



**Information booklet for  
Team Managers & Coaches  
of the  
Brighton Wolves  
Basketball Club Inc**



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## About the Brighton Wolves

The Brighton Wolves Basketball is all about providing a safe friendly environment for kids to learn and play basketball. We offer basketball to kids from school age - Wolf Cubs up to their parents in the Over 35's Competition.

The club plays two seasons per year which coincide with the school terms

Summer season runs during the 4th & 1st school terms

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Winter season runs through the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> school terms.

The Brighton Wolves play under the McKinnon Basketball Association (MBA) The MBA is made up of five main clubs The Brighton Wolves, Bentleigh Lakers, Ormond Jets, Moorabbin Magic and St Paul.

Under the guide of our President Scott Bartlett and his CEO/Vice President Erica Kreymborg , we have seen our club go from strength to strength, with the experience, foresight and guidance of our past Presidents David Lloyd and Trevor McTaggart we have seen our club grow to be one of the most successful, intuitive, fastest growing clubs in the area.

We have designed our web site to answer as many questions as possible and have put the Information Booklet together to help you out with any questions you may get at training or on game day. If you need clarification please don't hesitate to contact any member on our Committee listed in the booklet or on the web site.

**[www.brightonwolves.org.au](http://www.brightonwolves.org.au)**



## **Brighton Wolves Committee & Officials**

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## Team Managers & Coaches

All teams are listed on the Brighton Wolves web site [www.brightonwolves.org.au](http://www.brightonwolves.org.au) under the CONTACTS tab. This includes contact details for both the team manager and coach for all teams

## The Hampton RSL and the Brighton Wolves

The Hampton RSL is now the official home of the Brighton Wolves.

The RSL is a great gathering point for all official and social gatherings of the Players, Parents and friends of the Brighton Wolves. The RSL is situated at 25 Holyrood Street Hampton Melway 76 E4, and can be contacted on 9598 0460.

The RSL is a great supporter of the Brighton Wolves and we should repay they support. All paid up members of the Brighton Wolves are eligible to be members of the RSL (tick the box at registration) & entitled to a discount on the already cheap bar prices. The club provides well priced meals & a host of other activities. Where & whenever possible it should be encouraged to patronise the services of the RSL. Some of the services offered by the RSL include;

### **Bistro**

The club is open for meals on Wed thru Friday for lunch and Wed to Sunday for dinner with very reasonable prices. It's also available to book private functions on Monday and Tuesday for groups over 20.

### **Bowls**

Men's bowls. If you are interested in joining, Call Kevin Kennedy 9557 5851 or Neale Davies 9598 5307. Games are played every Wednesday @12.30 Saturday @ 12.30.

Ladies Bowls - If you are interested in joining, Call Val Mann 9598 5723. Games are played on Tuesday at 11.00am

Barefoot Bowls - Come to your RSL Club and enjoy a game of barefoot bowls, we also have BBQ facilities BYO meat or they can supply, Call 9598 0460 to book a game. (GREAT IDEA FOR TEAM GET TOGETHERS)

Free Bowling Lessons Sunday Afternoons for Beginners, Amateurs or Experienced. Call Jim Davidson 9555 2070 or 0409 026 630

### **Snooker**

4 full size tables, with competitions played every Tuesday and Thursday night.

Tables are available to play on other nights, so bring your family and friends for a great night of entertainment. Call Bill Mirabito (Choc) 0425 701 038 or Mick Anglim 0411 699 513

### **Golf**

We play every Month on a Sunday morning- If you wish to join in on a fun day & play at local Golf Courses, call Soupy 0417 583 723

### **Fishing.**

The club has its own boat, with very experienced Captains, Call Bob Hamilton 9584 9089

**Functions** - All private Parties including Children's Birthdays, Engagements and Anniversaries, are catered for. The RSL can also provide a room for meetings large & small.

**Visit their new website [www.hamptonrsl.com](http://www.hamptonrsl.com)**



## **Role of the Team Manger**

As Team Manager you will have a lot of people, mainly parents, looking to you for assistance and guidance.

This information booklet was put together to assist you in knowing what is expected of a Team Manager, including items of information which you may need to know during your time as the Team Manager.

The Team Manager's role is central to the smooth and successful operation of a junior basketball team. The Team Manager is generally responsible for the routine administrative functions relating to the team on, and to a lesser extent, off the court.

The Coach combined with the Team Manager are the public face of the Brighton Wolves Basketball Club, and for that reason, every effort should be made to present 'your' Club in a positive light.

The following information should help you in your role as Team Manager. If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact any member of your committee.

## **COMMUNICATION**

The Team Manager's role is pivotal when it comes to communication. This includes: Communications from the Brighton Wolves Committee; newsletters, game fixtures, registration details etc. Any issues, ideas, etc, that parents may want known to the Club.

## **ARRIVAL AT THE GAME**

Always arrive at the game at least 10 - 15 minutes early, so that the children have time to warm up and to get some last minute instructions from their coach.

## **SCORING**

Both teams will need to provide a scorer. This must be either an adult or an older child (13 years or older). There are two scorers at each game, one responsible for the scoring and the other responsible for the electronic score board. Communication between scorers is a must, acknowledge all calls, i.e. scores, fouls, subs, and time outs. By doing this the score screen and score board will match, if they do not match the referee will go by what is on the score screen, not the board.

Parents must take their turn in scoring. If some of the parents don't know how to score, they can learn, as there are plenty of people around who are experienced scorers. Create a scoring roster among the parents/careers of team members so the same person is not scoring each week.

For details on Scoring "How to Score - JAMWARE" refer to the INFORMATION tab on the Brighton Wolves web site.



For details on timing rules and “TIMEKEEPER INSTRUCTIONS”, refer to the INFORMATION tab on the Brighton Wolves web site.

## **REGISTRATION**

Registration is payable before the commencement of each season. Each child's playing fee will need to be paid; otherwise they will not be able to play the next season. A registration form or online registration is required very season.

## **ATTENDANCE AT GAMES**

Any absence or delay should be advised to the coach as early as possible. Some teams only have a small number of players and the omission of 1 or 2 players may result in the forfeiting of a game. If sufficiently early notice is

### **Guideline for Team Mangers**

- Encourage use of [www.brightonwolves.org.au](http://www.brightonwolves.org.au) web site to check times and venues
- Inform coach of unavailable team members for upcoming games
- Organise help for those who are unsure of how to score
- Organise alternate singlet's if there is a colour clash with opposition (only needed if home team).
- Encourage involvement in fundraising
- Distribute items and retrieve monies collected for fundraising (i.e. Chocolate drive) oldest playing child only.
- If team makes finals collect score sheet fee from team members, pay and collect score sheet well before start of game.
- Collect contribution towards coach's gift at end of season.
- Support the coach and generally assist to create a positive environment for the team

Please remember you can delegate any of the above to other parents.



