



Bellarine Peninsula Basketball Association Inc.

# BY-LAWS

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The Bellarine Peninsula Basketball Association will promote and develop basketball with an all-encompassing approach to provide affordable and accessible opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.

We will do this by encouraging a lifestyle of health and wellness and maintaining a strong connection with the local community.

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## 1 DEFINITIONS

In these regulations, unless inconsistent with the context or subject matter:

### 1.1 BPBA

Means Bellarine Peninsula Basketball Association Incorporated.

### 1.2 AMATEUR

The Amateur laws of the BPBA shall be those adopted from time to time by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) or as modified by Basketball Australia (BA) or Basketball Victoria (BV).

### 1.3 BPBA OFFICIALS

Means any person who is an office bearer or Board Member of the BPBA or any sub-committee of the BPBA.

### 1.4 PLAYER

Means any person registered as a player or who is named as a player on the scoresheet of any match in question whether or not that person takes the court.

### 1.5 COACH

Means any person playing, non-playing, assisting or who takes responsibility for the direction of play must be named on the scoresheet.

### 1.6 CLUB

Means any club or team.

### 1.7 CLUB OFFICIAL

Means any person who is an office bearer, Board Member, team manager or assistant or who acts in a capacity such as scorer/timekeeper or game official of any club or team.

### 1.8 REFEREE

Means any referee who officiates in any match and includes any referee on score-bench duty in any match. Referees are paid by the players and/or teams.

### 1.9 GAME OFFICIAL

Includes referees and any other person acting in any score-bench capacity.

### 1.10 SPECTATOR

Means any person not listed herein, who is an onlooker at any match, whether or not that person is a supporter of any club.

### 1.11 BPBA BOARD

All officials elected at the A.G.M. are herein referred to as Board Members.

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## 2 MEMBERSHIP

### 2.1 Membership of the BPBA

The membership of the BPBA shall consist of such bodies playing the game of basketball as shall affiliate with and be accepted by the BPBA (such bodies are hereinafter referred to as “Clubs/Teams”).

### 2.2 Conditions of Affiliation

The conditions of affiliation shall be:

- 2.2.1 The club/team applying for affiliation agrees to abide by the BPBA rules, by-laws and playing rules adopted from time to time by BPBA and to accept and enforce all decisions of the BPBA made in conformity thereof.
- 2.2.2 That any club/team not complying with any of the conditions of affiliation shall render itself liable to have its affiliation cancelled. Any disqualified club/team shall cease to have any claim on the property of the BPBA, but shall be liable for any call in respect of debts incurred by BPBA prior to such disqualification.
- 2.2.3 Any team may be reviewed any time throughout the season at The Board’s discretion.

## 3 TEAM ENTRIES

### 3.1 Entering Individual Teams

Individual teams may apply for entry into the competition and may be accepted at the discretion of the Secretary/Administration Officer.

### 3.2 Teams shall be entered by:

- completion of the entry form;
- payment of the prescribed fee (if applicable). New team members must pay registration;
- lodging the entry form with the Secretary/Administration Officer by the due date.

### 3.3 Team List

Teams competing must submit a Team List each season.

### 3.4 Minimum Number of Players

A minimum of five (5) players must be registered on each Team List.

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- 3.4.1 The five (5) registered players must compete within the first four (4) weeks of competition; otherwise a substitute must be nominated in place of this player.
- 3.4.2 In an effort to ensure evenness across the BPBA domestic competitions, teams are expected to adhere to the BPBA Domestic Junior Player Points System (see Appendix A.). The intent of this rule is to prevent any one team from dominating in any grade, and the final decision on placement of a team (irrespective of rep points) will rest with the BPBA Committee of Management. Board.
- 3.4.3 Notwithstanding 3.4.2, to ensure domestic competition remains competitive, the Committee Board reserves the right to adjudicate on this by-law, and may place further restrictions or deny registration to a team to ensure the spirit of this By-law is upheld.

### 3.5 Registration Fees

The Board will decide from time to time what team entry and player registration fees will be paid and what admission charges will be made.

