

# Senior Competition By-Laws

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## **1. Competitions Philosophy Statement**

### **1.1. Purpose**

- 1.1.1. The purpose of these by-laws is to provide a clear and transparent framework for decision-making. Interpretation of this document should aim to best give effect to the principles set out in clause 1.3 and to any purpose stated within the clause.

### **1.2. Accountability**

- 1.2.1. The Basketball ACT Competitions Committee and Basketball ACT Competitions Management are responsible for ensuring decisions relating to competitions are consistent with this statement and that members are consulted in relation to decisions prior to any major change to competitions.

### **1.3. Principles**

- 1.3.1. Through its competitions, BACT aims to:
- (a) Provide participation opportunities in basketball for all people to the level of their interest and ability as players, coaches, officials, administrators or spectators
  - (b) Increase participation in basketball over the long term and foster the development of sustainable and thriving clubs
  - (c) Encourage life-long participation in basketball by all sectors of the Canberra community
  - (d) Achieve sustainable competitions, which provide value for money for participants and to regularly assess participants' satisfaction with our competitions
  - (e) Ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all participants that does not tolerate any form of harassment or unlawful discrimination
  - (f) Respond to the demand and interest of our clubs, teams and individual participants
  - (g) Provide a premier level competition that contributes to the development of players, coaches and officials and forms a viable pathway that will assist with our future elite success of our players, coaches and officials
  - (h) Provide age and skill appropriate competitions for juniors which provide competitive and development opportunities appropriately
  - (i) Facilitate people to be able to first participate in basketball at any age, regardless of their ability

## **2. Rules and Definitions**

### **2.1. Application of By-Laws and Competition Rules**

- 2.1.1. Games will be played under the Official Basketball Rules as published by FIBA and as varied under these rules to provide age and skill appropriate opportunities.
- 2.1.2. Changes in rules, as adopted by FIBA, will be introduced at the discretion of Basketball ACT. Basketball ACT will also determine when such changes will be made.
- 2.1.3. Any change to the rules of a competition will be communicated by BACT to participants in a timely manner prior to implementation.
- 2.1.4. Basketball ACT shall review this by-law at least every two years and may at any time make recommendations to the Board for consideration. The Board has absolute discretion whether or not to accept recommendations made by the Competitions Committee.
- 2.1.5. Schedule 2 sets out variations to FIBA's rules and timing regulation that have been adopted for BACT competitions.

### **2.2. Definitions**

<b>Age Group</b>	All those divisions of the competition which play under the same age, eligibility and gender criteria.
<b>BACT</b>	ACT Basketball Incorporated (ABN 11 936 731 929), trading as Basketball ACT.
<b>Basketball</b>	Includes wheelchair, Player with Intellectual Disability (PWID), 3x3 and 5v5 basketball.
<b>Board</b>	The Directors elected and appointed from time to time pursuant to clause 9 of the Basketball ACT Constitution.
<b>Club</b>	Reference clause 6. Membership of Association of the Basketball ACT Constitution.
<b>CEO</b>	The Chief Executive Officer appointed from time to time by the Board pursuant to clause 12 of the Basketball ACT Constitution.
<b>Competition</b>	The schedule of games including minor round games and finals.
<b>Competition Management (CM)</b>	The employees of BACT who are responsible for the organisation of the competitions.
<b>Competitions Committee</b>	An advisory body established to assist the Competition Management in the execution of competitions.
<b>Court Supervisor</b>	The position of Court Supervisor, an employee of BACT responsible for service of the playing facility.



<b>Draw</b>	The schedule of games prepared by BACT which determines which teams play against each other in each round of the competition and at what time and venue.
<b>Duty</b>	Carrying out the duties of scoring and/or refereeing as required by BACT.
<b>Fill-in Player</b>	A player playing for a team on a temporary basis.
<b>Finals</b>	The series of games played following the conclusion of the regular season to determine the winner of the competition.
<b>Game</b>	An individual match of a round where one team plays another team.
<b>Games Played</b>	The number of games that a player's name and number was recorded, and that player was on the bench, in uniform, and available to play.
<b>General Team</b>	A team that is not affiliated with any club.
<b>Grading Rounds</b>	The rounds at the beginning of the season dedicated to ensuring teams are in the correct division.
<b>Ineligible Player</b>	A player who is ineligible to participate in BACT under any provision of these by-laws.
<b>Invitational Team</b>	A team invited into a competition by Basketball ACT who may not otherwise be eligible to participate in that competition.
<b>Local Interchange</b>	Where a player's club gives permission for that player to play for another club or team as well as their own club, for the current season.
<b>Minor Round</b>	The regular season; the number of total rounds of the draw prior to the playoffs.
<b>Non-competitive Division</b>	An age group or division of a BACT competition where the focus is on fun, participation and skill development rather than the competitive aspect of winning the game. There are no competition points offered in non-competitive divisions. As such there will be no ladders or finals for these divisions. Games can be scored at the discretion of BACT.
<b>Participation</b>	Includes playing, officiating, coaching, and being involved in the administration of a club or team
<b>Round</b>	The set of games that are usually played during one week or weekend of the competition, where each team plays one game (or has a bye).
<b>Referee Coach</b>	Appointed by BACT to assist with a coaching and upskilling of referees.

<b>Season</b>	The period in which competitions are played, currently being Winter season and Summer season. The season includes any grading round played prior to the season starting.
<b>Senior Premier League</b>	The highest division of the senior competition.
<b>Senior Restricted Player</b>	A senior restricted player is a player who in the previous 24 months (this change will come into effect from Summer 2024/2025) has played in an Australian or overseas elite level competition. Elite level competitions include the NBA, WNBA, NCAA Division 1 or other US or Canadian College Division 1 competition, NBL, WNBL, NBL 1 or equivalent competition in Australia or overseas. A Senior Restricted Player's status remains in place until 31 December 2 years following the players last game in an elite level competition. Ie a player last game in NBL1 in June 2022, the player will be a Senior Restricted Player until 31 December 2025.
<b>Unit</b>	The set amount for allocating fines, penalties or administrative fees that require a financial impost. Refer to Schedule 1 – Fees and Fines.
<b>Zone Defence</b>	Any defence in the half court which does not incorporate normal man to man defensive principles.



### **3. Competition Structure**

#### **3.1. Competitions**

- 3.1.1. BACT will determine the number and format of competitions prior to each season and may add alter or remove competitions from time to time.
- 3.1.2. BACT shall determine from time to time whether each competition is played at one venue or whether it is played across multiple venues.

#### **3.2. Division Structure**

##### **3.2.1. Teams Per Division**

- (a) Each club may only have one team compete in each Premier League competition.
  - i. For example one Premier League 1 women's team and one Premier League 2 women's team.
  - ii. At the discretion of BACT, clubs may be invited to enter a second team into a Senior Premier Division if deemed beneficial for the competition.
    - i. For example a competition may only have 5 teams nominated, BACT then will extend invitations to clubs to enter a second team into the competition.
  - iii. Invitational teams may be invited at the discretion of Competition Management.
- (b) Clubs may, at the discretion of Competition Management, have more than one team compete in all other divisions.