## Working with Children Requirements

### About the Check

The Working with Children (WWC) check commenced operation in April 2006 and from July 2009 it is compulsory for **ANY** person over the age of 16 who is working with children to have a WWC. I.e. Team Managers and Coaches. Forms can be obtained from any Post Office.

The WWC contributes to the safety of Victoria's children when they are being cared for, or participating in a range of activities, by seeking to prevent those who pose a risk to the safety of children from working with them, in either paid or volunteer work.

Applicants are checked to make sure their record does not include any criminal offences specified in the Act or findings by a specified professional disciplinary body (currently only the Victorian Institute of Teaching and the out home care Suitability Panel). Criminal offences not specified in the Act can also be considered if there is a potential link to a risk to the safety of children and exceptional circumstances may exist that justify refusal of the application.

### Benefits of the Check

The benefits of the WWC Check include:

- Ongoing checking of a person's criminal record while the person's WWC Check is valid. The department is also advised of any future relevant findings made against a person by the out of home care Suitability Panel, or against a person currently registered with the Victorian Institute of Teaching.
- Providing employers, volunteer organisations and agencies with the ability to verify WWC Check cards at any time
- Card holders do not need to apply for a new WWC Check when they change their employer or volunteer organisation, unless they are moving from volunteer to paid work. WWC Check Cards are valid for five years (unless revoked because of a relevant change in the holder's circumstances or voluntarily surrendered by the holder).

All, Coaches, Team Managers and Committee Members are required to hold a current WWC for further information [www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren)



## Price List

Season Fees \$200

Sibling Discount

2nd Child Season Fees \$185 (Total \$385)

3rd Child Season Fees \$170 (Total \$555)

4th Child Season Fees \$155 (Total \$710)

The subscription fees are used to cover all cost associated with running the children's teams, training, coaches, courts for training, trophies, Presentation night, coaching the coaches plus much more.

These fees are for the 2010 Season and may vary from Season to Season.

## Payments

This can be paid by Direct Credit to our account;

Account Name: Brighton Wolves Basketball Club Inc

BSB: 063106

Account Number: 10179611

Bank: Commonwealth Bank

Or Post a cheque to

Att: The Treasurer

Brighton Wolves Basketball Club

268 Bay St

Brighton

3186



## Uniforms

We carry a small supply of New Uniforms; please ensure you place your orders as far in advance as possible.

We Buy & Sell 2nd hand uniforms from time to time.

For all information in relation to uniforms please don't hesitate to contact;

*New Uniforms, Second Hand Uniforms (Buy and Sell) & Alternative Jerseys*

Contact Vicky Matterson - 9592 6208 0413 622 558 [uniforms@brightonwolves.org.au](mailto:uniforms@brightonwolves.org.au)

Or [download the form](#) from the web site and fax it to 9596 9566

## Merchandising

Hoodies \$45	Singlet only \$40
Socks \$10	Shorts only \$35
Uniforms \$75	Sports Bag \$TBA

All merchandising is sold at or near cost price; this is not a profit centre for the club but a service to the members.

## Age Groups

Each season the age's groups vary between odd and even years. Winter is Even and Summer is Odd. Summer will be U9, U11, and U13 etc. and Winter is U10, U12, U14 etc.

A player's age group is determined by the age of the player as at 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year in which the season starts. E.G. A Child turning 13 cannot play U13 in that year; they will play U14 in the winter and U15 in the summer season. Similarly a child turning 14 in 2010 will play U16 in Winter 10 season and U15 in Summer 10. See p18 for more detail on age groups.

Year Born	Summer 09 = ODD		Winter 10 = EVEN	
	Age	Age Group	Age	Age Group
1992	17	U19	18	U20
1993	16	U17	17	U18
1994	15	U17	16	U18
1995	14	U15	15	U16
1996	13	U15	14	U16
1997	12	U13	13	U14
1998	11	U13	12	U14
1999	10	U11	11	U12
2000	9	U11	10	U12
2001	8	U9	9	U10
2002	7	U9 / CUBS	8	U10
2003	6	CUBS	7	CUBS

## Teams

A complete listing of the teams for the Season can be found under the TEAMS tab on the Web site.

## Training Schedule

The team training is on a Wednesday night. We have 2 locations - Brighton Secondary for the boys and St Leonard's for the girls.. Times for training are kept on the website under the TRAINING tab.

## Games Venues

### Venues

<a href="#">Bentleigh SC 1</a>	Clarence St East Bentleigh 3165	77 J3
<a href="#">Bentleigh SC 2</a>	Clarence St East Bentleigh 3165	77 J3
<a href="#">Brighton Secondary College Court 1</a>	Marriage Rd, East Brighton 3187	77 A1
<a href="#">Brighton Secondary College Court 2</a>	Marriage Rd East Brighton 3187	77 A1
<a href="#">McKinnon SC</a>	McKinnon Rd, McKinnon 3204	<b>68 G11</b>

## Wolf Cubs

Wolf Cubs are a good starting platform for the younger kids. Wolf Cubs is a combination of lessons, training and games all combined to help the kids get a feel of what it would be like to play for in a team as soon as they are old enough.

FIVE, SIX AND SEVEN YEAR OLD KIDS MID WEEK BASKETBALL COMPETITION

WE ARE LOOKING FOR GIRLS AND BOYS WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE FAMOUS BRIGHTON WOLVES.

TRAINING & GAME TIMES: WEDNESDAY'S AFTER SCHOOL

VENUE: BRIGHTON SECONDARY COLLEGE

TIME: 4.00 - 4.45

COST: \$ 110.00 (SUMMER SEASON)

Approximately 14 Games plus  
Trophy at the Presentation Night  
at the end of the season

ANY CHILD WHO IS INTERESTED PLEASE  
CONTACT JACQUI CARRERAS (ANNALISE AND XAVIER MUM)

MOB. 0438 825 428

PH. 9521 8320

Time & Cost may vary depending of the number of children who enroll to play

# **History & Chronology of the (Famous) Brighton Wolves Basketball Club Inc.**

The Brighton Wolves Basketball Club Inc was formed in the late 90's by the McKinnon Basketball Association (MBA). In order to continue to grow the association the MBA wanted a new club to take advantage of the Brighton catchment and potential players.

After a year of building the membership, the MBA wanted to Wolves to establish its own committee as the MBA could no longer run the club as well. It was time for the new club to establish itself in its own right or else the club would need to be folded.

'Out of small things big things grow'. The first Wolves Committee later nicknamed 'the Gang of 5' was made up of John Moloney (President); John Windsor (Vice President); David Lloyd (Secretary); Tony Tesoriero (Treasurer) and Michael O'Keefe (Ordinary Member).