### 3.6 Monies Owed

All monies owed to the Association for fines, social functions, singlet hire, or other contingency MUST be paid within 30 days of date of account issued, otherwise teams could be debarred from taking part in any competition matches until such monies are paid in full.

### 3.7 Monies Owed from Previous Season

All monies owed to the Association from one season must be paid prior to the commencement of the ensuing season where there is less than 30 days between the seasons; otherwise teams may be debarred from taking part in any competition matches until such monies are paid.

**Note: In either of the cases 3.6 or 3.7 above; if outstanding monies are not paid as stated, walkovers may be awarded against the offending team.**

## 4 PLAYER REGISTRATION

### 4.1 Season Fee

All players must pay the season registration/insurance fee with BPBA by their due date or prior to their first game.

### 4.2 Players Registered with another Association

Players registered with another Basketball Victoria Country Affiliated Association will, on production of proof of registration, be charged only the current BPBA membership fee (Affiliation).

### 4.3 Proof of Age

Registrations of junior players must be accompanied by proof of age, either with a birth certificate, an extract of birth or a passport.

## 5 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

### 5.1 Finals Eligibility

To be eligible to play in the BPBA finals series, a player must compete in at least half of the matches scheduled in the fixture, including byes and forfeits against, for that team. In the case of the number of matches not being divisible by two,



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the next higher number divisible by two will be used to determine the required number of matches. (Eg: the required number of games for 21 scheduled matches would be 11.)

## 5.2 Byes

Byes will count as a qualifying game.

## 5.3 Playing in only One Division

A player must be registered to one division, a player from a club may play in higher divisions on a “fill in” basis, if the players play enough games to qualify for finals in the higher division they can no longer play in the lower division.

## 5.4 More than One Team

Clubs having more than one team in any one age group may transfer players only during grading. Players are not able to transfer during the regular season.

## 5.5 Under Age Qualification

All players competing in under age competitions must be under the age requirement of the division as at the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in the year the season concludes (see Appendix C).

## 5.6 A Forfeit

In the event of a forfeit, all players of the team receiving the forfeit who are named on the team list will be marked “in play” for the purpose of finals eligibility. A refund of playing fees will be given on presentation of tickets to the customer service officer at the venue on the day/night of the forfeit.

## 5.7 Injured Players Eligibility for Finals

BPBA may consider granting special consideration for finals eligibility in exceptional circumstances to players impacted by long term injury.

Application for exemption must be submitted in writing to the BPBA Board with medical certificates, required as accompanying documentation, with the letter requesting special consideration of the exemption to finals qualification. The medical certificate may be accepted as evidence of the injury/illness.

For exemption to be considered the following criteria must be adhered to:

- The player must have had a long term injury (six weeks or more)
- The player must be competing in the competition regularly before the injury occurred.
- The player must have played at least one third of the games for the season
- The application and medical certificate must be submitted within fourteen (14) days of the diagnosis.

Each application will be considered on a case by case basis only. BPBA does not guarantee it will approve any requests for exemption to the eligibility criteria and all steps to qualify must be taken.

## 5.8 Minimum Age for Senior Competitions

5.8.1 To participate in any senior competition (including Men’s, Women’s, Social Mixed), players must be turning a minimum age of fifteen (15) years of age in the year of the competition.

5.8.2 Any player under the age of 16 must fill in the required indemnity form prior to playing their first game.

5.8.3 In the Masters division all players must be 30 years old or above.

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## 6 INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

### 6.1 Playing an Ineligible Player

Any team found to have played an ineligible player shall forfeit all matches in which the player participated.

### 6.2 Penalty for Playing an Ineligible Player

In the case of 6.1 above, any team that flagrantly breaches this rule shall incur a penalty, as determined by the Board.

## 7 UNIFORMS

### 7.1 Uniform Colours

Each club or team shall register their uniform colours with the BPBA

### 7.2 Uniform Clash

Clubs will have precedence over teams, any team that clashes with a club must change uniforms. If two teams or two clubs are playing, then the first named team must change uniforms.

### 7.3 Incorrect Shorts

A player may be permitted to take part in any match with shorts of an incorrect colour at a cost of four (4) points, which will be awarded to the opposing team prior to the commencement of the second half of the game.

