



BY-LAWS of

BASKETBALL MOUNT GAMBIER INC. (BMG)



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PREAMBLE

Basketball Mount Gambier Inc is committed to the health, safety and well-being of all its members and participants and is dedicated to providing a safe environment for participation in the sport of basketball.

In this regard the Association recognizes and adopts the Basketball SA Member Protection Policy and adheres to the procedures, processes and guidelines issued pursuant to that policy by Basketball SA.

These By- Laws have been prepared to govern the operations of BMG's domestic Basketball competitions.

BMG has developed these By Laws and will continue to develop these By Laws and their intent so as to maintain a close relationship with the Official Basketball Rules.

BY-LAWS

ADOPTED 30.10.1984 with amendments to 3rd November, 2010, 12th July 2017, 23rd October 2018 ,April 2022.....

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.

DEFINITIONS:

- (i) In this By-Law "Registration fee" means and is inclusive of:
 - BMG fee
 - Insurance fee
 - SA Country Levy
 - Basketball Australia Levy
 - Basketball South Australia Levy
- (ii) A Junior Player is a person who is eligible to play in an Under 10 through to an Under 18 competition.
- (iii) For the purposes of determining a senior player eligibility to play in a particular grade, the structure of BMG competitions is generally defined as follows:
Club teams and Club competitions will comprise – Under 16, Under 17, Under 18, Junior Men, Junior Women (U18), Other Club Grades, A Reserve and SECBL teams.
Social competitions will comprise Women's and Men's Social teams.

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.
Age limit for Junior Men is Under 20 (FIBA)

3. GRADING OF TEAMS AND PLAYERS.

- 3.1. The Board of Management of the Association shall determine the allocation of each team to each grade.
- 3.2. The Competition Committee may give permission for a player to play in an underage competition below the age which the player is eligible for.
- 3.3. Should a dispute arise as a result of such permission given by the Competition committee, then the dispute shall be referred to the Basketball Development Manager for determination and such determination shall be final and binding.
- 3.4,
 - 1. A senior player (too old for Under 18 age group) can play two grades per week.
 - 2. A non-Best Two SECBL player can play can play A Reserve, not B Grade or Junior Men/Women.
 - 3. An A Reserve player, providing he/she does not play SECBL, can play other club grades as well but not Junior Men/Women.
 - 4. A Social player can play other senior club grades as well but not A Reserve or SECBL.
 - 5. All players are to qualify in each grade played to play in finals.

4. PROGRAMME

- 4.1 The teams shall play matches as listed in the Official Program 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.
 - 2.2.1 Three (3) premiership points shall be awarded for a win
 - 2.2.2 One (1) premiership point shall be awarded for a loss
 - 2.2.3 Two (2) premiership points shall be awarded for a bye
 - 2.2.4 If a team forfeits it shall not gain any premiership points.

NOTE: All regulation season matches shall be played to a result except those Games nominated by the Competition Committee.
The Competition Committee will make such nominations before the Start of each regulation season.

6. TO DETERMINE THE POSITION ON POINTS

- 6.1. In the event of two (2) or more teams gaining the same number of points, their

relative positions shall be determined by the Sports TG method.

7. DURATION OF MATCHES

- 7.1. Duration of all matches shall be decided by Board of Management on an annual basis at the September meeting.

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 team in the Junior Girls Competitions.
- 8.2. To be eligible for the Men's SECBL competition, a Club shall also have one Men's A Reserve team and one team in the Junior Boys competitions.
- 8.3. SECBL By Laws – see attachment.

9. SECBL and BASKETBALL MOUNT GAMBIER A RESERVE GRADES

- 9.1 Each BMG SECBL team must nominate their "Best Two" players to compete in the SECBL competitions.
These players are not eligible to play BMG A Reserve (Except 9.3)
The list of "Best Two" 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 any requested changes.
- 9.2 The Competition Committee may alter the "Best Two" at any time. A player not named in the "Best Two" may play SECBL and BMG A Reserve Grades.
- 9.3 A Junior player (i.e. a person eligible to play junior competition) named in a "Best Two" may play in the BMG A Reserve Grade.

10. PLAYERS PASSING ACROSS

- 10.1. A player may only Pass Across, where a Club has two or more teams in one grade, to prevent a forfeit (to make a fifth player) on a match by match basis only.
- 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 finals match. A bye shall not count as a match played for player eligibility for finals.
Exception: SECBL Competitions.
- 11.2. Basketball Development Manager reserves the right to determine the eligibility of a player to play finals under extenuating circumstances which do not comply with By-Law 11.1.
- 11.3. A forfeit shall count as a game for players in the team receiving the forfeit, providing score sheet is completed prior to scheduled game with all players names written thereon.