Being a new club brought many challenges to the first Wolves committee. There were none of the 'founding families' who had established the other MBA clubs in the Wolves, and the club struggled initially to find its true place within the association. These continuing challenges meant that there were also many 'comings and goings' at Committee level, with David Lloyd and Tony Tesoriero working bravely to maintain the club.

In 2001 David Lloyd recruited Trevor McTaggart as an Ordinary Member, with the title General Manager. Together with Tony Tesoriero (and others), these 3 led the club into an era of unprecedented expansion.

In 2 seasons, the Wolves went from 5 disorganised teams to 32 disorganised teams! The Wolves were (for a moment) the biggest club in the MBA. The modus operandi of the club was to get people down to try out, give them a uniform and see what happened!

What happened is now legend. Due to the Wolves significant focus on growing the club, it plunged into financial crisis as people failed to pay subs and uniform costs. The club eventually owed the MBA a considerable sum for Scoresheet Fees and court hire and was in very poor financial position.

At the same time, the MBA was being ejected from Brighton Secondary College (BSC). Neighbours complained about the noise and some of the most vitriolic opposition came from Parents of Wolves playing members. Despite the fact that the stadium was noisy and modifications were definitely required, this led to tensions between the Wolves and the MBA Executive Committee.

Thus began a very challenging time for the Wolves. With nowhere to train and an ever increasing number of players to deal with, David Lloyd secured Victory Park, East Bentleigh. This was the East Bentleigh Scout Hall. Club Members and their Parents renovated the hall in a process which bound families and secured the future of the (now) Famous Brighton Wolves.

Due to the financial situation the club found itself in, the cost of this facility was fully paid for out of dues of Wolves members as the Association declined to assist - labelling the project a folly that would not succeed.

The financial pressures and disharmony between the Wolves and the MBA saw many Wolves committee members frustrated and resign. After several years of outstanding support it claimed all but the last founding member Tony Tesoriero, leaving the Lloyd & McTaggart team to tough it out.

At this time, the MBA executive was increasingly frustrated at the 'independence' shown by the Wolves and the Magic. These clubs were acting on their own initiative and did not have the same relationships with the MBA as they were not part of the founding clubs.

Bob Mann as the President and founder of the MBA and the teams within it, had very strong relationships with the other teams - Lakers, St Pauls and the Warriors through these foundation families. Magic however was clearly the best run club in the MBA and the Committee was fiercely independent. Magic had the most money, the best teams and the highest level of parental involvement.

Bob Mann called a meeting of Members of Magic and after strong lobbying, the Committee was sacked and the best Club President the MBA had seen was gone. Bob initially took control and later installed his own people.

The MBA then called a public meeting of Wolves families and presented their argument to sack the Wolves committee. Bob Mann had earlier lobbied new Wolves parents to take over the Committee. To the Wolves families' credit, they backed David Lloyd 100%. They voted against the MBA proposal and for the continued leadership of David Lloyd.

However, a compromise was agreed to whereby the Wolves Committee would expand. It would include the existing David Lloyd committee as well as people from the MBA. This has become the basis for what the Wolves Committee is today.

In order to get the financial situation rectified, Michael Egan (Treasurer) was ruthless in his pursuit of unpaid money. The money started to flow in and the MBA were paid off. Michael gave his word on a repayment schedule and the MBA accepted it. The Wolves were financial and at one point had more cash reserves than the MBA.

Throughout this time, the Wolves were growing. Through the tireless efforts of Erica Kreymborg (CEO) and Tracey Hussuk (Ordinary Member), Team Managers and Coaches were appointed. The club went from strength to strength as it established solid processes and a properly constituted working format.

The Wolves were flourishing. Plenty of teams, plenty of happy players and enough money to be financially secure. Never had the club been such a success.

The year was 2003/4 and David Lloyd decided his time was up. Trevor McTaggart was elected President. This concerned the MBA as although President Bob Mann had a good relationship with David Lloyd, McTaggart was different. He was totally independent; politically non aligned. Bob had supporters in the Wolves Committee (especially those Parents with kids in Repball) but knew he lacked control.

These 2 strong personalities clashed repeatedly. The Wolves demanded a girls program and insisted that resources be allocated on a more even basis between girls & boys. This was finally achieved by the Wolves Committee after considerable effort.

The clashes continued, and in 2005 the MBA threatened to 'expel' the Wolves from the MBA as we didn't have a permanent, part time, paid Coaching Coordinator. Their logic was that the club was run by parents who did not know enough about basketball and the kids were suffering.

The Wolves agreed that this would be a good inclusion, and Rho Fry, a current MBA Executive Member who had a deep passion for Basketball was recommendation to us by the President of the MBA. Rho was subsequently appointed as Director of Coaching.

Whilst the club was at a peak in terms of administration it was underperforming on the court. Rho Fry then went about restructuring the Wolves to become a leading 'A' grade club. Over the following period, the Wolves had the most successful period ever, setting a club record of 7 premierships in one season. These premierships were in girls as well as boys teams and most were above 'C' grade. However Rho wasn't finished there.

While Rho had done a fantastic job establishing the Wolves as a force to be reckoned with, he was concerned that for the club to continue to grow and succeed, it required more people with greater coaching ability. He lobbied the Committee to hire Brady Walmsley as a High Performance Coach. The deal was done and Brady was hired. They set about creating 'super teams' within the club which attracted interest from both outside the club as well as from within.

The Brady & Rho combination worked perfectly to create a new club culture. A culture of winning! Something the Wolves had never been particularly known for.

Brady was a paid talent scout for the NBA's San Antonio Spurs. Rho had travelled to the US when he was a teenager to play basketball and found the experience life changing; Brady had a dream of taking teams to the US to play Varsity and Junior Varsity college basketball. He and Rho devised a plan and presented it to the President. The idea was embraced and endorsed by the Committee. For the first time in history, an Australian Domestic Club (not an Association) had embarked on a playing tour of the US.

In December 2007, 15 players flew to Texas and played a series of games throughout the state. Denton Brown (Operations Manager) and Sue Flavell directed the tour with Brady Walmsley and Rho Fry as Coaches. Four Parents accompanied them on what was to be the most successful operation ever conducted by the club.

This innovative process continued at the Wolves, largely through Rho Fry's efforts. He planned seasons ahead and took control of basketball operations. The Wolves became the first club in the MBA to separate Administration from Operations. This was a big step forward as in the other MBA clubs the Committee was run solely by parents.

The Wolves Committee became stronger by the week. No longer solely focused on administration and fund raising, the Committee was shaping to be a full on commercial entity. An electronic club database was developed by Stuart Roache (Ordinary Member) and along with Michael Egan; the club achieved a 100% fee receipt from members. The first time in history! An annual Presidents Breakfast was established, which attracted up to 400 people and was a brilliant segway for businesses to join and support the club. Cocktail and Trivia nights raised lots of money and auction items were introduced to attract more interest.