### 7.4 Incorrect Singlet

A player may not take the court in any match with incorrect uniform singlet after round four (4) of the competition.

7.4.1 Singlets must bear legal numbers of cloth, plastic or other acceptable fabric, permanently attached. Chalked, taped or inked number will not be permitted.

7.4.2 Faded or damaged singlets must be replaced once the club has been notified in writing.

## 8 GAME REGULATIONS

### 8.1 Official Basketball Rules

All matches will be conducted under the official basketball rules of F.I.B.A. with the following bylaws being substituted where ever necessary.

### 8.2 Match Balls

All match balls will be provided.

### 8.3 Score Table

Each team must provide a competent person for the score table.

### 8.4 Minimum Number of Players

A team may take the court with a minimum of four (4) players

### 8.5 Late Start

If a team is late in being ready to commence a game, a penalty of two (2) points for each minute or part thereof, will be awarded to the captain of the opposing team.

## 8.6 Walkovers

In the event of a team not being ready to play ten (10) minutes after the appointed time, a walkover will be awarded to the opposing team and a score of twenty (20) points to zero (0) shall be recorded. In addition, fines as stipulated below shall be imposed:

<b>Senior Divisions</b>	<b>\$110</b>	<b>Junior Divisions</b>	<b>\$75</b>
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## 8.7 Notice of a Walkover

In the event of a team giving in excess of twenty four (24) hours notice of a walkover, a score of twenty (20) points to zero (0) shall be awarded to the opposing team for percentage purposes. In addition, fines as stipulated below will be imposed:

<b>Senior Divisions</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>Junior Divisions</b>	<b>\$45</b>
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## 8.8 No Fault Late Start

In the event of a match being unable to commence at the appointed time through no fault of either team, the referee may commence the game when play is possible.

## 8.9 Power Failure or Unforeseen Circumstances

In the case of power failure or any other unforeseen circumstances where a game must be terminated, each participating team will receive two (2) premiership points each and a score of ten (10) to ten (10) will be recorded.

## 8.10 Premiership Points

Premiership points will be allocated as follows:

Win	3 points
Draw	2 points
Loss	1 point
Forfeit loss	0 points
Forfeit win	3 points
Bye	3 points

## 8.11 Sin Bin Policy

The Sin Bin Policy for the BPBA is as follows:

### 8.11.1 Sin Bin Policy for Players

A technical foul or unsportsmanlike foul charged to an individual player will be penalised in accordance with FIBA rules, with the added penalty of the player being disqualified from the court for a period of five (5) playing minutes. The scorer will record the time the penalty was imposed on the score sheet and advise the player's coach when the player is able to return to the court.

### 8.11.2 Sin Bin Policy for Coaches

A technical foul charged to a coach will be penalised in accordance with FIBA rules, with the added penalty of the coach having to leave the court area for five (5) minutes. The scorer will record the time the penalty was imposed on the score sheet and advise the team when the coach is able to return to the bench.

# 9 REPORTING PROCEDURES

The rules set out in the By-Laws of Basketball Victoria shall be adopted for reporting procedures.

## 10 TRIBUNAL

Tribunal procedures shall follow the current Basketball Victoria guidelines.

## 11 TIMING REGULATIONS

### 11.1 Timing for Junior Matches

Junior match (U20's and below – except under 10's) - Regular season (50 MINUTE GAME SCHEDULE)

<i>Four (4) periods of Ten (10) Minutes each</i>	
<i>Warm-up period:</i>	Minimum One (1) minute
<i>Half-time break:</i>	Two (2) minutes
<i>¼ &amp; ¾-time break:</i>	One (1) minute
<i>Time Outs:</i>	Two (2) per team per half

Junior match (Under 10's) - Regular season (50 MINUTE GAME SCHEDULE)

<i>Four (4) periods of Eight (8) Minutes each</i>	
<i>Warm-up period:</i>	Minimum One (1) minute
<i>Half-time break:</i>	Two (2) minutes
<i>¼ &amp; ¾-time break:</i>	One (1) minute
<i>Time Outs:</i>	Two (2) per team per half

*Clock stops on:* Each whistle during the last one (1) minute of the game, when the score difference is less than ten (10) points.

