MOUNT GAMBIER AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INC

BY-LAWS
ADOPTED 30.10.1984 with amendments to 3rd November, 2010)

Infringement of By-Laws or Rules pertaining to them will result in the match being declared a forfeit, loss of premiership points by the offending team and a forfeit fine.
Clubs will be notified of infringements as they occur.

1. RULES OF BASKETBALL TO APPLY

All matches shall be played in accordance with the current Official Basketball Rules except so far as they are hereinafter modified, altered or added to. The Official Basketball Rules (with interpretation) are set out in the rule book as adopted by Basketball Australia.

2. DIVISION INTO GRADES

2.1 Teams competing in the competition shall be divided into Grades specified by the Board of Management.

2.2 To be eligible for under age competition a player must be under the age as at 31st December following the end of the season concerned.

3 GRADING OF TEAMS

3.1 The Board of Management of the Association shall determine the allocation of each team to each grade.

3.2 The Board of Management or Club Competition Committee may give permission for a player to play in an underage competition for which he is not eligible.

4 PROGRAMME

4.1 The teams shall play matches as listed in the Official Programme or as amended by the Board of Management.

5 AWARDING OF POINTS

5.1 The following points shall be awarded for all minor round games.

5.1.1 Three (3) premiership points shall be awarded for a win
5.1.2 One (1) premiership point shall be awarded for a loss
5.1.3 Two (2) premiership points shall be awarded for a bye
5.1.4 If a team forfeits it shall not gain any premiership points.

NOTE: All matches shall be played to a result except in the grades nominated by the Competition Committee

6 TO DETERMINE THE POSITION ON POINTS

6.1 In the event of two or more teams gaining the same number of points their relative positions shall be determined by percentages using the following system, viz: the points scored by the team divided by the total points scored in the matches played by that team multiplied by 100.

7 DURATION OF MATCHES

7.1 Duration of all matches shall be decided by Board of Management.

8 SECBL COMPETITION

8.1 To be eligible for the Women's SECBL competition, a Club shall also have one Women's A Reserve Team and one junior Women's teams.

8.2 To be eligible for the Men's SECBL competition, a Club shall also have one A Reserve team and one junior Men's teams.

8.3 SECBL By Laws – see attachment

9 SECBL and A RESERVE GRADES

9.1 Each SECBL team must nominate their "Best Two/Three" players to compete in the SECBL competitions.

These players are not eligible to play A Reserve (Except. 9.4)

The list of "Best Two/Three" must be in the hands of the Competition Committee the day after the first night of play and is subject to approval by the Competition Committee. The Club may apply to the Competition Committee to alter the "Best Two/Three" at any time. Competition Committee will review any requested changes.

9.2 The Competition Committee may alter the "Best Two/Three" at any time. A player not named in the "Best Two/Three" may play SECBL and A Reserve Grades.

9.3 A Junior player named in a "Best Two/Three" may play A Reserve Grade.

10 PLAYERS PASSING ACROSS

10.1 A player may only Pass Across to prevent a forfeit.

10.2 Passing Across rule does not apply for SECBL.

11 ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY IN FINALS

11.1 A player who has played less than three matches with a team during a Season shall not be eligible to play for such team in a Semi-Final or subsequent match. A bye shall not count as a match played for player eligibility for finals.

11.2 A forfeit shall count as a game for players in the team receiving the forfeit, providing score sheet is completed prior to scheduled game.

12 FORFEITS

Penalty for a Forfeit

- 0 – 20 defeat
- Zero Premiership Points
- Fine as determined by the Board of Management
- Any other penalties as determined by the Board of Management.
- Exception 12.5

12.1 If a team does not have five players on the court and ready to play within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled starting time, it shall lose the match on a forfeit.

12.2 From the scheduled starting time, two points shall be awarded for every minute or part thereof that the defaulting team does not have five players. The score for a forfeit shall be 20-0.

12.3 Player fees are not to be paid when forfeits occur.

12.4 If a team forfeits a game through withdrawing its players from the court, the game shall be declared a forfeit.

12.5 If a match is forfeited through loss of players then a 20-0 score is recorded to the winning side if that side is behind when the forfeit occurs or the score stands if the winning side is leading when the forfeit occurs. There will be no fine and the losing team will receive one (1) premiership point.

