the game via the PlayHQ website using their team link.
- B. Prior to the commencement of the match and throughout the whole game, a minimum of (1) competent scorer / timekeeper, over 14 years old, must be present on the score bench. Teams failing to provide a scorer shall be penalized 5 points, to be added to the scoresheet at half time by the referee. Participating players may score.
- NOTE:** If neither team is represented on the score bench at the scheduled commencement of the game then the clock will start and the game will not commence until minimum conditions of the By-Laws have been met. A walkover will not be registered and monies shall not be refunded. There is no right of appeal where this By-Law has been correctly administered.
- C. Premiership points will be allocated as follows:
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|---------------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
| * Win | 3 points | * Walkover received | 3 points |
| * Draw | 2 points | * Walkover given | 0 points |
| * Loss | 1 point | | |
| * Walkover score shall be 0—20. | | | |
- D. Information regarding ladders and fixtures can also be accessed via the Ringwood Hawks web site.

www.ringwoodhawks.com.au

(5) TIMING REGULATIONS

- A) Late starting teams shall be penalised (1) point per minute or part thereof: (10) minutes late start will constitute a walkover and the offending team will be fined in accordance with the By-Law (3a).
- B) Domestic teams must have at least (4) players on the court before the game can commence. Teams which consistently have only (4) players may be investigated.

DOMESTIC COMPETITIONS (All except Thursday AM Competition)

45 Minute Schedule

One timeout per team per half

No timeout in the last two minutes of the first half

No timeouts in the last three minutes of the second half

CLOCK STOPS: If the score difference is 6 points or less at any stage within the last one minute of the second half the clock shall stop for all whistles throughout the last minute until completion of the game. (even if the score difference is back to more than 6 points at any stage).

DOMESTIC COMPETITION (Thursday AM Competition)

50 Minute Schedule

Two timeouts per team per half

No timeouts in the last two minutes of the first half

No timeouts in the last three minutes of the second half

CLOCK STOPS: If the score difference is 6 points or less at any stage within the last one minute of the second half the clock shall stop for all whistles throughout the last minute until completion of the game. (even if the score difference is back to more than 6 points at any stage).

DOMESTIC COMPETITION (FINALS)

60 Minute Schedule

Clock stops for all time outs in both halves, all whistles in the last minute of the first half and all whistles in the last three minutes of the second half. Two (1) minute timeouts per team per half. Two minutes allowed for the half time break. A drawn result shall result in an extra period to be played. Each extra period shall be (5) minutes until a winner is determined. Each team is permitted (1) timeout per extra time period, with the clock stopping on all whistles and fouls will stand as is.

50 Minute Schedule

Clock stops for last two minutes of the second half only. One (1) minute timeout per team per half (clock does not stop). Two minutes allowed for the half time break. A drawn result shall result in an extra period to be played. Each extra period shall be (5) minutes until a winner is determined. Each team is permitted (1) timeout per extra time period, with the clock stopping on all whistles and fouls will stand as is.

(6) FINAL SERIES

- A) Finals will be played in all R.B.A senior competitions.
- B) Finals Qualification
Senior Men's and Women's competitions—Players must play in at least (7) of the fixtured matches to qualify for finals. Thursday Morning Ladies require only (5) games to qualify. In the event of a bye or a received walkover, the bye/walkover will be counted if the player participates in the round directly before and after the bye/walkover.

Teams will be disqualified if they play unqualified players

- C) **Finals Format Top (4) four teams.**

Week (1) Semifinals:

GAME (A) 1st vs 4th (knockout)

GAME (B) 2nd vs 3rd (knockout)

(Winner of each game will play off in Grand Final)

Week (2) Grand Final:

GAME (C) Winner of game (A) vs Winner of Game (B)

- (D) In divisions where there are at least (10) teams, there will be a section (2) final series between teams placed fifth to eighth.
- (E) If a team does not have (6) qualified available players, the team is able to use the next most qualified player **only** from those who have played throughout the season. If the next most qualified player is unavailable teams are unable to bring in any other player. The next most qualified player must have played a minimum of **3** games throughout the current season and must be cleared with the competition coordinator before the commencement of the game in question. By-Laws regarding competition registration (Sect. 1K.) also applies in determining available players. Teams will be required to provide proof that qualified players are unavailable. Mixed Competition teams may choose the next best qualified Male or Female player depending on the requirements of the team.

