



**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 children to learn and play basketball. We offer basketball to children from school age – and 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 six clubs The Brighton Wolves, Bentleigh Lakers, Ormond Jets, Moorabbin Magic, St Paul and the Raptors.

Under the guidance of our President Scott Bartlett and CEO/Vice President Erica Kreymborg , we have seen our club go from strength to strength. Prior to Scott and Erica, our past Presidents David Lloyd and Trevor McTaggart were instrumental in laying the foundations for our Club which has grown to be one of the most successful and 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**

### President

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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 TEAMS tab. This includes contact details for both the team manager and coach for all teams



## **Role of the Team Manager**

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 either the Club Manager or 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. In fact, 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.

## **INJURIES**

It would be helpful if you could bring with you a freezer cold pack in case of injuries. Some of the venues often have a cold pack on site, but it's better to come prepared.



## **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/carers of team members so the same person is not scoring each week.

## **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. If a child's playing fee has not been paid by the end of grading games, that child is not eligible to play. Please note, however, if there is a genuine reason why fees haven't been paid, please contact either the Club Manager or the Treasurer to discuss the situation. All new players need to complete a registration form; however existing players need only inform the club that they will be continuing.

## **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 one or two players may result in the forfeiting of a game.



## **ATTENDANCE AT TRAINING**

Please ensure that there is at least ONE adult present at training each week. We would like to encourage parents to stay and watch the training sessions. Training sessions should not be used as a babysitting service!

If for some reason, the Coach is unavailable for a training session, it is the Team Manager's responsibility to ensure that a replacement is found for that session – even if it is just one of the parents to supervise goal shooting! For assistance, contact either the Head of Coaching or the Club Manager.

## **TEAM CLASHES**

If two Wolves' teams are playing each other, a set of alternative tops needs to be collected from the uniform manager. It is not enough for one team to turn their tops inside out for the game – it will incur penalties. The **first** team listed on the fixture is responsible for collection of the clash tops. They are required to be WASHED and returned to the uniform manager as soon as possible after use.

## **BYES**

Teams in each age group should have the same number of byes. Team Managers should check fixtures early in the season to ensure that this is the case. If not (and your team has more byes than others) please contact the Club Manager.

## **Guideline for Team Managers**

- 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
- 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.



## EXAMPLE EMAIL FROM A TEAM MANAGER TO THE TEAM

Hello Team players and families

My name is [TEAM MANAGER] and I am the Team Manager for the [YOUR TEAM] team for the 2011 / 2012 Summer Season.

My role as team manager is to be there for you to answer any questions you may have in regards to games, our club, notification of game details and I will then forward on any of these details onto our Coach [COACHES NAME].

Our games are positioned on a Saturday at various times and I will inform you of game details on a Thursday night via email. If you would prefer a call or a SMS please let me know and if for some reason, game details change between Thursday evening and Saturday morning I will notify you via telephone. (This is unlikely to happen)

Training is on Wednesday evenings and all players are expected to attend. This will improve how the boys play together as a team and please, remember that our coach makes an effort to attend the training session and therefore so should the team! If, for some reason you cannot attend training please call or SMS me anytime on [MOBILE NUMBER] and, if you need a lift to or from please let me know and I will help out.

I look forward to getting to know all players and families over the course of the season and hope that all of the boys enjoy their basketball games each week.

Training this week was [TRAINING TIME] at [VENUE]

Please, remember that the first few weeks are GRADING, so scores may be of extremes, please understand this is to place us into the appropriate grade!

Round 1

Brighton Wolverines VS Bentleigh Lakers (Crimson)

**Court number 2**

Bentleigh Secondary College

Clarence Street Bentleigh (off East Boundary Road)

Melways ref 77 J3

Please arrive 10.15 am

Game time 10.30am

[FAMILY NAME] family to score please (If you have not scored before I will be there to assist you)

Kindest regards

Team players are:

Noah Thompson # 24

Ben Fisher # 8

Rory Cahill # 6

Ben Drew # 8

Jack Scammell # 7

Jordan Hayter # 32

Winston Macgowan # 5



## 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**

Fees vary from season to season – check the Wolves website for current fees. Discounts for early payment of fees, together with sibling discounts, are available.

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

## **Payments**

This can be paid by Direct Credit to our account;

Account Name: Brighton Wolves Basketball Club Inc

BSB: 633-000

Account Number: 1328 68100

Bank: Bendigo Bank

Please ensure that the child's full name is put into the reference section.

Or Post a cheque to

Att: The Treasurer

Brighton Wolves Basketball Club

14 Spink 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 Vicki Matterson – 0413 622 558 Email – uniforms@brightonwolves.org.au

## **Merchandising**

Uniforms \$85

Shorts only \$50

Sports Bag \$30

Singlet only \$50

Training shirt \$10

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.