12.6 If a game is called off because of unsportsmanlike conduct, the offending team(s) will forfeit the game

12.7 Any team desiring to withdraw from the Competition may be liable to forfeit fines.

12.8 Any team playing unregistered player or players shall lose the game on a forfeit. (Exceptions 14.3 & 14.5).

13 TEAMS:

13.1 Teams must supply a timekeeper/scorer, or forfeit the match. If a team does not provide a scorer/timekeeper ready to officiate within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled starting time, it shall lose the match on a forfeit.

13.2 A player shall be considered a non-player in a match if he/she does not compete.

13.3 All teams must supply their own warm up balls and match balls.

14 REGISTRATION:

14.1 The registration fees for each season shall be set during the preceding season.

14.2 Players shall pay the correct registration fee at a date set by Basketball Mount Gambier in a new season.

14.3 Players playing 3 matches or more are to pay the appropriate Registration Fee and Insurance Fee.

14.4 As from a point midway through the season, all players who register may pay half the normal registration fee and full insurance fee.

14.5 An "Emergency Rescue Package" is available to enable an unregistered player to play to avoid a forfeit twice in a season. The player Insurance fee is to be charged to the Club account on the first night of play.

15 NOMINATION:

15.1 The nomination fee for each season shall be set during the preceding season.

15.2 When nominating, a team must pay the Nomination Fee.

16 UNIFORMS;

16.1 Complete details of uniforms must be in writing and passed by the Board of the Association.

16.2 In the SECBL competitions any player with incorrect uniform shall not be permitted to enter the court except to prevent a forfeit when a player personal foul will be called and six (6) points awarded to the opposing team. The uniform includes shorts and singlet for men, and top and shorts for women.

16.3 In all other grades, a player personal foul will be awarded against any player who does not wear the correct uniform and his/her team or uses an incorrect number. When such player enters the court the umpire shall call a player personal foul and award two (2) points to the opposing team.

16.4 Only non marking soled sand-shoes or approved basketball shoes are permitted on courts.

17 CONDUCT OF PLAYERS:

17.1 Code of Behaviour – see attachment

17.2 A club shall be held responsible for the conduct of its players.

17.3 Any member of the Committees of the Association has the power to evict any person from the premises for any just cause.

17.4 Any player reported and found guilty by the Tribunal for an offence on court is ineligible for any minor round player award in the season concerned.

17.5 A player and/or coach who is ejected from a game is not eligible to play in any other games on that night.

18 GRADE MATCHES:

18.1 Any player who plays two senior grade matches in the one week must miss the following round of matches in all grades. (Exception: 9.3 and to prevent a forfeit).

18.2 Should a player play a game under an assumed name, that player as well as the captain or coach of the offending team shall receive an automatic two match suspension.

19 CLEARANCES:

19.1 A clearance is necessary for any player to transfer from one club to another club.

19.2 A clearance is necessary for any currently registered player to transfer from one social team to another team during that current season. A clearance is not necessary to transfer from one social team to another social team at the end of a season.

19.3 Clearance applications shall be submitted to the Association Office for the purposes of dating and forwarding to the Club from which the clearance is requested. A copy of this application will be forwarded to the Club to which the player is going. This clearance must be dealt with and returned to the Association Office within twenty one (21) days of that date shown. Failure to complete and return the clearance application to Association Office by due date shall result in an automatic clearance being granted.

19.4 If a clearance form lodged is not signed by the Secretary of the Club it will be invalid.

19.5 Completed clearances shall be lodged with the Association Office on the official form on or before the night/day of playing his/her first match for the new club or team.

19.6 No club or team has to grant a clearance but if a clearance is refused the player may apply to the Association Clerical Officer to organize a meeting of the Board of Management to hear the appeal.

19.7 A meeting to deal with appeals will be held as soon as possible after nominations close or at any other time during the season.

19.8 Any player from any social team that has disbanded does not need a clearance to another social team. Such player shall, before being accepted as a registered player of the Association, be liable to pay a proportionate amount of any outstanding debt owed to the Association by the disbanded social team. This amount is calculated by dividing the outstanding amount by the number of players last registered with that social team.