Meanwhile the basketball operations side was continuing to gain momentum with Chris Charge assisting with the procreation of courts for training and the development of clinics for young boys and girls. It became apparent that the Wolves had progressed to the stage where basketball could become a business.

The President approached Brighton Secondary College (BSC) about leasing the stadium. Negotiations had stalled with the MBA. The plan was to establish both a full time coach (Rho Fry) at the stadium as well as a part time high performance coach (Brady Walmsley) at the centre. Interstate and overseas competitions could be run and the Wolves would benefit from the profits earned. In return, the Wolves would provide coaching free of charge to BSC students and sign any players interested in progressing their basketball.

The price was set, Julie Podbury (BSC Principal) had agreed, Rho and Brady were committed; all that was left was to sign the lease. We had the unconditional support of David Marshall (Secretary) who was also President of the BSC School Council.

At this time, significant upheaval was occurring within the MBA. Ongoing political positioning and power plays within the committee caused major changes to the composition of the executive.

At this point, the Wolves Committee decided to advise the MBA of our intentions re BSC. The thought was that the new Executive deserved to be told and have the opportunity to participate. Unfortunately, personal agendas and the lack of cohesion within the MBA resulted in several clubs threatening to pull out of the MBA if the Wolves deal with BSC was allowed to go ahead. The MBA who had previously supported the deal, signed the lease directly with BSC.

Shortly after this episode, Brady Walmsley with his family decided to move to Townsville. Two weeks later Rho Fry resigned, also heading to Townsville - abruptly interrupting what had been a highly successful Basketball Operations plan!

The Committee took this opportunity of the Rho & Brady resignations, to revert back to a 'community based club', where kids play for enjoyment and Mothers & Fathers coach. After many years of

commitment to the Brighton Wolves, Trevor McTaggart decided to resign as President and the Wolves Committee began its next phase.

The club took an opportunity to form an alliance with the Hampton RSL. What has emerged is the most exciting phase in the clubs short existence.

The RSL has agreed to a joint use proposal where the Wolves use their facilities in return for patronage. This provides a base for gatherings, fund raising and meetings. It is the new home of the Famous Brighton Wolves!

A new look committee was installed with Scott Bartlett elected as President. Scott belongs to a family with a long association with the Wolves. Scott is looking to forge a good working relationship with the MBA Executive.

Stuart Roache was installed as the Treasurer and continues with his development of the Wolves database and billing system. This season (for the first time) invoices will be issued electronically and Parents can pay before Presentation/Registration Day. This is another 'world first' for a club and maintains our position as the 'most progressive club in the competition'!

The unfortunate loss of Brady and Rho was not the end of the Wolves strong focus of having great coaches with appropriate support structures. The committee of the Brighton Wolves has continued to evolve, and has established a solid structure to take us forward that includes a coaching coordinator. We have effectively replaced both Rho and Brady with 2 dedicated and very experienced coaches – one for boys – Chris Giosis, and one for girls – Tyler Wilsmore. Both currently coach Representative level basketball and have established outstanding support structures for our coaches as can be seen on the web site. We will continue to develop parents and younger players to coach our teams.

Having both these experienced coaches to help "coach the coaches" and in conjunction with our program of getting all coaches to sit the Coaches Level 1 certification puts the Wolves in a strong position to continue our on court success. It is important for us to keep the pipeline of coaches growing in order to cope with the increasing number of Wolves team each year, as well as creating some wonderful growth opportunities for the kids who wish to do more than just play basketball and who are interested in the leadership opportunities that coaching presents.

For the summer 09/10 season, every team now has a coach and nearly all of them have completed their Coaches Level 1 certification. This positions us well to continue the recent winning tradition of the Wolves. **GO WOLVES... GRRRRR !!**

That is the Brighton Wolves story as at 15 December, 2009.

The Famous Brighton Wolves. Committed to our members being able to:

***'relax, compete and enjoy the experience of competitive basketball'.***

## **Brighton Wolves & Rebel Sport**

Brighton Wolves Basketball Club has joined together with Rebel Sport stores in their Member Value Program (MVP).

**CLUB: Brighton Wolves Basketball Club**

Your official MVP code is **035235**  
This account has been set up and members  
can start to utilise the 5% discount NOW!

To receive your official MVP card, please present this letter at the register operator at any Rebel Sport store upon your next visit. Please feel free to make copies of this letter to cater for your family and friends.

This official MVP card will then entitle your members/family and friends to their 5% discount\* and your club will start to earn valuable credits.

\*The 5% discount is applicable to all full-priced merchandise at any Rebel Sport store and cannot be used on goods that are on sale, for gift card purchases or in conjunction with any other offer.

By providing a very comprehensive product range which includes all the best international brands, Rebel Sport is in a position to supply schools, sporting clubs, corporate organisations and government bodies with all their sporting equipment needs. The purchase of sporting equipment or the redemption of your rebate credits can be made through any one of our Rebel Sport stores nationally.

Once again, we thank you for your support of the Rebel Sport Member Value Program and hope you and your members enjoy the benefits the program provides.

If you have any further queries regarding your MVP account or the purchase of products, please contact your local Rebel Sport store.



## **Codes of Conduct**

Basketball is intended to be a recreational activity for enjoyment and health. This code of conduct has been developed by Basketball Victoria to give participants some guide to the expectations it has on those participants. It is intended to assist everyone to obtain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in basketball. As a result, the quality of participation will be improved so people are more likely to start and continue their involvement in basketball. Enjoy!

### **Players' Code of Conduct!**

1. Understand and play by the rules
2. Respect referees and other officials
3. Control your temper
4. Work equally hard for yourself and for your team
5. Be a good sport
6. Treat ALL players, as you would like to be treated
7. Play for the "enjoyment of it" and not just to please your parents and your coaches
8. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person
9. Be prepared to lose sometimes
10. Listen to the advice of your coach and try to apply it at practice and in games
11. ALWAYS respect the use of facilities and equipment provided

### **Coaches' Code of Conduct!**

1. Remember basketball is for enjoyment
2. Be reasonable in your demands
3. Teach understanding and respect for the rules
4. Give ALL players a reasonable amount of time on the court AND on the bench
5. Develop team respect for ALL teams AND their coaches
6. Instil in your players respect for officials and an acceptance for their judgement
7. Guide your players in their interaction with the media, parents and spectators
8. Group players according to age, height, skills and physical maturity, whenever possible
9. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability for the players in your team
10. Be prepared to lose sometimes
11. Act responsibly when players are ill or injured
12. As well as imparting knowledge and skills, promote desirable personal and social behaviours
13. Keep your knowledge current
14. Ensure that ANY physical contact with a player is appropriate
15. AVOID personal relationships with ANY of your players