- **Enquiries regarding qualified players will not be accepted on the day of the finals.**

Non attendance of finals games will incur a walkover fine as per normal round matches.

(7) MIXED COMPETITION

- A) A team must be represented by at least (2) female and (2) male players on the court, the fifth player can be either female or male. A male player cannot be subbed on for a female unless there are (2) females on the court. The game will be called a forfeit if either team is unable to comply and have at least (1) of each sex on the court. The offending team loses the game regardless of points scored.
If prior to the commencement of the game, a team cannot field the required players normal late start penalties shall be applied.
- B) Male players are not permitted in the restricted (key) area at EITHER END of the court in the 1st half of the game and Female players are not permitted in the restricted (key) area at EITHER END of the court in the 2nd half.
PENALTY : VIOLATION , side ball to opponents.
- Any intentional defensive key violation by the male players in the 1st half and the female players in the 2nd half, are to be treated as goal tending and the opposing team are to be granted (2) points.
 - After the first warning by either referee, further intentional infringements of the above rule are to be penalised with a technical foul (for un-sportsmanlike behaviour) on the offending behaviour.
- C) Fouls - Male and Female players are permitted only (5) personal fouls.
- D) (12) Point Rule - Each player can only score (12) points until all players on their team have scored (12) points each. Once each team member has reached (12) points, all players on that team are free to score.
- Prior to all players scoring (12) points the following will apply:
 - If a player on (12) points is intentionally fouled she / he may nominate another player in their team to take the free shots (points count).
 - If a player on (11) points scores a field goal, only (1) point is allowed.
 - If a player on (12) points shoots, and the basket is good VIOLATION, NO SCORE, side ball opposing team.
 - If a player is on (11) points with two shots, if one shot is successful then another player may be nominated to take the remaining free shot.
 - If a player scores their 12th point from a field goal & is fouled then another player may be nominated to take bonus foul shot.

(8) V.B.A. INC REGIONAL TRIBUNAL

- A) The V.B.A. Inc. Regional Tribunal shall hear and determine all reportable offences. All teams and individuals shall be notified accordingly.
- B) Any persons reported are entitled to a copy of the report and to take (1) witness to the tribunal. Any queries on this point should be directed to the competitions coordinator on 9298 4487.

(9) PLAYER CLEARANCES

- A) A player may participate in no more than a combined total of (3) games above the lowest grade that she/he has played. Otherwise the player must remain in the higher grade.
- B) At the beginning of each domestic season, players will automatically be cleared to play in any team they choose. NBL & Big V (YL) players can only play in teams playing in the highest grade offered - see Bylaws section 1. Registrations, paragraph K)
- C) A midseason clearance may only be granted if the two teams involved have a verbal agreement coordinated and confirmed by the Senior Domestic Competition Manager.
- D) A team can only refuse a clearance on the following grounds:
1. The player is un financial
 2. The player has not returned uniform to team
 3. The player is under suspension
- E) If a transfer objection by the former team is submitted, both parties will be directed to appear before the Senior Domestic Appeals Committee.
- F) If the prior team of the player applying for a clearance is not playing on the same night of the week, no clearance is required.

AS THIS IS A SOCIAL COMPETITION WE ASK ALL PLAYERS TO PLAY THE GAME IN A SOCIAL MANNER ENJOY YOURSELVES !!!

(10) FINGERNAILS & JEWELLERY

- A) No player will be permitted to take the court with fingernails visible above the level of the fingertips. Taped fingernails are permitted using tape only and not band aids. Gloves are permitted to be worn.
- B) Consistent checks of fingernails and jewellery are to be done by referees prior to the commencement of the game and before the game clock is turned on. Players must be in uniform and on the court (2) minutes before the scheduled time of the game commencement, for the fingernail and jewellery checks.
- C) Jewellery includes both sleepers and studs for both female and male competition.

If a check is requested by a team, then the referee will carry out that check at the first available stoppage of the game, whether during a time out or at half time.