##### **3.2.2. Senior Divisions**

- (a) For each gender and age group, there will be Premier League 1, Premier League 2, A Grade, B Grade, C Grade and so on, depending on the number of teams that nominate. Premier League 1 will be the highest level of competition.
  - i. Senior Premier League will only be offered in the Winter Season and is only open to full member clubs (as per the Basketball ACT Constitution).
  - ii. Summer Slam and Summer Open will be offered in Senior Premier League off season. Summer Open is only open to full member clubs (as per the Basketball ACT Constitution).
  - iii. Senior Social grades may be split into multiple pools if required depending on the number of teams nominated.
- (b) BACT may offer a social grade on more than one night of competition or at separate venues on the same night (eg. A Grade Monday, A Grade Tuesday or A Grade Belconnen, A Grade Tuggeranong). The designation of the grade shall be used to give an approximation of the standard of play in that grade.

### 3.2.3. Finals

- (a) It shall be at BACT's discretion whether or not finals are played in a competition and, if so, what format is used for those finals.
- (b) BACT shall advise before the start of a competition whether finals will be played and, if so, what format will be used.



## **4. Commencement of the Competition**

### **4.1. Nominations**

- 4.1.1. Teams must be nominated using the process specified by BACT.
- 4.1.2. BACT shall designate a date by which nominations must be submitted. Late nominations may be accepted at the discretion of BACT, taking into account the number of teams already nominated.
  - (a) Teams that nominate after the closing date will be required to pay a late fee as per Schedule 1 – Fees and Fines.
- 4.1.3. BACT may designate a priority period for teams competing in the current season and wishing to participate in the same division the following season. Subject to other provisions of these by-laws, these teams will be guaranteed a spot in the competition, provided they nominate within the priority period.
- 4.1.4. If BACT designate a priority period, pursuant to clause 4.1.3, it may also be applied to:
  - (a) A team that placed in the top two of a division and wishes, or is required by BACT, to move to a higher division
  - (b) A team that placed in the bottom two of the division and wishes, or is required by BACT, to move to a lower division
- 4.1.5. BACT shall determine the maximum number of teams that may participate in each division, taking into account court availability.
- 4.1.6. Where BACT receive nominations from more teams in a division than the maximum number of teams allowed, BACT shall, subject to 4.1.8, allocate teams pursuant to the following priority:
  - (a) If a priority period was specified for nominations pursuant to clause 4.1.3, teams that nominated in accordance with the priority period shall be the first included;
  - (b) Teams affiliated with a club shall be included next;
  - (c) Remaining teams shall be accepted in order that nominations were received (including the payment of any nomination fee).
- 4.1.7. BACT shall liaise with any team that cannot be included in the division for which the team nominates, to determine whether they can be included into another division. If they cannot be included, BACT shall attempt to facilitate the movement of players from that team to another team.
- 4.1.8. BACT may refuse to include a team in a competition if it believes that it is in the best interests of the competition to do so. BACT must provide written reasons for any refusal within seven days of the competition nominations closing or at a time determined by BACT from time to time.
- 4.1.9. Where a division does not have its maximum number of teams (as determined by BACT), BACT may accept additional teams into that division at any time during the competition, pursuant to clause 3.2.1. BACT shall charge that team a reasonable fee, based on when they joined the competition.



## **4.2. Fees**

- 4.2.1. Fees for each competition will be advised as part of the nomination process and will be published on the BACT website. Teams may be required to pay a nomination fee as part of, or in addition to, the fees for the competition.
  - (a) For any teams who nominate after the closing date for nominations will be charged a late fee as determined by BACT in addition to their competition fees.
- 4.2.2. All competition fees must be paid by the date designated by BACT.
- 4.2.3. It is the responsibility of each club to pay the fees for each affiliated team nominated by the club.
- 4.2.4. Each player must pay an individual registration fee to BACT (as determined by BACT) prior to playing.
  - (a) The fee only needs to be paid once per period (as set by BACT) and enables the player to play with multiple teams.
  - (b) The BACT individual registration fee is non-refundable once the player has played in a competition game.
- 4.2.5. Fees for any playoff or finals round are included in the season fees. No additional costs will be incurred by teams playing in a finals game.
- 4.2.6. Failure to pay fees by the due date may lead to the affected clubs/teams playing for no competition points. Further failure to pay fees may lead to the removal of clubs/teams from the competition. In the event of the removal of a team or club, refunds will not be given and any fines are as per Schedule 1 – Fees and Fines.

## **4.3. Nomination of Players in a Team**

- 4.3.1. A minimum of seven players must be nominated for each team in any senior competition.
  - (a) For Premier League this can include Development and Higher Age players, as long as the Development and Higher Age player requirements are met.

## **4.4. Grading**

- 4.4.1. Clubs and teams must make every effort to nominate their teams in the division that reflects the level of skill, experience and competitiveness of the players in that team.
- 4.4.2. BACT shall review the competitiveness of the teams in each competition. Where BACT believes that a team is above or below the competitive level of the division, BACT may take action during the grading rounds and if required, during the season, including:
  - (a) Move the team to a higher or lower division (as appropriate)
    - i. Competition points will not be carried across to the team's new division.
  - (b) Divide the division into two separate divisions, as per 4.4.4

- 4.4.3. A club or team that disagrees with a decision made, pursuant to clause 4.4.2, may appeal the decision in accordance with clause 13.1.
- 4.4.4. At any point during the competition BACT may divide the division into two separate divisions for the remainder of the competition if it believes that is in the best interests of participation. Any competition points earned will be carried across to the new division.

#### **4.5. Invitational Teams**

- 4.5.1. Invitational teams may be accepted at the discretion of Competition Management.
  - (a) When an invitational team is playing in a Basketball ACT competition, they are not eligible to participate in finals or accumulate competition points.
  - (b) Teams playing invitational teams do not receive competition points for the game played.
  - (c) If a game against an Invitational team needs to be rescheduled for any reason, Basketball ACT Competition Management will determine if the game is rescheduled or not.

#### **4.6. Competition Draw and Duty Roster**

- 4.6.1. BACT will prepare the draw and duty roster for each division of competition. Draws and duty rosters shall be published on the BACT Website.
- 4.6.2. BACT shall provide as much notice as possible to club/team contacts whenever a draw and duty roster is amended.

#### **4.7. Withdrawal of Teams from Competition**

- 4.7.1. Where a Club based team withdraws from a competition, the following fees will apply:
  - (a) Prior to one week before the competition: no fees will be charged
  - (b) Between one week before the competition and Round 1: \$50
  - (c) After Round 1 of the competition: \$200
  - (d) After Round 2 of the competition: 100% of the total fee will be charged
- 4.7.2. Where a non-Club based team withdraws from a competition, the following fees will apply:
  - (a) Prior to Round 1 of the competition: the deposit will be charged
  - (b) After Round 1 of the competition: the deposit will be charged
  - (c) After Round 2 of the competition: 100% of the total fee will be charged
- 4.7.3. Any team that withdraws due to BACT regrading that team are only required to pay a pro rata rate for the number of rounds they participated in.
- 4.7.4. Where BACT withdraws a team from a competition, the team shall not receive a refund.



## **5. Player Registration and Eligibility**

### **5.1. Player Registration**

- 5.1.1. Players must be registered with BACT and until registered, they are not eligible to play in a BACT competition.
  - (a) Players who are not already registered for the season and are only filling in for a game are eligible to pay a fill in player registration as determined by Basketball ACT.
- 5.1.2. Unregistered players are not permitted to take part in any scheduled game. Any team that plays an unregistered player will be disqualified for that game.
- 5.1.3. A team may be removed from a competition at the discretion of BACT if they repeatedly play unregistered players.