19.9 A player, 18 years of age and over who has appealed must be present at the appeal. Any player under the age of 18 years appealing must be present and accompanied by his/her parent or legal guardian.

19.10 During the discussion of the appeal, the player will be asked to state his/her case and answer questions. The delegates of the Clubs or teams involved will then present their cases. The Board of Management will then make its decision.

19.11 If a player's appeal is dismissed, the player may apply to have his/her case heard by the South Australian Country Basketball Council.

19.12 A Clearance is not required if a player has not played for at least three (3) seasons providing that player is free of debt to his/her club and the Association.

20 JUNIOR COMPETITION:

20.1 The Junior Competitions are defined as all matches played in the Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18 grades.

The Under 16 and 18 grades will be played as Club Competitions.

The Under 10, 12 and 14 grades will be played as non Club Competitions in which players are allocated to teams by the Association.

20.2 Players eligible to play in Under 14 Competition are not permitted to play in the Senior competition unless prior approval is granted.

20.3 A club may play two (2) players from an underage grade in a higher age grade to a maximum of two (2) games per player per week in the junior competition.

20.4 Once a player plays three (3) games in a higher grade he/she shall have a permit to play in a lower grade. (Exception 20.3).

20.5 In Under 12 Premiership grades, foul shots are taken from the designated line. In non premiership grades, foul shots are taken from the designated line or closer if umpires agree.

20.6 Where there are two Divisions played in Junior Grades a team may play two players from the Club's Division 2 team in the Division 1 team to a maximum of two games per season per player. Division 1 named players may not play in Division 2.

20.7 Allocation of Under 16 players to Clubs – see attachment.

21 BALL SIZES:

The following ball sizes are to be used for games:
Senior Men, Under 18 and 16 Men ……...Size 7
Under 12 and 14 Boys……..Size 6
All Junior Girls and Senior Women……....Size 6
Under 10 Boys and Girls……..Size 5/6

22 PRACTICE

22.1 Week night and Saturday practice periods may be booked with the Association Clerical Officer. Should more than one club require a court at the same time, the Club requesting the court first shall have the right to use that court.

Sunday training shall be rostered on a rotational basis, with each club being allocated three courts in a one hour time slot in two sessions. Time slots shall be rotated forward one hour at the beginning of each Summer Season.

22.2 The Board of Management has the discretion to reallocate or discontinue practice times for any justifiable cause.

22.3 Training times must cease 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start of games for that particular court.

23 UMPIRES:

23.1 Each team nominating in the competition shall nominate a regular active umpire who is capable of umpiring that team's grade for that team's nomination to be accepted.

23.2 Gradings of umpires will be based on successful completion of official Referees' Courses.

23.3 Graded umpires must attend at least one Education Session per season.

23.4 In order to receive the appropriate grades fee, graded umpires must wear official umpires' shirts.

23.5 Match payments are set by the Board of Management.

23.6 The match payment received by the umpire will depend on the grading of the umpire. Payment will be made at the end of the season or when requested.

23.7 A levy of 10 cents per game per umpire is to be deducted from the umpiring fees and paid into Umpires' Education Fund.

23.8 Junior umpires under 16 are not permitted to umpire senior games unless qualified to do so according to 23.2.

23.9 A Charge Referee shall be appointed by the Board of Management.

23.10 Umpires for finals shall be appointed and approved by the Board of Management.

23.11 Should an umpire not attend a match for which he is rostered, the social team/club shall be liable for a fine.

24 CARNIVALS:

Any Club wishing to conduct a Carnival must seek permission from the Board of Management at least 28 days prior to the proposed Carnival date.

25 DAMAGE:

Any damage caused to any structure or fitting of the stadium may be charged to the offender by the Board of Management.

26 AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS:

26.1 These By-Laws may be altered or replaced at any time by a Board of Management Meeting.

26.2 The Competition Committee has the right to recommend amendments to, alterations to and/or replacements of By-Laws.

27 INTERPRETATION:

In these By-Laws masculine includes feminine. Words importing singular include the plural and word importing plural include the singular where the context permits.