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 College (Marriage Road, Brighton) and St Leonard's College (South Road, Brighton).

Times for training are kept on the website under the TRAINING tab.

## Games Venues

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

From time to time games may be held at

Cheltenham Secondary College,

Bernard Street,

Cheltenham 78 A10



## **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 three led the club into an era of unprecedented expansion.

In two seasons, Brighton Wolves went from five teams to thirty two 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 paying 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 lead 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 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 Kreyborg (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 two strong personalities clashed repeatedly. The Wolves demanded a girls program and insisted that resources be allocated on a more even basis between girls and 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 recommended 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 seven 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 and 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, fifteen 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 mums and dads 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. He has instigated various accounting initiatives including electronic fee payment and an up-to-date database system.



The unfortunate loss of Brady and Rho was not the end of the Wolves. Chris Giosis(Boys) and Tyler Wilsmore(Girls) took up the challenge as Head Coaches. They developed outstanding support structures for coaches as well as mentoring junior coaches. We have continued to ensure that the focus is on maintaining and developing 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 is the history of the Brighton Wolves – so far .....

The Famous Brighton Wolves. Committed to our members being able to:  
***'relax, compete and enjoy the experience of competitive basketball'.***



## **The Hampton RSL and the Brighton Wolves**

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

The RSL Club is a great gathering point for all official and social gatherings of the players and families of the Wolves. The RSL is situated at 25 Holyrood Street, Hampton (Melway Reference 76 E4) and can be contacted on 9598 0460.

The RSL is a great supporter of the Brighton Wolves and we should repay their support. All paid up members of the Brighton Wolves are eligible to be members of the RSL and entitled to a discount on the already cheap bar prices. The RSL provides well priced meals and a host of other activities. Wherever possible, we encourage all Brighton Wolves to patronise the services of the RSL. Some of the services offered by the RSL include:

### Bistro

The Bistro is open for meals on Wednesday through Friday for lunch and Wednesday to Sunday for dinner with very reasonable prices. Private function areas are also available for bookings.

### Bowls

#### Mens Bowls

If you are interested in joining, Call Kevin Kennedy 9557 5851 or Neale Davies 9598 5307. Games are played every Wednesday and Saturday at 12.30.

#### Ladies Bowls

If you are interested in joining, call Val Mann 9598 5723. Games are played on Tuesday at 11 am.

#### Barefoot bowls

Barefoot bowls are also played at the RSL Club. BBQ facilities are available and you can either BYO meat or the RSL Club can supply. Call 9598 0460 for further enquiries. This is a great idea for team get-togethers.

The Hampton RSL Club offers a wide range of other facilities including snooker. In addition, the RSL has its own fishing boat and members play golf weekly at a local golf course. Visit their new website [www.hamptonrsl.com](http://www.hamptonrsl.com)



## **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

### **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

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

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



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

1. Remember basketball is for enjoyment
2. Encourage your children to participate if they are interested. If they are not interested in playing, DO NOT push them
3. Focus on playing the game, reducing the emphasis on winning
4. 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
5. Encourage children to always play by the rules
6. DO NOT criticise children in front of others, but reserve constructive criticism for more private moments.
7. Remember children are involved in sport for their enjoyment, NOT yours
8. Remember a child learns best by example. Applaud good play by ALL teams
9. Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability. DO NOT raise issues of disagreement publicly
10. DO NOT criticise opposing team members or supporters by word or gesture
11. Set a good example by your own conduct, behaviour and appearance
12. Support ALL efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from ALL sporting activities
13. Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender, race or impairment



## **JUNIOR BY-LAWS**

McKINNON BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.  
BY-LAWS FOR JUNIOR DOMESTIC COMPETITION  
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### **1. DATE OF BIRTH / AGE GROUP LIMITS**

1. 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 01/05/1999 and wants to play in the Under 13 competition for the upcoming 2011/2012 Summer season. On December 31st 2011 he is 12 years and 7 months old and eligible to play. His mate Robert was born on the 21/06/98 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 competition.

An extract of birth original or certificate may be required to validate a player's date of birth. If requested, the MBA administration must sight the certificate and record details for further references; once sighted it will not be required again.

2. 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.

3. 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 other U11 competition. They can play up in U13 B, A/R or A grade competition. An 11A player cannot play in 13B competition.

\*In exceptional circumstances where no team at an appropriate lower level is available to that team/club a player can fill in from a lower age group and higher grade. The team's number must not be greater than 6 players for this to occur and must not be a MBA rep player.

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

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.

5. Representative players

Rep players from No 1 championship teams should play in A grade.

Rep players from other championship teams should play in A or AR grade



The intent of these guidelines is to prevent any one team dominating in any grade as a result of being 'stacked' with representative players however the final decision on the placement of a team will rest with the domestic grading sub –committee.