### **5.2. Player Eligibility**

- 5.2.1. A senior player may play on a permanent basis in as many different senior grades as they wish, pursuant to clause 5.2, but cannot play in the same senior grade, at the same playing venue, for two different teams.
- 5.2.2. Gender Eligibility
  - (a) Basketball ACT supports the participation of transgender participants who identify themselves with a gender differing from their gender at birth. Basketball ACT will respect and recognise the transgender participants, gender identification and will address each circumstance individually and on a needs basis.
- 5.2.3. Senior Premier League Eligibility
  - (a) Senior restricted players who are not already affiliated with a BACT club must have approval from BACT Competition Management prior to playing. These players will be allocated to the previous season's lowest ranked team, taking into consideration the location of where they live. If they are joining mid-season then they are allocated to the team at the bottom of the ladder.
    - i. If the team the player is allocated to does not have space for the player then they will be allocated to the next lowest ranked team.
- 5.2.4. Masters Eligibility
  - (a) BACT will set a minimum age for each Masters competition, which must be a minimum of 35 years old for male participants and 30 years old for female participants.
  - (b) To be eligible to play in a Masters competition a player must turn the age stipulated under clause 5.2.4(a) or older in the calendar year the competition finishes.
  - (c) Females may play in a male Masters competition if:
    - i. BACT does not conduct a female Masters competition.
    - ii. BACT otherwise determines that it is responsible for her to do so.



#### 5.2.5. Eligibility for Wheelchair Competitions

- (a) Social Competitions
  - i. There will be no classification system for social wheelchair competitions
- (b) Elite Competitions
  - i. Elite wheelchair competitions will align with the rules and classifications set by the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation.

#### 5.2.6. Finals Eligibility

- (a) To be eligible to play in the finals in a particular division, a player must be a registered player for the team, and must have played in a minimum of:
  - i. 50% of all the games played by their team during the current Premier League season, or
  - ii. 33% of the games played by their team during the current competition in all other senior divisions.
- (b) For the purposes of calculating eligibility pursuant to clause 5.2.6(a):
  - i. A bye or a week when a game is not scheduled does not count as a game played;
  - ii. A forfeit and/or disqualification does not count as a game played for a player from the team that forfeits or is disqualified for the match; but does count as a game played for a player from the team that is forfeited against or not disqualified.
- (c) Teams that have less than eight qualified players available for finals may utilise a fill in player provided that:
  - i. The player qualified to play finals in a lower division in the age group (even if their team did not make the finals); or
  - ii. The player qualified to play finals in a lower or equal division in a lower age group (even if their team did not make finals)
- (d) A team may have more than one player qualified under clause 5.2.6(c) play in finals. However, they cannot have more than eight players in a final where, one or more players are qualified pursuant to clause 5.2.6(c).
- (e) BACT may allow a team that has six or less players available for finals, but does not have any players eligible, pursuant to clause 5.2.6(c), to utilise a player in the final that played for them during the competition but did not qualify for finals. Fill-in players must be from an equal or lower division.
- (f) BACT shall publish a preliminary list of eligible players for finals, at least two weeks prior to the end of the minor rounds, and shall publish a final list at the conclusion of the minor rounds.

- (g) Any player, team or club that believes that either the preliminary or final list of eligibility is incorrect, must provide as much information to BACT to substantiate what they believe is correct. BACT will review any requests as expeditiously as possible.

#### 5.2.7. Medical Exemptions

- (a) Where, during a competition, a player is unable to play due to sickness or injury, the games missed may be regarded as games played, for the purposes of this clause, upon receipt of a medical certificate or other evidence to substantiate the injury/illness.
- (b) Allowing an exemption under this clause is at the complete discretion of BACT. No request for exemption will be allowed after the completion of the minor rounds.

#### 5.2.8. Other Exemptions

- (a) Allowing an exemption under this clause is at the discretion of BACT. No request for exemption will be allowed after the completion of the minor rounds. This may include, but is not limited to, deployment and emergency services.

### 5.3. Disqualification

#### 5.3.1. A team may be disqualified from a game at the discretion of BACT if the team:

- (a) Plays a player from another team in the same competition
- (b) Plays an ineligible player
- (c) Plays an unfinancial player
- (d) Plays an unregistered player as per section 5.1
- (e) Plays a player who is no longer eligible for that team due to regrading, pursuant to clause 5.7
- (f) Plays more than the allowable number of higher division players in a game, pursuant to clause 5.7 (b)
- (g) Plays a player requesting a transfer, before the player's transfer has been approved
- (h) Any player or official within that team, or any spectator associated with that team, fails to adhere to the BACT Code of Conduct
  - i. Including refusal to leave the venue.
- (i) Plays a player not recorded on the scoresheet correctly as per section 7.1.

#### 5.3.2. Where a team is disqualified, competition points and for and against points will be awarded as per Schedule 3 – Determination of Competition Points.

#### 5.3.3. BACT may disqualify a team, pursuant to clause 5.3.1, at any time during the minor rounds or finals, regardless of when during the competition the team breached clause 5.3.1.

- 5.3.4. Where a team receives subsequent disqualifications for the same reason, after an initial warning, each subsequent disqualification may be classed as a forfeit and the team fined according to Schedule 1 – Fees and Fines.



#### **5.4. Players Using a False Name**

- 5.4.1. A player who is alleged to have been playing under the name of another person will be reported for playing under a false name, and/or bringing the game into disrepute. The charge will be referred the Administrative or Disciplinary Tribunal.
- 5.4.2. Where it is proven that a player has played under the name of another person, the team that they played for shall be disqualified for all games that the player played for the team, whether under their own name or a false name.
- 5.4.3. BACT may ask a player to prove their identity prior to being able to play a game. Any player that cannot establish their identity to the satisfaction of BACT shall not be permitted to play.

#### **5.5. Determination of Ineligible Players**

- 5.5.1. The referees do not have the jurisdiction to determine the eligibility of players for the commencement of a game, but are encouraged to raise any concern with the Court Supervisor that they have in regards to player eligibility.
- 5.5.2. Eligibility of players will be confirmed by BACT when compiling the results, following completion of the game, or at any other time BACT has reason to believe that a player may have played while ineligible.

#### **5.6. Restricted Players**

- 5.6.1. The purpose of restrictions on players, set out in this clause, is to:
  - (a) Foster an evenness of competition within each division
  - (b) Provide an opportunity for talented players to experience higher competition for the purposes of their development
- 5.6.2. Senior Restricted Players
  - (a) A senior restricted player may only play in the highest senior Premier Division or in the highest mixed competition.
  - (b) No more than two senior restricted players may play in a mixed team during the same season.
- 5.6.3. Senior Premier League playing in other senior competitions
  - (a) Senior Premier League 1 players are not permitted to play lower than A grade men's, women's or mixed.
  - (b) Senior Premier League 2 players are not permitted to play lower than B grade men's women's or mixed.
  - (c) A maximum of two Senior Premier League players are permitted to play for the same team in any one men's or women's Senior Social game.
  - (d) There is no maximum number of Senior Premier League players that can play in an A Grade mixed competition.
  - (e) A maximum of two Senior Premier League players are permitted to play for the same team in any one mixed grade game excluding mixed A Grade.



- (f) An exemption may be granted by Basketball ACT for section 5.6.3.(a) and 5.6.3.(b) on the basis that the team nominates into the correct division but is regraded to a different division by Basketball ACT.