### 11.2 Timing for Junior Finals

Junior match (U20's or below) - Finals series (60 or 75 MINUTE GAME SCHEDULE)

<i>Four (4) periods of Ten (10) Minutes each</i>	
<i>Warm-up period:</i>	Minimum five (5) minutes
<i>Half-time break:</i>	Two (2) minutes
<i>¼ &amp; ¾-time break:</i>	One (1) minute
<i>Time Outs:</i>	Two (2) per team per half

*Clock stops on:*

Time Outs

Disqualifying fouls

Each whistle last one (1) minute of the first half  
Each whistle during the last three (3) minutes of the game.

Overtime: Five (5) minutes

### 11.3 Timing for Senior Matches

Senior match - Regular season (50 MINUTE GAME SCHEDULE)

<i>Four (4) periods of ten (10) minutes</i>	
<i>Warm-up period:</i>	Minimum One (1) minute
<i>¼ &amp; ¾-time break:</i>	One (1) minute

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<i>Half-time break:</i>	Two (2) minutes
<i>Time Outs:</i>	Two (2) per team per half

*Clock stops on:* Each whistle during the last one (1) minute of the game, when the score difference is less than ten (10) points.

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<i>Warm-up period:</i>	Minimum five (5) minutes
<i>¼ &amp; ¾-time break:</i>	One (1) minute
<i>Half-time break:</i>	Two (2) minutes
<i>Time Outs:</i>	Two (2) per team per half

*Clock stops on:* Time Outs

Disqualifying fouls

Each whistle last one (1) minute of the second-quarter

Each whistle during the last three (3) minutes of the game.

Overtime: Five (5) minutes

## 12 CLEARANCES

### 12.1 Player Desires a Clearance

If a player registered with a club desires to transfer to another club or team, he/she must discuss fully with the former club his/her reasons for seeking a clearance prior to applying to the former body for that clearance. He/she may not play for another club or team without first obtaining a clearance and the approval of the BPBA. All clearances may only take place between playing seasons.

### 12.2 Application for a Clearance

Applications for a clearance must be completed on the form provided in duplicate.

### 12.3 Application for Clearance of a Junior Player

Clearance applications from junior players must also be signed by a parent or guardian.

### 12.4 Submitting a Clearance Application

The player shall take the clearance and duplicate forms to the Team Manager/Official of the club with which they are registered, have both copies dated and signed, retain the original and give the duplicate to the person signing for receipt of the clearance.

### 12.5 Hearing the Clearance Application

The clearance must be heard by the team/club and returned to the player within seven (7) days of the date of receipt, otherwise the clearance is automatically granted. Three (3) Board members to approve with their signature on the form.

### 12.6 Player Attendance

The player may be invited to attend the clearance hearing to be interviewed by the Board.

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## 12.7 Club Decision

The club official must answer and sign the player's copy of the clearance form stating the decision of the hearing and the reasons for such decision.

## 12.8 Clearance Form returned to Player

The signed clearance must then be returned to the player.

12.8.1 In the event of the player not being available, the clearance may be returned to the BPBA Secretary.

## 12.9 Lodgement of Approved Clearance

The player must lodge the completed clearance with the BPBA and approval granted by BPBA prior to playing with the new club.

## 12.10 Player's Responsibility

It is the player's responsibility to follow the clearance through from start to finish.

## 12.11 Clearance Refusal

If the application is refused, **FULL REASONS** for such refusal **MUST** be stated on the form. If the applicant is un-financial, the details of the arrears must also be stated.

## 12.12 Player Appeal

A player refused a clearance may appeal in writing to the BPBA within seven (7) days of such refusal.

## 12.13 Appeals

Accepted appeals should be heard within fourteen (14) days of receipt.

## 12.14 Financial Obligations of the Player

No appeal will be heard by the BPBA unless the applicant has discharged all financial obligations to their club.

## 12.15 Notification of Appeal

Upon receipt of such written appeal, the BPBA shall record same and notify the following parties of the date and time the appeal will be heard:

- the club which refused the clearance
- the club to which the player wishes to be cleared
- the player concerned

## 12.16 Attendance at the Appeal

One representative of each club may attend the appeal hearing to speak on the matter as well as the player involved.