16. Respect ALL the rights, dignity and worth of EVERY person
17. ALWAYS respect the use and facilities and equipment provided

### **Parents Code of Conduct!**

1. Encourage your children to participate if they are interested. If they are not interested in playing, DO NOT push them
2. Focus on playing the game, reducing the emphasis on winning
3. Teach your children that an honest effort is as important as a victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment
4. Encourage children to always play by the rules
5. DO NOT criticise children in front of others, but reserve constructive criticism for more private moments.
6. Remember children are involved in sport for their enjoyment, NOT yours
7. Remember a child learns best by example. Applaud good play by ALL teams
8. Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability. DO NOT raise issues of disagreement publicly
9. DO NOT criticise opposing team members or supporters by word or gesture
10. Set a good example by your own conduct, behaviour and appearance
11. Support ALL efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from ALL sporting activities
12. Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender, race or impairment

### **Spectators Code of Conduct!**

1. Remember children play sport for fun. They are NOT playing for the entertainment of spectators. They are NOT miniature professionals
2. Applaud good performances from each team. Congratulate ALL players regardless of the outcome
3. Respect the referee's decision. If there is disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure in order to query the decision
4. NEVER ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during the competition. Be positive
5. Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches or players
6. Show respect for your teams opponents. Without them there would be NO game
7. Encourage players to obey the rules and decisions of officials
8. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by NOT using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials
9. Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender, race or impairment



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## **Junior By-Laws**

### **McKinnon Basketball Association Junior Competition By-Laws**

#### **1. DATE OF BIRTH / AGE GROUP LIMITS**

A player's age group is determined by the age of the player as at December 31 of the year the competition starts.

- For example, Michael was born 01/05/95 and wants to play in the under 13 competition for the upcoming 2007/2008 summer season. On December 31st 2007 he is 12 years and 7 months old and eligible to play. His mate Robert was born on the 21/06/94 also wants to play. On December 31st 2007 he is 13 years and 6 months of age and therefore ineligible to play in the U/13 boy's competition.
- An extract of birth original or certificate may be required to validate a player's date of birth. If requested, the MBA administration or relevant grade secretary must cite the certificate and record details for further references; once cited it will not be required again.
- A player may play only one age group above their eligible grade.
- For example Scott, who is an under 11's player, may also play in the under 13's as long as he is registered with both the teams concerned.
- The maximum number of games a junior player may play in any one round of domestic competition is two.

A player may only play 1 game in their respective age group i.e. if registered to play in U11B a player cannot play a second game in any U11 competition, they can play up in U13 B, A/R or A grade competition.

Where a "reserve" grade is established in a competition, players can play up an age group in either that grade or its reserve competitions.

For example

- A player who plays A grade in U/12's could play in U/14 A grade or AR competition but could not play in B grade or below.
- A player who plays in AR in U/12's could play in U/14 A grade or AR competition but could not play in B grade or below
- A player who plays in a B or BR competition in U/12's could then play in A, AR, B or BR but not in C grade competitions and below and so on.
- Teams with representative players will be graded accordingly
- Teams with Rep players from No 1 championship teams will be in A grade.
- Teams with Rep players from other championship teams will be in AR grade
- Teams with female Rep players commencing championship or boys playing in the U12 (2) & (3) development teams shall not be deemed to have to play in A or AR grade until the players have completed 6 months in the representative program or at the commencement of the next domestic season.
- Players invited to join the representative program during the domestic season can remain in their registered team but will be placed accordingly the following season.

#### **2. PLAYER REGISTRATION SHEETS / NEW PLAYER REGISTRATIONS**

Player registration sheets must be filled out in full by each club/team, with each player's full name, address, phone and D.O.B. clearly recorded. These must be forwarded to the Association's address with the appropriate fee on or before the due date.

- Players must complete and return an individual registration form by round three of each individual season to confirm their registration. Players that do not return these by this deadline are then considered ineligible until such registration is received
- New players may be added to the team's registration list by completing individual registration forms that are located at each venue. While trying out the potential new player must sign the reverse of the scoresheet and add their personal details i.e.: name, address, date of birth, contact no.



Unregistered players must not play more than 2 games. If they play a third game they will be deemed an ineligible player.

- Players may register with two different clubs in different age groups (It is not permitted in the same age group) only where a club fields a team in one age group but not the other. If a club fields a team in both age groups a player can apply for a clearance, but cannot be registered with two different clubs. If a club forms a team in that competition the next season then the player will be registered with the club they first registered with.

### **3. CLEARANCES / TRANSFERS**

#### **Clearances**

A player that wishes to transfer to another club must follow the clearance guidelines:

- Complete a MBA clearance form
- Ensure the form is signed by the club you are LEAVING
- Forward to the form to the MBA office for approval before the final round of the previous season

Clearances are not automatic, they must be submitted for approval to the MBA association office and if necessary to the MBA executive at their next meeting. Clearances close immediately after the final round of the season.

Clearances may only be granted after the final round in the following circumstances.

- A clearance lodged before the final round has been unduly delayed.
- A player has been informed that there is no longer a place available for him/her in that respective club/team.
- A player has been involved in a substantial residential and/or school move.
- A player is in dispute with their coach/club and can prove any discriminatory behaviour towards them to the MBA executive or person/ sub-committees appointed by the MBA executive to pass judgement on the case.

A clearance is not required for a player who has not played for one season within the McKinnon Basketball Association.

A player who is not cleared but plays with a new team and/or club will be considered an ineligible player for that team, and will suffer a forfeit.

Players who are approached by opposition clubs or coaches while playing with another club will have their clearances automatically refused. Clubs, their officials and coaches will face financial penalties or suspension if they approach opposition players without first gaining permission from that players club.

In the instance where a player is applying for a clearance to go from a substantially weaker team to a substantially stronger team, then the Association will adopt the following philosophy.

Clearances in dispute will only be granted where the Association is satisfied that the player hasn't been approached by opposing clubs or teams and that the clearance will not adversely affect the evenness of that particular competition.

If in the Association's opinion, the clearance isn't in the best interests of the competition and that the player's current club isn't willing to grant the clearance, then that clearance may be denied.

Appeals: Any club/player who has a clearance denied by their original club is able to appeal the decision. The case will then be heard by a sub-committee/person appointed by the Associations executive.

#### **Transfers:**

A player requires a "Transfer within club form" for the following player movement:

- Transfer between club teams in the same grade. e.g.: Player transfers from LA Lakers
- Gold to LA Lakers Purple, who both play in the same grade.
- To move down from one grade to a lower grade. e.g.: From U/13A Spurs to U/13B
- Spurs.
- To move up from one grade to a higher grade. e.g.: from U/13B Magic to U/13A Magic.