## **5.7. Fill In Players**

- (a) Fill in players may be required from time to time to allow a team to field enough players for a game. A player may play up to seven games in another Senior Premier League division on a fill in basis.
  - i. If a Senior Premier League 2 player plays eight games in Senior Premier League 1 then that player will become a Division 1 players and cannot play Division 2 again. Any further games played in Division 2 will result in the team being disqualified for those games.
  - ii. If a Senior Premier League 1 player plays more than seven games in Senior Premier League 2 the team will be disqualified for those games.
  - iii. In the case of seasons needing to be adjusted, BACT will advise clubs prior to the commencement of the season what the fill in player requirements will be.
- (b) Development players are not counted as players from the higher division. Their main team is classed as the where they do not hold a Development Player status.
- (c) In Senior Premier League a player may only fill in for their club.
- (d) In Senior Premier League no more than two players from a higher division can play in a lower division in any one game.
- (e) For Senior Premier League no player can play in a lower division in the last four weeks of the minor rounds, unless given prior approval from BACT to do so.
- (f) For Senior Social a player cannot fill in for another team in their own division.
- (g) For Senior Social section 5.6.3 must be adhered to when using fill in players.

## **5.8. Senior Premier League Development Players**

- 5.8.1. The purpose of Senior Development Player status is to allow a player to develop their game by allowing them to play in a second game per week for the same club.
- 5.8.2. The player should be a player who is close to, but not yet at, the level required to be a full time member of the club's Senior Premier League 1 team.
- 5.8.3. The player's club must nominate the player as a Senior Development Player by the date set by BACT. The application must be agreed by the player and club president or senior coordinator before being submitted to BACT.
- 5.8.4. The following restrictions apply:

- (a) The development player status is granted for one season at a time. The player may play in both their nominated team and the higher division for the full season without penalty.
  - (b) Up to two development players are allowed per team, per season.
  - (c) A senior development player cannot play across two clubs in a season.
    - i. For example a Senior Premier League player cannot play for Club A in Premier League 2 then be a Development Player for Club B in Premier League 1.
  - (d) A senior restricted player cannot also be a senior development player.
  - (e) Senior development players must be 23 years or younger for the duration of the competition.
  - (f) A player may not be a senior development player for more than two seasons.
- 5.8.5. BACT may, in its absolute discretion, deny any application for senior development player status, or may rescind that status at any time during the course of the season. For example if the player becomes a senior restricted player during the season.
- 5.8.6. Development Players are not counted as players from the higher division as their main team is one where they do not hold a Development Player status.

## **5.9. Junior Players in Senior Premier Competitions**

- 5.9.1. A junior player must meet the following eligibility criteria to play a senior competition on either a fill-in or permanent basis.
- (a) A junior player must be 16 to play Senior Premier League.
    - i. For example if a player turns 16 years old on 21 June. They cannot play in Senior Premier League until 21 June.
  - (b) A junior player who is under the age of 16 is unable to play in Senior Premier League unless an exemption is granted by BACT. The following circumstances will be taken into consideration, along with any other requirements deemed necessary by BACT.
    - i. Must be an elite player on a Basketball Australia Pathway
    - ii. Must be at least 14 years old
    - iii. Duty of care to the junior player
    - iv. Integrity of the competition
    - v. Junior player's workload
- 5.9.2. All players who are still eligible for juniors and are playing in Senior Premier League must complete the Higher Age application.

## **5.10. Junior Players in Senior Social Competitions**

- 5.10.1. To play in Senior Social competitions, a junior player must be 16 years of age.

- 5.10.2. Any player under 16 years of age will not be permitted to play in a Senior Social competition.



## **6. Transfer of Players Between Clubs/Individual Teams**

### **6.1. Policy Statement**

- 6.1.1. The general policy for seniors is that a player may move freely between clubs/individual team in between competitions provided that they do not owe money to their former club/team or have equipment belonging to the club/team.

### **6.2. Transfer Process**

- 6.2.1. A player wishing to change club must request a clearance from the club the player last played for, regardless of when that was. The request for a clearance is initiated by the club the player seeks to move to, utilizing the online transfer system.
- 6.2.2. The player's original club has seven calendar days to approve or deny the application. Otherwise, the clearance will be automatically approved, subject to BACT's right of veto.
- 6.2.3. A club/team may only refuse a player's clearance where the player is in debt to the club/team for a uniform, fees or has other club equipment. The reason for refusal must be advised at the time of refusal.
- 6.2.4. Where a club/team does not have grounds to refuse a clearance pursuant to clause 6.2.3, they may make a submission to BACT as to why BACT should veto the clearance as per rules 6.3 and 6.4. This submission should be provided within the seven calendar days the club has to respond to the transfer.
- 6.2.5. After the originating club/team has approved or refused the clearance, BACT will review the transfer and as expeditiously as possible, either approve it, veto it or request further information.
- 6.2.6. If a clearance has not been finalised and the player plays for their new team, the team may be subject to disqualification as per clause 5.3.
- 6.2.7. BACT may designate a period in which any application for a transfer must be lodged. Transfers lodged outside of this period shall be vetoed by BACT unless BACT believe there are extraordinary circumstances supporting the transfer.

### **6.3. Restrictions on Transfer of Senior Players**

- 6.3.1. The purpose of the restrictions on transfers is to ensure an even competition and that clubs are not significantly disadvantaged by the transfer of players.
- 6.3.2. If the competition has six or less teams then a Senior Restricted Player may not transfer to a team with four or more Senior Restricted Players.
- 6.3.3. If the competition has more than six teams then a Senior Restricted Player may not transfer to a team three or more Senior Restricted Players.
- 6.3.4. If multiple Senior Restricted Players are wanting to transfer to the same team in will be on a first in basis as to who will be eligible to transfer if the maximum number of Senior Restricted Players is reached.

### **6.4. Mid-Season Transfers**

- 6.4.1. Mid-season transfers are not permitted unless an exemption has been granted.
- (a) Allowing an exemption under this clause is at the discretion of BACT.
- 6.4.2. Players wishing to transfer during or after grading rounds must submit an exemption as per section 6.4.1.
- 6.5. BACT Veto on Transfers**
- 6.5.1. BACT may veto a transfer if it believes:
- (a) The transfer would contravene clause 6.3.
  - (b) The transfer is otherwise not in the best interest of even competition.
  - (c) If the player has an outstanding debt with BACT.
- 6.6. Other Factors to take into Account Regarding Transfers**
- 6.6.1. The following factors shall be considered by BACT in making its decision of whether or not to veto a transfer:
- (a) Where a player is requesting a transfer due to a change of residence (that is, moving to an area in their new club's region).
  - (b) Any other factor BACT deems appropriate.
- 6.7. Local Interchanges (Playing for More than One Club)**
- 6.7.1. There may be a need for a player to be loaned to another club/team but still remain a member of their original club/team.
- (a) Local interchange is required if a player is playing SPL for a club and seniors for another club or playing for multiple clubs in seniors.
  - (b) A Senior Premier League player is not allowed to play for more than one club in one Senior Premier League Season
  - (c) An approval given by a club pursuant to clause 6.7.1(a) applies only for one season.
  - (d) If a senior player plays for a second club without permission, that team will be disqualified for any games the player has played in without approval and a financial penalty may be imposed on the club.
- 6.7.2. It is at the discretion of the player's club to grant either a local interchange. There is no avenue of appeal by the player/requesting club of the decision by the home club not to approve an application.
- 6.7.3. Once given, a local interchange cannot be revoked by the player's original club. It remains current until the end of the competition season for which the player was approved to play.