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.
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12.1. Penalty for a Forfeit (the forfeiting team):

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 against 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. When a forfeit occurs all players of both teams of that intended match are not required to pay the match fee. Should the players, however, decide to conduct a “scratch match”, players are required to pay match fees to cover referee payments.

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

12.5. A team shall lose a game by default if during the actual game the team has less than 2 players able to take the court and able to play.

If the team to which the game is awarded is ahead, the score shall stand as at the time when the game stopped. If the team to which the game is awarded is not ahead, the score shall be recorded as 2 to 0 in its favour.

The defaulting team shall receive 1 premiership point and no fine.

12.6. If a game is called off because of unsportsmanlike conduct, the offending team(s) will forfeit the game. If a game is called off because of unsportsmanlike conduct by both teams (i.e. a double forfeit), then neither team will receive premiership points.

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 player in a match if that person is present and has paid their match fee.

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 prior to the commencement of each season.
- 14.2. Players shall pay the correct registration fee at a date set by the Board of Management in a new season.
- 14.3. Players playing 3 matches or more are to pay the appropriate Registration Fee.
- 14.4. As from a point midway through the season, all players who register may pay half the normal Registration Fee.
- 14.5. Temporary Short Term Player Registration is available excluding Social Competitions, The term for this registration is 22 days continuously. After this period the player needs to complete a full Registration. A player can only register to this form once per season. Short Term Player Registration must be completed before playing and the player must comply with BMG By-Laws.

15. NOMINATION:

- 15.1. The Nomination Fee per team for each season shall be set by the Board of Management prior to the commencement of each season.
- 15.2. Team Nomination fee per team must be paid at the at the time of submitting Team Nominations

16. UNIFORMS;

- 16.1. The Club uniform details and description must be provided in writing and first approved by the Board of Management.
- 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 six (6) points will be awarded to the opposing team. The approved uniform includes shorts and singlet for men, and top and shorts for women.
- 16.3. When a player in any BMG conducted competition, and in all grades, does not wear the correct uniform of his/her team or uses an incorrect number, enters the court the umpire shall 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 Clause 24 as attached.
- 17.2. A club shall be held responsible for the conduct of its players.
- 17.3. Any member of the Board of Management has the power to evict any person from the premises for any just reason.
- 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 and/or coach in any other games on that night.

18. GRADE MATCHES:

- 18.1. Should a player play a game under an assumed name, that player as well as the

captain and 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. A Clearance is not required if a player has not played in BMG competitions for at least three (3) seasons providing that player is free of debt to their Club and the Association.
- 19.2. A clearance is necessary for any currently registered player to transfer from one Social team to another Social team during that current season. A clearance is end of a season. A clearance is necessary for any Club player to transfer to a Social team.
- 19.3. Clearance applications shall be submitted to the Basketball Development Manager 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 Basketball Development Manager within twenty one (21) days of that date shown. Failure to complete and return the clearance application to the Basketball Development Manager by the 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. No club or team has to grant a clearance but if a clearance is refused the player may apply to the Basketball Development Manager to organize a meeting of the Board of Management to hear the appeal.
- 19.6. A meeting to deal with appeals will be held as soon as possible.
- 19.7. 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.
- 19.8. 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 their parent or legal guardian.
- 19.9. 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.
- 19.10. If a player's appeal is dismissed, the player may apply to have their case heard by the South Australian Country Basketball Council.

20. JUNIOR COMPETITION:

- 20.1. Eligibility:
 1. A Junior player (u18 or younger) shall play in appropriate junior grade, plus same rules as above when playing in Senior competition.