The "transfer within club form" must be completed and given to the MBA Administrator. Players transferring between teams within a club may be granted a transfer between meetings at the discretion of the MBA Administrator, subject to a completed transfer form. A player who is not approved but plays with another team other than that he/she is already registered will be considered an ineligible player.

NOTE: "ALL TRANSFERS CLOSE AFTER ROUND EIGHT (which includes grading)."



#### 4. UNIFORMS

All team's uniforms must be of identical design and colour, and must carry a legal number on the front and back of each singlet. Allowable numbers are in the range of 4-15, 20-25, 30-35, 40-45, 50-55. All numbers must be permanently fixed to the singlet. TAPED NUMBERS ARE NOT ACCEPTED. T-shirts, vests/singlets may be worn providing they are of identical colour to the predominant colour of the team's singlet and carry no logos or designs. Shorts must be identical in colour length and design, no pockets, zips or buckles are permitted. Trim on singlets and shorts must be of the same colour and about the same width throughout the team. Club emblems, Team or Player names and sponsorship logos of any kind are deemed to be trim and must be registered with the Executive and must be uniform throughout the team.

Players are not allowed to wear the uniform (either shorts or top) of the Associations championship club. Any player doing so will incur a uniform penalty. Bike shorts are permitted beneath shorts as long as they are of the same colour as the shorts, logos and designs are not permitted. Any discrepancies must be discussed with the referees before the game or before the player concerned takes the court. The referee's decision shall be final. Incorrect uniform points must be decided before the beginning of the second half, unless a player with incorrect uniform takes the court in the second half at which time incorrect uniform points will be awarded.

Teams shall be given a grace period of 6 weeks. In round 6 uniform penalties will apply. Where there is a colour clash teams listed first on the fixture have uniform priority. Second named teams need to organise alternates.

#### 5. GAME TIMES AND COMMENCEMENT OF PLAY

Matches will be conducted in two 18 minute halves with each game allowed two minutes warm up and two minutes for half time.

- To start the game, the referees will call 2 minutes, then 1 minute, and then call for centres at which time the clock will start. Penalty points will be awarded for lateness - this includes coaches who continue to talk to players once centres have been called. For the second half the referees will call 2 minutes, then 1 minute, then call for centres at which time the clock will start.
- Time outs are two per half of 1 minute duration. Timeouts are not permitted in the last three minutes of the first half; but are permitted in the last three minutes of the second half, when the clock stops for every whistle. Spectators are not allowed on the court during timeouts only at half time, this includes players "warming up" for the next game.
- The clock only stops in the last 3 minutes of the second half, except when the referee calls a referee's timeout. When this occurs the clock stops at that stage of the game.
- All games must start on time and any team not ready will be penalised two points per minute that they are late starting. The game cannot start until each team has completed their team responsibilities.

#### 6. TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

A team representative must have completed the following before the game starts:-

- Filled in the scoresheet with the date, grade, team name, full name and numbers of players participating in the match. NOTE: first names only are not acceptable.
- Paid the playing fee to the referees or court manager, if it has not been paid in advance.
- Provide a scorer. If a scorer is unavailable one player from each team will score until a scorer is found. Any team not providing a scorer will be penalised 5 points.
- Register any new players through the Venue Manager.
- All players are to ensure their name is on the scoresheet. As per by-law 12-2
- Have a minimum of four (4) players on court.

#### 7. TEAM PENALTIES

- Incorrect Uniform: 5 points per item per player in incorrect uniform.
- Walkover: If after nine minutes has elapsed from the start of the game and a team cannot play, a walkover shall be awarded to the other team. The team players awarded the walkover must sign the back of the scoresheet to register eligibility for finals. Any team giving a walkover shall incur a fine equivalent to the combined sum of both teams' scoresheets fees. This fine must be paid before they play their next match. Until



this fine is paid no premiership points shall be awarded and the opposition wins 20-0. Any lost match points are not redeemable if the fine is paid after the due date. Any team giving more than two walkovers shall be disqualified from the competition. The walkover fine shall be waived if a minimum of two weeks' notice is given so that venue and referee bookings can be changed.

- No Scorer Provided 5 point penalty, if the other team provides a scorer. If other team refuses then team without scorer must substitute one of their players and play with only four players. As teams require four players to take the court to commence a match, if that team only has four players then a forfeit will be awarded if a scorer isn't found within nine minutes of scheduled commencement of the match.
- Ineligible players: An ineligible player is a player which isn't registered with the team he/she has taken the court with. An ineligible player is also one who takes the court with a team, without obtaining a clearance from his/her previous team or club. Any players who play in the wrong age group or play in a B or C grade competition when they are registered with another A or AR grade team (no matter the age group) are also ineligible players. Any teams who play ineligible players forfeit any matches those players participate in. A 20-0 loss is recorded for these forfeits if this happens during the grading phase a \$50.00 fine will be the penalty rather than a forfeit.
- Note: Clubs and teams who play players without a clearance or play overage players will also be subjected to any penalties handed down by an Association tribunal.

### **8. SIN BIN PENALTY U16 & above**

Where a player receives a technical foul for abusing a referee, uttering obscene or offensive language, improper dissent with a referees decision/s or commits any action which could endanger other players, spectators or equipment he/she is required to sit out for the next five minutes of playing time or whatever time remains in the match up to the five minute limit. Where a player upon returning to the court (after the five minute expires) receives a second technical foul as above. He/she will be disqualified in taking any further part in the match.

A substitute player if available can be introduced into the match to replace the "sin binned" player. If no substitute is available the team can continue with less than the optimum number of players (five)

### **9. FALL-BACK RULE**

To encourage team participation, any junior team playing a full court press must fall back to the three point line each time the opposition has possession once they are twenty points ahead with the exception of U9/10 where this rule applies after 10 points ahead. A breach of this rule results in a side ball. The coach of a team who is twenty points down may then ask the referee to waive this rule. If he does so the referee will waive the rule for the remainder of the match. NOTE: Technical fouls for this rule are administrative fouls and shouldn't be considered as ejectable offenses. To encourage play and team participation a player in U9/10 age group can score no more than 10 points in any one game.

### **10. MATCHUP RULE**

In the first half of all matches in the Association for U/15 competitions and above, all teams MUST apply the Matchup Rule to their defence. For competitions U/14 and below the Matchup Rule will be enforced for the entire game. The Matchup Rule means that man to man defence is to be played in its true capacity. (When guarding the ball the defensive stance should be about one arms distance from the ball carrier. When one pass away from the ball the defender should be in a help stance) ALL defenders are allowed to be in the line or below the line of the ball.