## **7. Starting a Game**

### **7.1. Recording of Names**

- 7.1.1. All players must have their name and number recorded on the scoresheet or tablet before half time to be eligible to play the game.
- 7.1.2. In Senior Social games, a player's name may be entered even if they are not yet at the game and shall only be removed at the end of the game if they did not attend.
- 7.1.3. In Senior Premier League, players who are not present and ready to play by the start of the third quarter shall be removed from the scoresheet and/or statistics and are not eligible to play in the second half, even if they do attend.

### **7.2. Number of Player Requirements**

- 7.2.1. A team must have a minimum of five players in Senior Premier League, or four players in all other senior divisions, in order to start a game.
  - (a) For mixed competitions the team must have no more than three males on the court at any one time.
- 7.2.2. No more than 12 players may play for a team in any one game.

### **7.3. The Game Ball**

- 7.3.1. The match ball should be provided by BACT. If no ball is provided then teams may supply their own.
- 7.3.2. All senior women's competitions shall play with a size 6 ball.
- 7.3.3. All senior men's competitions shall play with a size 7 ball.
- 7.3.4. All mixed competitions shall play with a size 7 ball.
- 7.3.5. All 3x3 competitions shall play with the ball determined by BACT (size 6, 7 or a 3x3 ball [size 6 weighted as a size 7])

### **7.4. Team Uniform**

- 7.4.1. For non-club teams are encouraged to check with BACT prior to purchasing uniforms to try and avoid colour clashes where possible in their division.
- 7.4.2. Clash of Uniform Colours
  - (a) When a clash of colours occurs between two teams playing each other, the team listed first on the draw (Team B) is required to change unless otherwise agreed between the teams.
- 7.4.3. Senior Premier League Uniform Requirements
  - (a) The colours of the club uniform, including dominant colour of top and colour of shorts, must be approved by BACT. Clubs may have more than one uniform design/colour approved to facilitate where they may have multiple teams in one division or to provide a 'clash' uniform.
  - (b) Clubs ordering new uniforms should be ordering reversible singlets.



- (c) In Senior Premier League, a player who is out of uniform is not able to play. If they do take the court incorrectly the player who plays out of uniform will incur a technical foul (when it is realized they are out of uniform) and the player may not continue to play out of uniform.
- (d) Players in Senior Premier League shall be regarded as out of uniform if:
  - i. They are not numbered according to the Official Basketball Rules as published by FIBA from time to time
  - ii. They attempt to wear a playing singlet inside-out
  - iii. They use taped numbers
  - iv. They wear a number that duplicates a number already being used by another member of the same team
  - v. They play in a uniform that is not the club uniform and does not meet the requirements of clause 7.4.3
    - i. Design variations are not permitted.
- (e) No item of clothing worn on court may have pockets, exposed zips, buckles or any other feature that may increase the risk of injury.
- (f) T-shirts may be worn under a singlet. Only black t-shirt may be worn, however, not all players are required to wear a t-shirt underneath.
- (g) Compression garments may be worn. Only black compression garments may be worn, however, not all players are required to wear compression garments.

#### 7.4.4. Senior Social Uniform Requirements

7.4.5. Uniforms must comply with FIBA uniform requirements. However, a player may play out of uniform, provided that the attire meets the below criteria:

- (a) Their uniform is predominantly the same as the uniform worn by the majority of the team.
  - i. For example a change of supplier and the design has altered slightly
- (b) Their uniform does not pose any difficulty in distinguishing between the two teams.

7.4.6. No item of clothing worn on court may have pockets, exposed zips, buckles or any other feature that may increase the risk of injury.

7.4.7. T-shirts may be worn under a singlet.

7.4.8. Compression garments may be worn.

### 7.5. Warm-up Garments

7.5.1. For senior competitions excluding Senior Premier League, players may wear any apparel during the warm-up.

7.5.2. For Senior Premier League all warm-up garments must be approved club apparel, however, there is no requirement that all players have matching

warm-up apparel. Where a player does not have approved club warm-up apparel they must warm-up in the team playing uniform.



## **7.6. Playing Footwear**

- 7.6.1. A player is only permitted to wear non-marking sports footwear whilst playing in BACT competitions. Any player wearing footwear which marks or may damage the playing surface will not be allowed to take the court.

## **7.7. Late Starts**

- 7.7.1. Where a team is unable to take to court at the scheduled start time due to insufficient players, as determined by the Court Supervisor, the clock will be started and continue to run until the game can be started.
- 7.7.2. For each minute (or part thereof), after the scheduled start time of the game for which a team cannot take the court, one point will be awarded to the opposition.
- 7.7.3. Where a team is able to commence playing not more than 10 minutes after the scheduled start time (12 minutes for A grade men and women), the game will commence immediately. The clock is not to be reset to the full time allowance in any senior competition except for Senior Premier League.
- 7.7.4. Where a team is unable to start a game 10 minutes after the scheduled start time, the game will be recorded as a forfeit. Competition points and for and against points will be awarded as per Schedule 3 – Determination of Competition Points.

## **7.8. Forfeits**

- 7.8.1. A forfeit shall be declared if a team does not have the minimum number of players present to commence the game by 10 minutes (12 minutes for A grade men and women) after the scheduled start time.
- 7.8.2. If a team forfeits, a fine will be imposed as per Schedule 1 – Fees and Fines. The other team may use the court at no cost, for the duration of the allocated time. Competition points will be awarded as per Schedule 3 – Determination of Competition Points.
- 7.8.3. If a team forfeits three or more games in the competition they may be withdrawn by BACT.
- 7.8.4. A team who forfeits is required to complete their duty in addition to their opposition's duty where relevant. Failure to complete duty will result in a duty fine as per Schedule 1 – Fees and Fines.

## **7.9. Delays to Scheduled Start Times**

- 7.9.1. All games should commence at the scheduled start time. Where, for whatever reason, games are running later than scheduled, the Court Supervisor will make appropriate arrangements to attempt to get games back to the scheduled start times.

## **7.10. Pre-Game Warm-Up Time**

- 7.10.1. All Senior Premier League games are permitted to have ten minute warm up per game, however, may be reduced to no less than five minutes per game at the discretion of the Court Supervisor.
- 7.10.2. All Senior Social games must have no less than a three minute warm up per game.



## **7.11. Playing in Multiple Games**

- 7.11.1. Players cannot play in more than one game at any one time. If a player had taken the court in any game and then takes the court in a second game prior to the conclusion of the first game, that player will not be permitted to return to the court in the initial game. If a player is found to have returned the team will be disqualified for their game.



## **8. Playing the Game**

### **8.1. Rules of the Game**

8.1.1. BACT shall designate the rules to apply to each competition and shall make such variations to the rules as appropriate to the skill level, experience and interest of the players in that particular division. In considering any rule variations, BACT shall take into consideration:

- (a) Maximise the opportunities to participate
- (b) Creating a learning environment conducive to development of senior players
- (c) Availability of courts and equipment

### **8.2. Modifications to Official Basketball Rules for Senior Mixed Competitions**

8.2.1. The following variations shall apply in all senior mixed games:

- (a) A team must have a least one male and female player on the court at all times.
- (b) No more than three males are permitted on the court at any one time for each team.
- (c) Any player may participate in the jump ball.
- (d) Male players are allowed to play defence on female players anywhere on the court, however:
  - i. A male may have his arms either positioned straight up or down beside his body when the female player is in the act of shooting and the female player's last point of contact was within the key.
  - ii. If a male defender blocks or attempts to blocks a female players shot from within the key the attempted shot shall be counted as a successful field goal. Blocking or attempting to block includes:
    - i. Waving hands
    - ii. Jumping
  - iii. If the male defender fouls the female player in who is attempting to shoot while in the key the attempted shot shall be counted as a successful field goal followed by one free throw.