2. An U17 girl can play U17's, A Reserve and SECBL.
An U17 girl can play U17's and Junior Women.
 3. An U18 boy can play U18's, A Reserve and SECBL but not Other Club Grades or Junior Men.
An U18 boy can play U18's, A Reserve and B Grade but not Junior Men.
An U18 boy can play B Grade and Junior Men. BDM discretion
Exception: Juniors named in Best Two can play A Reserve as well.
 4. All players are to qualify in each grade played to play in finals.
- 20.2. The Junior Competitions are defined as all Matches played in the Under 10, Under 12, Under 16, Under 17, Under 18, Junior men and Junior Women's 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 Basketball Development Manager.
 - 20.3. Players eligible to play in Under 14 Competition are not permitted to play in the Senior competition unless prior approval is granted by the Basketball Development Manager.
 - 20.4. A Club or the Association, as the case applies, may play two (2) players from an underage grade in the next higher age grade to a maximum of two (2) games per player per week in the junior competition.
 - 20.5. In Under 12 Basketball Mount Gambier grades, foul shots are taken from the designated line.
 - 20.6. The 3-point line will operate in the first division of the Under 14 competitions. It will not operate in any Under 12 competition and other Under 14 competitions.
 - 20.7. Where there are two Divisions played in Junior Grades, Lakers Division 1 players as initially selected, are not permitted (eligible) to play in Division 2 competitions.
 - 20.8. In Under 16, 17 and Under 18 competitions, Man to Man defence shall be played in the first, second and fourth quarters of games. Zone defence may be played in the third quarter of games.
 - 20.9. The allocation of U16 players to Clubs shall be determined by the Competition Committee and such determination must have regard to the Club Competition Guidelines.
 - 20.10. Underage players shall play in their respective age groups.
Requests for exemptions are to be determined by Basketball Development Manager.
 - 20.11. The Competition Committee reserves the right, when appropriate and in the best interest of player development, to promote Under 12 players to play in the Under 14 competitions and Under 14 players to compete in the Under 16 competitions as well as playing in their age group for that season.
Under 14 players may play Under 16's/Under 17's and Under 12's may play Under 14's as well as in their age groups when and where required.

CONDITIONS:

- Preference given to interested top age Under 12/14 players, on a rotation basis.
- Players must be approved by the Basketball Development Manager.
- Must make no more than 7 players.

- Must not replace in the starting five a player of the correct age for that particular age group unless there are only five players available to play. *These players must not displace an appropriately aged player from the starting five.*
- Must play less minutes than the Under 14/16 players in the team.
- Are not eligible to play in finals unless they are required to make 5 players in the team.

20.12. A player allocated to a Club by the Competition Committee is required to play with that Club for the season of allocation and the next season.

20.13. Clearances: By-Law 19.1. Required for players to transfer from one Club to another.

20.14. Permit may be granted by a Club for a player to play in another grade competition for another Club as well for that season. Prior approval must be sought from the Competition Committee for such a Permit.

20.15. The Competition Committee reserves the right to direct an U16 player to a Club that may not be their Club of choice. This authority only applies to a player U16 and not registered with any Basketball Association in the current calendar year and/or the previous two calendar years.
Should a dispute arise as to a direction from the Competition Committee then the dispute shall be referred to the Basketball Development Manager for determination and such determination shall be final and binding.

20.16. A player who is registered with any Basketball Association in the current calendar year and/or two previous calendar years must receive permission from the Competition Committee to play with a particular club.
Should a dispute arise as to a direction from the Competition Committee then the dispute shall be referred to the Basketball Development Manager for determination and such determination shall be final and binding.

20.17. Senior and U18 players who contact the Association with a direct request to play basketball, shall be so placed at the discretion of the Competition Committee. Should a dispute arise as to a placement by the Competition Committee then the placement decision shall be referred to the Basketball Development Manager for determination and such determination shall be final and binding.

20.18. The Competition Committee reserves the right to place a junior player(s) in a lower age competition considered appropriate to meet the needs of that individual(s).
Should a dispute arise as to a placement by the Competition Committee then the placement decision shall be referred to the Basketball Development Manager for determination and such determination shall be final and binding.
The players are considered "Association" players until they are placed with a Club in their correct age level.

21. BALL SIZES:

The following ball sizes are to be used for games:

Senior Men, Under 18 and 16 Men.....Size 7.
Under 14 Boys and girls..... Size 6.
Under 12 Boys and Girls.....Size 5.
All Junior Girls and Senior Women.....Size 6.

Under 10 Boys and Girls.....Size 5.

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. REFEREES:

- 23.1 Grading of referees will be based on successful completion of official Referees' Courses.
- 23.2 Graded referees must attend at least one Education Session per season.
- 23.3 In order to receive the appropriate grades fee, graded referees must wear an official referees' shirt.
- 23.4 Match payments are set by the Board Management.
- 23.5 The match payment received by the referee will depend on the grading of the referee. Payment will be made at the end of the season or when requested.
- 23.6 Junior referees under 16 are not permitted to referee senior games unless qualified to do so according to 23.1.
- 23.7 A Charge Referee shall be appointed by the Board of Management.
- 23.8 Referees for finals shall be appointed by the Charge Referee and approved by the Basketball Development Manager.