(11) BLOOD AND INJURY

- A) During the game the official shall order any player who is bleeding or has an open wound, to leave the playing court and cause this player to be substituted.
- B) Before the player is allowed back into the game the wound should be treated (no further bleeding) and the affected area completely and securely covered.
- C) A bleeding player who has received treatment, and the affected area covered, may remain in the game at the expense of a team time-out (as for an injured player).
- D) If there is blood on the uniform the player is to change the uniform. Under no circumstances should a player with wet or dry blood stains on their uniform be allowed on the court.
- E) If there is blood on the court—the stadium's cleaning mop and bucket shall be used (0.5% bleach and 2% detergent mixed with water).
- F) No penalty to apply if the substitute's uniform does not match the normal team uniform. (Referee discretion will apply in such cases.)
- G) Blood on ball—replace ball
- H) Rubber gloves and napkins are available from the front desk of the venue if required.
- I) A basic first aid kit is available from the stadium's front desk.
- J) Ice is always available upon request from the stadium's canteen facility.

(12) DAMAGE TO ASSOCIATION PROPERTY / VENUE

- A) Offending parties and their registered club / will be prosecuted. Full restitution will be sought.
- B) Persons under the influence of alcohol or any foreign substances will not be permitted to enter any stadium or venue under the control of the R.B.A. Inc.
- C) The consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted within the R.B.A. Inc controlled stadiums, venues, car parks and their surrounds.
- D) Smoking is not permitted within R.B.A. Inc. controlled stadiums / venues.

(13) PROTESTS

- A) Protests or complaints against referees or officials are to be lodged in writing to the competition coordinator within 48 hours of the respective incident.

(14) GENERAL

- A) Except where indicated, all by-laws are applicable to Senior, Mixed, Veterans and Daytime domestic competitions.
- B) Except where indicated, all other rules of basketball will apply.
- C) Unduly rough play will **NOT** be condoned, nor offensive language. Offending teams will be subject to the No Tolerance policy enforced by stadium management and the Ringwood Basketball Association. Under the No Tolerance policy teams will receive two written warnings before being excluded from the competition. The Sin Bin Policy is also enforced in all of our competitions. Players receiving Technical or Unsportsmanlike fouls will be 'Sin Binned' for 5 minutes.
- D) It is the responsibility of all teams to see that players, coaches, parents and spectators act in a proper sportsmanlike manner.

Queries regarding the competition By-laws can be directed to the
The Rings on 9298 4487

**PLEASE NOTE: IGNORANCE OF THE BY-LAWS WILL NOT BE
CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE GROUNDS FOR APPEAL**

No Harassment Policy

Ringwood Basketball Association together with the The Rings enforce a 'No Harassment Policy' throughout all of its domestic competitions. Abuse or Harassment in any form towards Referees, Players, Spectators or Administrators is unacceptable and any player or team demonstrating any of these attributes will be dealt with appropriately. Referees, Supervisors and Administrators have the right to determine a situation and act accordingly.

A team captain must be nominated prior to a game and only the captain has the right to approach or question the referees in an appropriate manner at an appropriate time – during a break or at the conclusion of a game. A warning may be given depending on the breach of policy and any breaches of this policy will incur an immediate Technical Foul to the offending coach or player.

Any players, teams or spectators acting outside the Basketball Victoria Code of Conduct guidelines or the expectations of the Ringwood Basketball Association No Harassment Policy will be given a written warning by administration and dealt with as per our Bylaw guidelines.

No Tolerance Policy

The Rings in conjunction with the (R.B.A) enforces a no tolerance policy for all senior competitions. Teams acting outside the spirit of competition will be dealt with under the no tolerance policy. The no tolerance policy covers the following;

Once a complaint has been received it shall be investigated by the competition coordinator. If it is deemed that the team in question has acted outside reasonable competition behaviour a written warning shall be issued. All teams that receive a written warning will be monitored.

If by chance the teams behaviour is not rectified a second letter will be issued stating that the next course of action will be to exclude them from the competition. **There will be no third and final warning.**

It is our strong belief and goal at The Rings to offer a competitive and friendly environment for all to enjoy. We pride ourselves on providing competitions that maintain a high level of sportsmanship to maximise participation for all players, referees and administrators.