### **8.3. Variations to Timing Regulations**

8.3.1. Game timing regulations, including the use of the shot clock, for both minor rounds and finals for all divisions are set out in Schedule 2.

### **8.4. Duty Teams, Referees and Score Bench**

8.4.1. BACT may designate that a team or teams perform duty obligation during a game that shall include, as necessary:

- (a) Scoring
- (b) Timing (including game clock and shot clock if applicable)
- (c) Refereeing the game



8.4.2. For senior competitions:

- (a) A team will be allocated the duty responsibility and this shall be stipulated on the competition draw.
- (b) There may be the need for BACT to appoint shared duty on occasions.
- (c) For Senior Social games a team allocated to do duty is required to supply three people to cover scoring, timing and refereeing. If no referee is required then the third person is not required to stay.
- (d) For Premier League games a team allocated to do duty is required to supply four people to cover scoring, timing and shot clock. If no referee is required then the fourth person is not required to stay.
- (e) A team that does not adequately perform its duty responsibilities may be fined by BACT and/or have competition points deducted at BACT's discretion.
- (f) A team that is penalized by BACT pursuant to 8.4.2(e) more than two times in a competition may, at BACT's discretion, be excluded from the competition.
- (g) Where a team has concerns regarding scoring of the game:
  - i. They shall initially raise the concern with the score bench during an appropriate break in the game.
  - ii. If the issue is not resolved to the teams satisfaction they shall request the referee during an appropriate break in the game to address the issue.
  - iii. The referee shall, if necessary, refer the matter to the Court Supervisor or Referee Coach.
  - iv. The referee's decision shall be final.

**8.5. Referees – Senior Games**

- 8.5.1. BACT will attempt to appoint appropriately experienced referees to all senior games.
- 8.5.2. Where, for whatever reason, BACT appointed referees are not available for a game the duty team must provide a referee or two where necessary.
- 8.5.3. A game may proceed with one referee at the discretion of the Court Supervisor or Referee Coach.
- 8.5.4. If BACT is unable to supply referees and the duty team is unable to supply competent referee for the game, the duty team may, at the discretion of BACT, receive a fine and/or have competition points deducted.

## **9. Rescheduling Games**

### **9.1. Scheduling Requests Prior to Draws Being Made**

9.1.1. Where a team knows they will be unavailable on a particular date(s), they should make this known prior to the draws being made. BACT shall attempt to accommodate the request as follows:

- (a) If the division has byes then the team will have a bye scheduled on the date of their unavailability.
- (b) If the insertion of a bye is not possible, the game can be rescheduled as per section 9.2.

### **9.2. Rescheduling After Draws Have Been Released**

9.2.1. After the draw has been released, BACT may approve the rescheduling of any games if:

- (a) BACT believe the reasons are substantial. The team requesting the change must provide evidence to demonstrate that the game could not otherwise be played by using fill in players.
- (b) The application is received by BACT at least seven days before the scheduled date of the game and is agreed by both teams.
- (c) The application has been lodged through the club or team's official contact only.
- (d) Any administrative fee required by BACT has been paid as per Schedule 1.

9.2.2. Rescheduled games may be played prior to the originally scheduled date and must be played prior to the completion of the minor round games for the competition. If the game is not played by the completion of minor rounds, it will be counted as a 20 – 20 draw.

9.2.3. The team requesting the rescheduling is responsible for:

- (a) Arranging the new date (subject to agreement by the opponent);
- (b) Arranging the new venue (including paying all costs associated with venue hire);
- (c) Arranging the score bench officials;
- (d) Liaising with BACT to arrange appropriately experienced referees (BACT will pay the referees);
- (e) Providing the completed scoresheet to BACT within two days of the completion of the game.

9.2.4. A team may reschedule no more than two games per season. Any further requests for rescheduling need to be communicated as an exemption.

9.2.5. No games in any finals series may be rescheduled, unless exceptional circumstances apply, as determined by BACT.

9.2.6. Once a change has been agreed by both teams and approved by BACT, it cannot be changed. The draw will be amended to reflect the new date and time.

- 9.2.7. If an agreement cannot be reached on a new game date and time and the teams play each other later in the season, that game will be played for double points. If the teams do not play each other again, the game must go ahead as scheduled or the requesting team will forfeit the game.

### **9.3. BACT Instigated Rescheduling of Games or Changes to Draw**

- 9.3.1. BACT may reschedule any game or makes changes to draws (for example, changes to venue availability, issues with the venue, draw errors, etc.) as necessary.
- 9.3.2. All rescheduling of games and draw changes will be made so as to give teams as much notice of the change as possible. If less than two days' notice is given, there shall be no penalty if a team forfeits a game, unless BACT can establish that the team did receive prior notice of the change.

### **9.4. Games Rescheduled on Game Day**

- 9.4.1. Games incomplete or abandoned during minor rounds
- (a) Where a game cannot be started because of heat, venue, state of the court or other concerns for the safety of participants, it shall be rescheduled at the discretion of BACT. The decision whether or not to reschedule the game shall be made within three business days of the game having been abandoned. In rescheduling the game, BACT may, as it believes necessary and appropriate:
    - i. Schedule game on the date that has been allocated as 'washout round'.
    - ii. Schedule the game for a day or venue that the competition has not previously been played in that competition.
    - iii. Schedule the game over the objection of one of the participating teams, provided that BACT first attempts to identify a time and venue mutually convenient to the participating teams.
      - i. If BACT decides to replay the game, BACT shall advise teams within seven days of the proposed date for the replayed game. A team failing to appear on the appointed occasion will forfeit to the other team, unless they demonstrate to BACT reasonable grounds why they could not play on this date.
  - iv. If the game cannot be rescheduled, the following process will be followed:
    - i. If the teams play each other again later in the season, that game will be for double points.
    - ii. If the teams do not play each other again in the season, the game will be counted as a 20-20 draw.
    - iii. For non-competitive division games the game will not be played and no points awarded.
  - v. Where BACT has rescheduled a game pursuant to clause 9.4.1(a):

- i. If one team fails to attend the game, that team shall forfeit the game.
  - ii. If both teams fail to attend, the game shall be recorded as a double forfeit.
- (b) Where a game cannot be completed because of heat, venue availability, state of the court or other concerns for the safety of participants:
  - i. If the game was stopped during the first half (up until the final buzzer of the half) and the margin was more than 30 points: the team that was leading shall be declared the winner:
  - ii. If the game was stopped during halftime or in the third quarter and the margin was more than 25 points: the team that was leading shall be declared the winner;
  - iii. If the game was stopped in the fourth quarter and the margin was more than 15 points: the team that was leading shall be declared the winner;
  - iv. If clauses 9.4.1(b)i-iii do not apply, the game shall be rescheduled and BACT shall determine whether a full game is played or whether an abridged game shall be played, starting with the score as it was when the original game was stopped;
  - v. If a non-competitive division game is stopped during the first half (up until the final buzzer of the half) the game shall be rescheduled pursuant to clauses 9.4.1(a);
  - vi. If a non-competitive division game is stopped after the final buzzer of the first half the game shall be declared as completed;
  - vii. If BACT determines to play an abridged game, pursuant to clause 9.4.1(b)iv, the game shall be played for two quarters (if there was 2 minutes or more left to play in the 3rd quarter when the game was stopped) or otherwise for one quarter;
  - viii. If a game is rescheduled pursuant to clause 9.4.1(b)iv:
    - i. If one team fails to appear for the rescheduled game: the team that appeared shall be declared the winner
    - ii. If both teams fail to appear for the rescheduled game: the game will be counted as a double forfeit.
- (c) Fees will not be refunded.