Of course there needs to be a degree of leniency displayed when officiating this rule. As long as the defence aren't hovering around the keyway or standing in the key showing no signs of concern for their player - the game should be left to flow.

Note 1: Centre players should be encouraged during the course of play to be following this rule by the referee. If the referee believes a team is not following the Matchup Rule, the coach of that team will receive a warning. If it is apparent that there has been no adjustment made after this warning, a technical foul will be awarded to that team's bench. In the second half for competition U/15 and above, teams are allowed to play whatever defence they wish to.

Note 2: Technical fouls for this rule are administrative fouls and should not be considered as ejectable.

Final Note: Match up defence does NOT have to be played full court the defence starts from where the offense is picked up from by the defence either full court, half court or back at the three point area.



### **11. PLAYING FEES:**

Playing fees are set out in each season's entry booklet. These will be available 4 weeks prior to the end of the season for the following season

### **12. DISPUTED RESULTS**

If a team wishes to dispute a result it must record the incident on the back of that match's scoresheet, with all the relevant details. That team must then advise the Association's administration of that dispute no later than 48 hours after the event. If the Association is contacted later than this then the result of the match stands and the dispute is not acted upon. If a team or a coach is found to be violating the nature of this rule by continually reporting trivial things then he or she could face a charge of bringing the game into disrepute and be summoned before the tribunal.

NOTE: In a dispute about a scoresheet, any team who has been found not to be providing a scorer shall have that dispute dismissed. If the two scorers disagree and it affects the result of the game then the dispute will be heard.

Referees will always be instructed to take the scoresheet as being correct if there are any inconsistencies between the scoresheet and the scoreboard.

Please remember that it is the responsibility of both teams to provide competent scorers.



### 13. FINALS AND FINALS ELIGIBILITY

Finals: The finals series will be Page-McIntyre format.

- First Semi-Final: 1 v 2, Second Semi-Final: 3 v 4.
  - The 1st semi-final winners and 2nd semi-final losers playing in a Preliminary final.
  - Winners of the 2nd Semi final and Preliminary final go through to the Grand Final.
  - NOTE: This format can be changed to accommodate more than four teams. In these situations teams will be advised of the format.
- Finals Eligibility - In order to be eligible to play in the finals a player must have played in 50% +1 of the games for their registered team in a stipulated championship season, (Byes do not count). Grading games do count towards finals qualifications unless a player is injured or ill and is granted leniency by the MBA administration. This can only be done in writing to the MBA with documented proof before the final round of the previous season and not as the final series begins.
  - To prove their participation in a match all players must sign the back of the scoresheet if they do not score or foul. Players must sign their full name and must make it legible enough to identify them for this to count towards finals eligibility. NOTE It is vital that players sign during grading to cover for instances of injury as mentioned in by-law 12-2
  - In final ladder standings, where teams are equal on points, positions are decided on a head to head basis between those two teams. Where this doesn't separate those teams, percentage is taken into consideration. Where three or more teams are on equal points the results between those three teams only, will decide ladder position. This only applies where teams have played an equal number of games against each other; if this isn't the case then percentage is again the governing factor.

### 14. INJURIES

During the course of a game should a player bleed from an injury or bleed in any way either nose or cut he/she must leave the court and will not be able to continue playing until all bleeding is stopped and all blood is removed from that person.

### 15. FINGER NAILS AND JEWELLERY

Finger nails must be trimmed back in order to avoid injury to other players. Tape of suitable nature may be used or gloves may be worn instead of cutting nails, players will not be allowed to take the court until one of these measures are taken. All jewellery must be removed. No wristbands may be worn sweatbands and head bands are acceptable.

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## **New rules 2009**

FIBA has made a number of changes to the rules, which are to be effective from 1st October 2008. The new rule book can be downloaded from the FIBA website ([www.fiba.com](http://www.fiba.com)) by selecting the Inside FIBA section and then going to Rules, Regulations and Other docs Downloads and selecting Official Basketball Rules 2008.

The rules are in five documents:

- Official Basketball Rules 2008;
- Official Basketball Rules 2008 - Official Interpretations;
- Official Basketball Rules 2008 - Basketball Equipment;
- Referees Manual - 2 Person Mechanics;
- Referees Manual - 3 Person Mechanics.

These rule changes will be introduced in the 2008/09 NBL and WNBL seasons and will apply to Australian Junior Championships and the Australia Club Championships (formerly ABA) from 2009. They will not apply at the 2008 U14 Championships or the 2008 National Schools Tournament.

As with the previous introduction of New Rules, Basketball Victoria recommends the New Rules to be introduced as of the 1st. January, 2009, unless a competition commences after October 1, 2008 and overlaps into 2009.

### ***Substantive Rule Changes***

#### **Art. 4.3 Uniforms**

The provision that T-shirts may be worn by players under their game uniforms is not valid anymore.

##### *Old Rule*

Previously a t-shirt could be worn with medical certificate. Basketball Australia's ruling concerning the wearing of "Skins" should also be noted.

#### **Art. 5.3 Injured player**

An injured player who receives treatment must be substituted unless the team would be reduced to less than five (5) players on the playing court.

##### *Old Rule*

The team would have to play with less than five players.

#### **Art. 11.2 Location of a player and an official**

If a player jumps from their frontcourt and establishes new control, the location of the player is not determined until the player has again returned to the floor (Refer Art. 30.1.2)

#### **Art. 17 Throw-in**

While there is no change to Art. 17, the Interpretation document details additional situations to those listed in Art. 17.2.3 in which the subsequent throw-in shall be taken from the centre line extended, opposite the scorer's table:

- (a) A player making the throw-in from the centre line extended opposite the scorer's table commits a violation and the ball is awarded to the opponents for a throw-in at the place of the original throw-in.
- (b) If in a fighting situation members of both teams are disqualified, there are no other foul penalties remaining for administration, and at the time the game was stopped a team had control of the ball or was entitled to the ball.

In all the above situations the thrower-in can pass the ball to either the frontcourt or the backcourt.

#### **Art. 18.2.3 Time-out**

The words "For both teams" have been added to the 1st two bullet points to indicate time-out opportunities exist for both teams

#### **Art. 19.2.2 Substitution**



The words "For both teams" have been added to the 1st two bullet points to indicate substitution opportunities exist for both teams

The Interpretation document clarifies that a substitution opportunity exists for both teams whenever there is either a goal tending or basket interference violation because the violation causes the clock to be stopped and the ball to become dead (including the last 2 minutes of play).

#### **Art. 24.1.1 Dribbling**

To deliberately throw the ball against the backboard has been added to the methods that a player can commence a dribble. This change to the Rule Book is the Interpretation that has been applied since the October 2006 Rules and Interpretation document.

#### **Art. 25.2.3 Player falling on the floor**

It is legal when a player falls and slides on the floor while holding the ball.