## 12.17 Provision of Information

Relevant information will be provided to all parties prior to the appeal meeting.

12.17.1 Clubs will be notified of appeal decisions with seven (7) days of the date of the appeal hearing.

## 12.18 Players Tied to a Club

Players are tied to the club with which they are registered for a period of one (1) clear year from the date of the last game they played with that club.

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12.18.1 Clearances are not required after the expiration of that one year period.

12.18.2 The last game date is that which is recorded by BPBA

### 12.19 Standing Out of Competition

Any player, having exhausted every avenue to obtain a clearance, and who has had an appeal dismissed, will be cleared automatically after one (1) calendar year from the date of lodgement of a statement in writing to the BPBA that they intend to stand out of all basketball under the control of the BPBA

12.19.1 During that period that person will not be permitted to apply for another clearance unless their club is willing to clear them within that twelve (12) month period.

### 12.20 Disbanded Teams

Any players of disbanded teams/clubs may play for the team/club of their choice provided that all financial obligations to the BPBA of such disbanded club have been met in full. The minimum of three (3) Board members must approve.

## 13 DISPUTES/APPEALS COMMITTEE

### 13.1 Resolution

Disputes and appeals shall be resolved by the Disputes/Appeals Sub-Committee appointed by the Board within fourteen (14) days.

### 13.2 Presenting Disputes/Appeals

All disputes and appeals of any decisions are to be presented in writing from the club official to the Secretary/BPBA Administration within seven (7) days.

### 13.3 Resolution Time-Frame

Disputes and appeals shall be resolved by the Disputes/Appeals Sub-Committee appointed by the Board within fourteen (14) days.

### 13.4 Resolution Reporting

The resolution of the Disputes/Appeal Sub-Committee shall be reported to the relevant clubs within seven (7) days.

## 14 RISK WARNING

### 14.1 Risk Warning

The Association will not accept any responsibility for any property or valuables other than property or valuables directly under its control.

## 15 EQUIPMENT

### 15.1 Loss or Damage to BPBA Property

Any person, who loses or damages any BPBA property, including uniform, will be charged with replacement or repair costs.

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### 15.2 Penalty for not returning BPBA Property

Any person in possession of a BPBA uniform, ball or other property without proper authority, after a request has been made to return same, may be suspended by the Board until such property is returned.

### 15.3 Hanging on Rings/Nets

Hanging on rings or nets may result in a penalty of replacement of damaged equipment and ejection from the game or stadium.

## 16 REFEREE PAYMENTS

### 16.1 Referee Payments

Referee payments shall be consistent with the standard confirmed annually by Basketball Victoria. Referees are paid by the players and /or teams.

## 17 MODIFIED RULES

### 17.1 Under 16 Age Group

17.1.1 If a team is winning by 20 points or more they must play half-court defence.

### 17.2 Under 14 Age Group

17.2.1 Standard basketball rules with three (3) pointers counted.

17.2.2 All players must play man to man defence

17.2.3 If a team has only four (4) players on the court and is losing, the winning team must play half court defence.

17.2.4 If a team is winning by 20 points or more they must play half-court defence.

### 17.3 Under 12 Age Group

17.3.1 If a team has only four (4) players on the court and is losing, the winning team must play half court defence.

17.3.2 All players must play man to man defence

17.3.3 If a team is winning by 20 points or more they must play half-court defence.

17.3.4 There are no three (3) pointers allowed.

17.3.5 Players are only permitted to score twelve (12) points per game. Exceptions; If a player is on eleven (11) points and scores an additional two (2) points this is allowed, also if a player is on eleven (11) points and is fouled in the act of shooting all successful free throws will be awarded their correct value.

### 17.4 Under 10 & Under 8 Age

17.4.1 All players must play man to man defence, no double teaming

17.4.2 All teams must play half court defence.



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17.4.3 There are no three (3) pointers allowed

17.4.4 Players are only permitted to score twelve (12) points per game. Exceptions; If a player is on eleven (11) points and scores an additional two (2) points this is allowed, also if a player is on eleven (11) points and is fouled in the act of shooting all successful free throws will be awarded their correct value.