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 / NEW PLAYER REGISTRATIONS**

1. 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.
2. 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
3. New players may be added to the team's registration list by completing individual registration in the electronic scoring system.

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

New players cannot be added to a team without permission from the MBA in advance if they cannot qualify for finals (Less than 7 games remain in the season)

4. 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.

5. Late entries of teams will be taken but if they are after the grading process that team and its players will not be eligible to play in the final series as correct grading of that team is not possible.

## **3. CLEARANCES / TRANSFERS**

### Clearances

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

1. Complete a MBA clearance form
2. Ensure the form is signed by the club you are LEAVING
3. Forward 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 before the first round of the season. Clearances may only be granted after the first round in the following circumstances:

- a) A clearance lodged before the first round has been unduly delayed.



- b) A player has been informed that there is no longer a place available for him/her in that respective club/team.
- c) A player has been involved in a substantial residential and/or school move.
- d) 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 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:

- a) 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.
- b) To move down from one grade to a lower grade. e.g.: From U/13A Spurs to U/13B Spurs.
- c) 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 teams' 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 the team listed first on the fixture need to organise alternates uniforms for that game.

In finals the lower ranked team will be listed first and will be required to wear the clash uniform.

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

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

2. To start the game, the referees will (loudly so that coaches hear and acknowledge) 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, and then call for centres at which time the clock will start.

3. One standard time out per team per half will be allowed. Timeouts are not permitted in the last three minutes of the first half;

An additional Time Out will be allowed in the Last three (3) minutes of the 2nd half.

Spectators are not allowed on the court during timeouts. This includes players "warming up" for the next game.

4. 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.

5. 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:-

1. Filled in the electronic scoring system with the date, grade, team name, full name and playing numbers of players participating in that match. NOTE: first names only are not acceptable.
2. Paid the playing fee to the referees or court manager, if it has not been paid in advance (e.g. for finals games).
3. 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.
4. Register/Enter any new players through the electronic system
5. All players are to ensure their name is entered on the scoring system (as per by-law 13.3)
6. Have a minimum of four (4) players on court.

## **7. TEAM PENALTIES**

1. Incorrect Uniform: 5 points per player in incorrect uniform (as per by-law 4). Point penalty will be applied by the referees at half-time.
2. Late Start of Game: 2 points per minute that a team directly causes the delay of the start of the game (waiting on players to arrive). Point penalty will be applied by the referees at half-time.
3. 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 will all be given eligibility for finals for that match. 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 at the discretion of the association. The walkover fine shall be waived if a minimum of two weeks notice is given so that venue and referee bookings can be changed.
4. No Scorer Provided: 5 point penalty, if the other team provides a scorer. If other team refuses then the team without a 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)
5. 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.

### **8. SIN BIN PENALTY U15 & 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.

### **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. At the discretion of the referees, the first penalty will be a warning, then 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.

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. Man to Man Defence**

Man to man defence helps children develop sound fundamentals – both offensively and defensively. For this reason it is encouraged that all teams play Man to Man defence, particularly in the under 14's and below. Basically all players must have an opponent (no set distance), teams may double/triple team a player, split line help is allowed but not ZONE defence.

For competitions U/14 and below the man to man defence is to be played for the entire game. For competitions U/15 and above teams may play any style of defence including zone.

Coaches whose teams continually fail to comply with this rule should be reported to the MBA to be referred back to the club and team in question. No penalties should be administered during the course of the game. If teams are playing a zone the coach should be reminded of this rule and instructed to make the appropriate changes.

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 let flow and the team considered to be playing appropriate defence.



## **11. PLAYING FEES:**

Playing fees (registration & scoresheet) are set out in each season's entry booklet. Fees 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 with the stadium manager 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 matters 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 score error, any team which 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 electronic scoresheet as being correct if there are any inconsistencies between the electronic scoresheet and the scoreboard. Please remember that it is the responsibility of both teams to provide competent scorers.

## **13. ELIGIBILITY**

1. 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 losers and 2nd semi-final winners playing in a Preliminary final. Winners of the 1st 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.

2. Finals Eligibility - to be eligible to play in the finals a player must have played a minimum of 7 games during the season (Byes do not count). Grading games can be counted towards finals qualifications.

A player may qualify if they have a medical certificate for games they missed during the season due to illness or injury. A minimum of 4 games must have been played in the season (including grading) Documented proof must be sighted by the MBA administrator before the final round of the season and not as the final series begins.

3. To prove their participation in a match all players must be entered into the electronic scoring system game tray. Referees will remove any player not present at the match prior to signing off at the end of the game.

4. In final ladder standings, where teams finish 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 and their clothing. Providing a contrast is still evident between the two teams a player may retake the court out of uniform with no penalty if they can no longer wear their uniform because of a blood spill.

#### **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 is taken. All jewellery must be removed. No wristbands may be worn. Sweatbands and head bands are acceptable.



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