#### 9.4.2. Games Incomplete or Abandoned During Finals

- (a) Where a finals game cannot be started because of heat, venue, state of the court or other concerns for the safety of participants, it shall be replayed. In rescheduling the game, BACT may, as it believes necessary and appropriate:
  - i. Adjust the date of other finals games (including rescheduling the grand final);

- ii. Schedule the game for a day or venue that the competition has not previously been played in that competition;
  - iii. Schedule the game over the objection of one of the participating teams, provided that BACT first attempts to identify a time and venue mutually convenient to the participating teams;
  - iv. Where BACT has rescheduled a game pursuant to clause 9.4.2(a):
    - i. If one team fails to attend the game they shall forfeit the game;
    - ii. If both teams fail to attend the game, the team that finished higher on the ladder at the end of the minor rounds shall be declared the winner of the game.
- (b) Where a finals game cannot be completed because of heat, venue availability, state of the court or other concerns for the safety of participants:
- i. If the game was stopped during the first half (up until the final buzzer of the half) and the margin was more than 30 points: the team that was leading shall be declared the winner.
  - ii. If the game was stopped during halftime or in the third quarter and the margin was more than 25 points: the team that was leading shall be declared the winner;
  - iii. If the game was stopped in the fourth quarter and the margin was more than 15 points: the team that was leading shall be declared the winner;
  - iv. If clauses 9.4.2(b)i-iii do not apply, the game shall be rescheduled and BACT shall determine whether a full game is played or whether an abridged game shall be played, starting with the score as it was when the original game was stopped;
  - v. If BACT determine to play an abridged game pursuant to clause 9.4.2(b)iv, the game shall be played for two quarters (if there was 2 minutes or more left to play in the 3rd quarter when the game was stopped) or otherwise for one quarter;
  - vi. If a game is rescheduled pursuant to clause 9.4.2(b)iv:
    - i. If one team fails to appear for the rescheduled game: the team that appeared shall be declared the winner
    - ii. If both teams fail to appear for the rescheduled game: the team that finished higher on the ladder at the end of the minor rounds shall be declared the winner.
- (c) Fees will not be refunded.



## **10. Injuries, Health and Safety**

### **10.1. Injury**

- 10.1.1. If the ball is live when an injury occurs, the official shall not blow his whistle until the team in control of the ball has shot for a field goal, lost control of the ball, withheld the ball from play or the ball has become dead. If it is necessary to protect an injured player, the officials may stop the game immediately.
- 10.1.2. All injuries should be reported to the Court Supervisor and an Injury Report Form completed.

### **10.2. Blood Rule**

- 10.2.1. A player may not enter the court or remain on the court while bleeding or wearing a uniform or any other clothing item with blood on it.
- 10.2.2. Any blood must be cleaned off the surface of the court and the ball before play can continue.
- 10.2.3. In all Senior Social competitions, a player with blood on their uniform may replace the uniform with a makeshift top or shorts without penalty, as long as it is predominately the same colour as the team uniform.
- 10.2.4. In Senior Premier League players must replace their uniform with a spare correct uniform.

### **10.3. Dangerous Objects**

- 10.3.1. Players are not permitted to wear an object (such as jewellery) that is likely to cause injury to themselves or to another participant.
- 10.3.2. If an object that BACT reasonably believe is dangerous cannot be removed or the player does not wish to remove, it must be covered, to the satisfaction of the referee, with a protective padding of cotton wool and/or soft adhesive tape before the player can take the court.
- 10.3.3. An object that is covered, pursuant to clause 10.3.2, must remain fully covered at all times while the player is on the court. The referee shall stop the game and substitute the player from the court if the object becomes uncovered.
  - (a) A player shall be substituted regardless of whether the team has a player that can come onto the court. Once the object has been recovered or removed, the player may return to the court at the next substitution opportunity.

### **10.4. Fingernails**

- 10.4.1. Fingernails should not be above the level of the finger or thumb.
  - (a) In Senior Social players may wear gloves to cover long fingernails.

### **10.5. Eye Glasses and Contact Lenses**

- 10.5.1. Eye glasses that do not have any sharp edges may be worn.

### **10.6. Chewing gum**

- 10.6.1. Players are not allowed to chew gum during games.



## **10.7. Protective Gear**

- 10.7.1. BACT may approve the wearing of protective gear, provided it can be worn in such a way so that it is considered safe for all participants.
- 10.7.2. A written application, including a medical certificate, should be submitted to BACT. If approved, BACT will provide the player with a letter of exemption, which must be shown upon request.

## **10.8. Prosthetic and Other Medically Required Equipment**

- 10.8.1. BACT may approve the wearing of prostheses or other medically required equipment, provided it can be worn in such a way that it is considered safe for all participants.
- 10.8.2. A written application, including a medical certificate, should be submitted to BACT. If approved, BACT will provide the player with a letter of exemption, which must be shown upon request.

## **10.9. Religious or Cultural Attire**

- 10.9.1. The wearing of religious or cultural attire, such as burqa or hijab, will be allowed, provided it can be worn under the team uniform and in such a way that it is considered safe for all participants.

## **10.10. Pregnancy**

- 10.10.1. A player may play whilst pregnant, but should seek specific approval from their doctor regarding the risk to themselves and their unborn child.

## **10.11. Drugs and Alcohol**

- 10.11.1. Players, coaches and officials cannot participate in any game if they are under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- 10.11.2. The Court Supervisor or Referee Coach may, in their discretion, prevent someone from participating, pursuant to clause 10.11.1. A person excluded from participating may remain in the stadium providing that they comply with the spectator code of conduct.

## **11. Conduct**

### **11.1. BACT Codes of Conduct (Players, Coaches, Officials and Spectators)**

- 11.1.1. All persons who attend a venue where BACT is conducting a competition must comply with the BACT Codes of Conduct and principles of good sportsmanship, the Official Basketball Rules (as adopted by BACT) and these Competition Rules and By-Laws.
- 11.1.2. A person who does not comply with a Code of Conduct may be ejected from the venue at BACT's discretion. BACT may, but is not obliged to, first warn the person regarding their behaviour. Any person who is ejected will be reported to BACT.
- 11.1.3. Whether or not a person was ejected from a venue pursuant to clause 11.1.2, they may be reported under BACT's Tribunal Guidelines, or action may be taken pursuant to BACT's Member Protection By-law.

### **11.2. Conduct of Players and Team Officials**

- 11.2.1. Each team is responsible for the conduct of its players and team officials.
- 11.2.2. A player or team official may be reported for breach of BACT Tribunal Guidelines and the matter shall be dealt with, pursuant to those guidelines.
- 11.2.3. Where a player or team official has been disqualified or ejected from the game and he or she refuses to leave the "proximity of the court", then the game shall not continue and the team the player or team official is associated with forfeit the game. The player or team official has 2 minutes to leave the court. Failure to leave within 2 minutes will result in a forfeit for the team they are associated with.
- 11.2.4. At the discretion of the Court Supervisor unaccompanied minors may be permitted to remain in the proximity of the court to ensure appropriate supervision even though they have been ejected or disqualified from the game.