24. CODES OF BEHAVIOUR – COACHES, OFFICIALS, PLAYERS and SPECTATORS (see attached)

The Board of Management has adopted and promotes the following Codes of Conduct which have been prepared by the South Australian Country Basketball Council Inc. for the good conduct of all persons who participate in basketball under the auspices of Basketball Mount Gambier Inc.:

- Officials Code of Behaviour
- Coaches Code of Behaviour
- Spectators Code of Behaviour

- Players Code of Behaviour
- SECBL By-Laws.
- Accumulative Tech Foul Procedure.
- Breaches/Infringements of Codes of Behaviour Procedure.

25. 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.

26. DAMAGE:

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

27. AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS:

- 27.1 These By- Laws may be altered or replaced at any time by a Board of Management Meeting.
- 27.2 The Competition Committee has the right to recommend amendments to, alterations to and/or replacements of By- Laws.

28. INTERPRETATION:

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

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Coaches code of behaviour

SA Country Basketball endorses the following code of behaviour for Coaches involved in its basketball programs and events and all Coaches participating in those programs and events will abide by this code.

The code is intended to assist everyone to obtain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in basketball:

- Remember that children participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun. Ensure that their time spent is a positive experience.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake.
- Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Teach your players to follow the rules and show good sportsmanship. Lead by example.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players. All players need and deserve equal time.
- Ensure that violent or aggressive play, or abuse and harassment of players is not undertaken or permitted.
- Ensure that players and spectators respect the decisions of the officials and that abuse and harassment of officials is not to be tolerated.
- Show respect for the decisions of officials yourself and do not show obvious dissent. Be courteous to officials and if you have any questions of them approach them at an appropriate time and in an appropriate manner.
- Be aware of any particular referee programs which protect inexperienced referees e.g. 'Green Shirt' campaign. Give them a chance to develop their skills without harassment or abuse.
- Promote good sportsmanship between your team and opponents.

- Know the Rules and also the Competition By-laws. Without this knowledge you cannot effectively coach your team.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Ensure that any physical contact with a young person is appropriate to the situation.
- Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of children.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

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Players code of behaviour

SA Country Basketball endorses the following code of behaviour for players involved in its basketball programs and events and all players participating in those programs and events will abide by this code.

The code is intended to assist everyone to obtain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in basketball:

- Play by the Rules
- Never argue with an official, or show dissent to any decision they make. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper.
- Verbal abuse of officials or other players, violence, dangerous play, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted.
- Work equally hard for yourself and / or your team.
- Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays by all teams.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated.

- Do not interfere with, be violent to, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Co-operate with your coach, team-mates, opponents and officials. Without them there would be no competition.
- Play for the fun of it, and not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

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Officials code of behaviour

SA Country Basketball endorses the following code of behaviour for Referees involved in its basketball programs and events and all Referees participating in those programs and events will abide by this code.

The code is intended to assist everyone to obtain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in basketball:

- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of children.
- Know the Rules and also the SA Country Basketball Competition By-laws and implement them consistently and courteously.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions. Ensure that those decisions are fair and even-handed.
- Compliment and encourage all children. Make the effort to explain decisions to younger players when it is clear that they do not understand.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents. Ensure that violent, dangerous or aggressive play, or abuse and harassment of players, is not permitted by players, coaches or spectators.
- Emphasize the spirit of the game rather than errors.
- Encourage and promote rule changes which make participation more enjoyable.
- Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.

- Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and knowledge of growth and development of children.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.

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Spectators code of behaviour

SA Country Basketball endorses the following code of behaviour for spectators involved in its basketball programs and events and all spectators participating in those programs and events will abide by this code.

The code is intended to assist everyone to obtain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in basketball:

- Remember that children play the sport for their enjoyment, not yours
- Applaud good performance and efforts from each team. Congratulate all participants upon their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Teach children to respect officials' decisions and follow the rules and do the same and do not show obvious dissent.
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Learn the Rules and Playing By-Laws. Most criticism by parents and spectators is ill informed and results from a lack of knowledge of the Rules.
- Discourage and condemn the use of violence, dangerous or aggressive play, and the abuse and harassment of players, coaches or officials, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Do not use foul language or harass players, coaches or officials.

- Do not enter the playing arena, even during breaks in a game.
- Do not take basketballs onto a court at any time – this may result in the ball being confiscated by officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Any person violating this code shall have action taken against them; such action could include being removed from the competition venue or if the matter warrants, referral to a Tribunal Hearing.

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