It is not a violation if a player who is lying on the floor gains control of the ball and similarly it is not a violation if a player who is holding the ball falls unintentionally to the floor.

It is also possible that the momentum of a player who is moving at the time he/she falls will cause that player to slide briefly which is also legal. If, however, the player then rolls or attempts to stand while holding the ball, a violation occurs.

**Art. 28.1.3** Ball goes into team's frontcourt during a dribble from backcourt to front court the ball goes into a team's frontcourt when both feet of the dribbler and the ball are in contact with the frontcourt. This applies to the player only as long as they are dribbling.

*Note:*

Two practical consequences of this rule change are:

- (a) The 8 second count continues until both of the dribbler's feet have touched the front court and the ball has touched the floor in the front court.
- (b) If a dribbler has both feet touching the front court but is dribbling the ball in the back court they could continue dribbling and step back into their back court. Although this is not a violation the 8 second count continues.

During a dribble from backcourt to frontcourt, the ball goes into a team's frontcourt when both feet of the dribbler and the ball are in contact with the frontcourt. This applies to the player only as long as he is dribbling.

Example 1:

Dribbler A4 is advancing the ball from the team A backcourt when A4 stops his forward motion but continues the dribble

- (a) While straddling the centre line.
- (b) While both feet are in the frontcourt but the ball is being dribbled in the backcourt.
- (c) While both feet are in the backcourt but the ball is being dribbled in the frontcourt.

Interpretation:

In (a), (b), and (c), dribbler A4 continues to be in the backcourt until both feet as well as the ball are touching the frontcourt. The eight-second count shall continue in each situation.

Example 2:

Dribbler A4 is advancing the ball from the team A backcourt when A4 dribbles along the centre line with both feet in the team A frontcourt but with the ball being dribbled in the backcourt. A4 then continues the dribble by returning both feet to the team A backcourt.

Interpretation:

Dribbler A4 continues to be in the backcourt until both feet and the ball are touching the frontcourt. The eight-second count shall continue.



Example 3:

A1 (not a dribbler) stands on the court straddling the centre line. He receives the ball from A2 who is in the backcourt. A1 then passes the ball back to A2 who is still in the backcourt.

Interpretation:

This is a violation by A2 as A1 is not the dribbler. The Art. 28.1.3, 3rd bullet applies to the dribbler only.

Example 4:

A2 dribbles the ball from his backcourt and ends his dribble while straddling the centre line holding the ball. After that A2 passes the ball to A1 who stands on the court also straddling the centre line.

Interpretation:

The dribbling ends when the player touches the ball with both hands simultaneously or permits the ball to come to rest in one or both hands. Therefore A2 is no longer a dribbler. Any pass of A2 to A1 who is straddling the centre line or a pass to any other team-mate in the backcourt is a violation.

Example 5:

A2 is dribbling the ball from his backcourt and has one foot (but not both) already in the frontcourt. A2 then passes the ball to A1, who is straddling the centre line. A1 then continues to dribble the ball in his backcourt.

Interpretation:

Violation by A1. The original dribbler, A2, has not caused the ball to move into the frontcourt. However, the ball does move into team A's frontcourt when it touches

A1 who has part of his body in contact with the frontcourt. A1 shall not be permitted to then return the ball to his backcourt.

#### **Art. 30.1.2 Ball returned to the backcourt**

It will not be a violation anymore if a player, who jumps from their frontcourt, establishes a new team control while still airborne and then lands in his team's backcourt.

Example:

This applies when a player intercepts a pass. For example, Player B5 has the ball in their back court and passes to B2 who is on a fast break. Player A1 jumps from the front court and intercepts the pass, and then lands in their backcourt. This is not a violation.

Old Rule

While airborne, a player retains the same status relative to the floor as when they were last touching the floor before jumping into the air. The application of this principle has sometimes resulted in unfair situation.

When an airborne player

1. Jumps from their front court,
2. Gains control of the ball while still airborne and in doing so is the first player on their team to establish team control, and
3. Then returns to the floor in that team's backcourt, the player is helpless to avoid a violation for illegally returning the ball to the backcourt.

This exception to Art. 30 has been adopted to eliminate this.

#### **Art. 31 Goaltending and interference**

It is a basket interference whenever a player reaches through the basket from below and touches the ball. This applies whether the ball had been shot, passed or has already touched the ring.

Note:

The previous rule prevented a player reaching through the ring only on a shot. This change prevents a player



reaching through the ring at any time to touch the ball. If the defence commit this violation points are awarded to the offensive team, even if the ball had been passed.

Previously, under article 13.2.2, it was a violation to reach through the basket and touch a pass or rebound (resulting in a throw in to the opposition team). This has been deleted from the rules.

The article has also been changed to include in the definition of interference when a player grasps the basket to play at the ball and applies after the ball has touched the ring. This is interference if in the judgement of the official the ball has been prevented from entering the basket.

Article 31.2.6 has been rewritten to clarify the restrictions which apply when an official blows their whistle when a player is in the act of shooting, the ball is in flight on a shot for a field goal or the game clock signals for the end of a playing period while the ball is in flight on a shot for a field goal.

#### **Art. 36.1.4 Unsportsmanlike foul**

If a defensive player causes contact with an opponent from behind or laterally in an attempt to stop a fast break and there is no opponent between the offensive player and the opponents' basket, then the contact shall be judged to be unsportsmanlike.

In addition to the above situation, the following situation is outlined in the Interpretation document. When the ball is out-of-bounds for a throw-in and is still in the hands of the official or is already at the disposal of the thrower-in and at that moment a defensive player on the court causes contact with a player of the team of the thrower-in also on the court and the foul is called, this shall be judged as unsportsmanlike.

This contact is judged as unsportsmanlike because the player is obviously not making any effort to play the ball and an unsportsmanlike advantage is gained by not allowing the game clock to restart. An unsportsmanlike foul must be called without a warning being given.

#### **Art. 37 Disqualifying Foul**

There is clarification in Art 37.2.2 concerning that whenever an offender is disqualified according to the rules, they are to go to the team's dressing room or they shall leave the building.

Art 37.2.3 reminds us that the coach is responsible for designating the free throw shooter for non-contact fouls.

#### **Art. 38.3.1 Technical foul**

A technical foul can be called on a player for excessive swinging of elbows (without contact). Serious injury can result whenever an excessive swinging of elbows is permitted, especially in rebounding activity and closely guarded situations. If such action results in contact, then a personal (unsportsmanlike) foul may be called. If the action does not result in contact, a technical foul may be called.

#### **Art 46.10 Referee Duties and Powers**

This article sets out matters that the referee must record on the back of the scoresheet before signing it. Any disqualifying fouls has been added to the matters that must be recorded.