### **11.3. Conduct of Team Supporters**

- 11.3.1. Each team is responsible for the conduct of its supporters.
- 11.3.2. If the conduct of a team's supporters is of an unruly and/or offensive nature or in breach of BACT's Code of Conduct for Spectators:
  - (a) The referee shall stop the game and advise the Court Supervisor or Referee Coach who shall request that the individual/s take action to correct their behaviour.
  - (b) If the individual does not correct their behaviour to the satisfaction of BACT, BACT may stop the game and the team whose supporters were misbehaving shall forfeit the game, regardless of the score at the time the game was stopped.
  - (c) If the Court Supervisor or Referee Coach requests a team's supporter to leave the "proximity of the court" and that person refuses to do so, the game shall not continue and the team that the person supports shall forfeit the game, regardless of the score at the time the game was stopped.

- (d) The supporter has 2 minutes to leave the court. Failure to leave within 2 minutes will result in a forfeit for the team they are associated with.



#### **11.4. BACT Game Intervention**

- 11.4.1. Any BACT employee or appointed official not engaged in the game may intervene in a game when circumstances arise which threaten the proper, fair and sportsmanlike conduct of the game.

#### **11.5. Proximity of the Court**

- 11.5.1. When a player is disqualified or ejected, they must leave the venue unless the stadium has a map or areas designated as "not being within the proximity of the court" displayed on the notice board.
- 11.5.2. If the venue has a map or other instruction detailing areas designated as "not being within the proximity of the court", such as a designated team dressing room, the disqualified official or player must either move to the designated area and remain there until no less than five minutes after the game has ended or leave the venue.



## **12. CEO Discretion**

### **12.1. CEO Discretion**

- 12.1.1. The BACT CEO may make a decision (including varying a time frame) that varies from the literal wording of these by-laws if the BACT CEO believes that such decision gives better effect to the intent of these by-laws than a literal interpretation.
- 12.1.2. In exercising a discretion under clause 12.1, the BACT CEO must:
- (a) provide written reasons for varying from a literal interpretation to:
    - i. All clubs or teams participating in the relevant division;
    - ii. The Competitions Committee.
- 12.1.3. In providing written reasons under clause 12.1.2(a), the BACT CEO must identify any person, team or club that is affected in some way by the decision and explain why they believe the benefit of exercising a discretion in the situation outweighs the actual or potential affect upon the other person, team or club.

## **13. Appeals**

### **13.1. Appeals**

- 13.1.1. If a person or club believes that BACT has incorrectly applied these by-laws, the decision may be appealed to the Competitions Committee:
- (a) The appeal must be made in writing and lodged with BACT within seven calendar days of the original decision.
  - (b) The Competitions Committee will decide the appeal within seven days of being received. Until such time as the appeal is heard the original decision will stand.
- 13.1.2. If a person or club believes that a decision made the BACT CEO pursuant to clause 12.1 ought not to have been made, they may appeal to the Competitions Committee on one or more of the following grounds:
- (a) The CEO did not identify a person, team or club that was affected by the decision;
  - (b) It was not reasonable for the CEO to believe that the benefit of exercising discretion in the situation outweighed the actual or potential affect upon a person, team or club;
  - (c) The majority of clubs or teams in the competition disagree with the decision that was made.

## Schedule 1 – Fees and Fines

BACT may impose fines or penalties up to the maximum set out in the table below. 1 unit is equal to \$250 for Senior Premier League and \$110 for Senior Social, inclusive of GST.

Infringement / Request	Definition	Fee / Fine (per instance)
Appeal decision in relation to competitions	Administration fee to accompany a lodgement of an appeal against a decision made in accordance with these by-laws.	1 unit Refunded if upheld
CEO discretion	Administration fee to accompany a lodgement of a CEO discretion request.	1 unit
Forfeit	<b>1.</b> No advice of forfeit <b>2.</b> Advised of forfeit after 12pm on day of game <b>3.</b> Forfeit otherwise advised	<b>1.</b> 2 units <b>2.</b> 2 units <b>3.</b> 1 unit
Senior Social Duty fine – incompetent duty	Upon recommendation by the Court Supervisor or Referee Coach BACT may impose a fine.	1 competition point
Senior Premier League Duty fine – incompetent duty	Upon recommendation by the Court Supervisor or Referee Coach BACT may impose a fine.	1 unit and 1 competition point
Duty fine – late duty	Did not provide enough personal for start of the game and game is delayed as a result	1/2 unit and 1 competition point
Duty fine – not enough personal	Did not provide enough personal for the duration of the game	1/2 unit and 1 competition point
Duty fine – no duty	Did not provide any personnel for entire game	1 unit and 1 competition points
Duty fine – no duty	Did not provide any personnel for entire game which resulted in the game not being able to be played	3 units and 3 competition points (to cover credits for the teams unable to play)
Rescheduling game	Administration fee to accompany request to reschedule a game after draw has been published	1/2 unit



Late Nomination Fee	Administration fee to accompany a late team nomination	1 unit
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## Schedule 2 – Timing Regulations

<b>Senior Premier League</b>	10 min	Yes	2 per team in the first half 3 per team in the second half	Fully timed		2/5/2 min	Yes	5 min/1 min/1
<b>A Grade Men and Women</b>	12 min	No	2 per team per half, clock does not stop unless within the last 2 minutes of the game. No time-outs in last 2 minutes of the first, second and third quarters	Running clock	Fully timed only if the score difference is 10 points or less	1/2/1 min	No	3 min/1 min/1
<b>All other Senior Grades</b>	10 min	No	1 per team per half, clock does not stop. No time-outs in last 2 minutes of any quarter	Running clock	Running clock	1/2/1 min	No	3 min/1 min/1

## Schedule 3 – Determination of Competition Points

### Competitive Divisions

#### Competition Points

The table of points awarded for each game in competitive divisions is below. Points shall be cumulative throughout the minor rounds of a competition prior to finals:

Win	3
Draw	2
Loss	1
Bye	0
Disqualification	0
Forfeit	0

#### For and Against Points – Declared Draws, Disqualifications, Forfeits

In the case of a game declared a draw, disqualification or forfeit, for and against points allocated to the teams concerned will depend on the circumstances, as follows:

- The score for a forfeit will be 20 – 0;
- For a disqualification:
  - Where the winning team is disqualified, the score will be 2 – 0; or
  - Where the losing team is disqualified, the score will stand.
- For a game declared a draw due to no duty team, the score will be 20 – 20 and each team shall receive two competition points;
- For a game declared a draw due to it being abandoned and unable to be rescheduled, the score will be 20 – 20 and each team shall receive two competition points.

#### Balancing Competition Points for Uneven Number of Games Played

BACT will endeavour to ensure a balanced draw and even number of games for all teams across all divisions.

To balance uneven numbers of games the ladder will be sorted by average competition points per game (competitions points divided by number of games played). Thus removing any advantage of potentially having fewer games.

Teams with the higher number of points based on this calculation will be placed accordingly.

### **Equal Competition Points at the Conclusion of the Minor Rounds**

In any division, if two or more teams are level on competition points at the conclusion of the minor rounds, the higher finishing positions shall be determined in the following order:

1. The head to head ratio of wins and losses between the teams concerned;
2. If still equal or cannot be determined by previous point, the head to head percentage of points for and against between the teams concerned;
3. If still equal or cannot be determined by previous point, the overall percentage of points for and against between all teams in the division;
4. If still equal or cannot be determined by previous point, the team with the lesser number of forfeits, duty penalties or disqualifications.

The process continues to involve all teams until all placings can be determined.