17.4.5 At this age group leniency is to be given to players in regards to violations during the game. Referees are instructed to 'coach' players on the court. If a player violates in the first instance the referee is to stop the game instruct the player then give the ball back to that player to try again, if the same player violates again the game is to be stopped and the ball is to be given to the opposing team.

### 17.5 Extended 3-pt Line

17.5.1 All age groups from Under 14's and below will use the shortened 3-point line (6.25m)

17.5.2 All age groups from Under 16's and above will use the FIBA 3-point line (6.75m)

17.5.3 At any venue where both lines are not marked, the 3-pt line as marked on the court (Regardless of the distance) will be used for all age groups/divisions (excluding Under 10's and Under 12's).

### 17.6 No-charge circle

The No Charge circle rule will **not** be applied to BPBA domestic competitions.

### 17.7 No Zone for Under 14's and below

If it is thought a team is playing a zone, then the opposition team must film the alleged zone and email it to the Association within 48 hours. The footage will be reviewed by BPBA and an outcome will be given in 5 business days.

17.7.1 If deemed to be playing a zone the following penalties will apply.

#### Normal Season:

First offence: Warning

Second offence: 10 points deducted from the final score (this may change the result of the game)

Third offence: A walkover will be issued

#### Finals & Grand Finals - Zone Busters will be appointed where possible:

First offence: Warning

Second offence: 10 points deducted from the final score (this may change the result of the game)

Third offence: A walkover will be issued

## 18 STORM BY-LAWS

### 18.1 Coaches

- 18.1.1 Coaches of Teams are by application only and must be Level 1 accredited, or be willing to obtain Level 1 accreditation upon appointment to coaching role.
- 18.1.2 Coaching Appointments are decided upon by the BPBA Development & High Performance Manager (DHPM).
- 18.1.3 Each Team **must** have a Level 1 Accredited Coach, plus an Assistant Coach and/or Team Manager.
- 18.1.4 Tryouts are run by the DHPM prior to the start of the new season.
- 18.1.5 Coaches of “firsts” teams are appointed prior to tryouts. Coaches of “seconds” or subsequent teams will be announced with team selections.
- 18.1.6 Team Selection will involve the DHPM and a Selection Panel.
- 18.1.7 Age requirements are in accordance with the under-age format, 31<sup>st</sup> December in year of Competition. E.g.: 17/18 season = Cut-off date is 31/12/18
- 18.1.8 Players **must** play in their own age group.

### 18.2 Players

Players **must** be a registered and playing member of the BPBA Domestic competition to be eligible to be selected as a player in a Storm team.

- 18.2.1 To be classified as a “playing member”, a player must participate in 75% of scheduled rounds for the respective domestic competition in which they are registered.
- 18.2.2 BPBA will regularly monitor participation of all Storm players in the domestic competition.
- 18.2.3 Players who are part of a Storm senior team or training squad are eligible to apply for a domestic competition exemption. This is to assist in the management of workload and basketball commitments to allow players best possible development opportunities.
- 18.2.4 It is expected that players meet the following:

Domestic Round #	Must have played in domestic competition:
5	3 games
10	7 games
15	11 games
18	13 games

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- 18.2.5 A player failing to meet the requirement of domestic games may be suspended from the Storm program until they resume regular participation in the domestic competition.
- 18.2.6 Exemption shall be sought in writing to the DHPM. Exemptions are not automatically granted, and players should continue to participate in the BPBA domestic competition until notification of their request being either granted or denied. Exemptions will be granted for any player participating in State Development Programs U16 and above (SDP), State teams (Vic Country U16/U18 team competing at Nationals) or members of the main 12 player roster of our Storm BigV senior or BigV youth league teams. BigV training/development players may apply for exemption but will only be granted if they are participating in senior BigV games and training at the same frequency as a rostered player. E.g. They are playing minutes in games every weekend like a rostered player and competing in all practice sessions like a rostered player.
- 18.2.7 Exemption is not available to players participating in their first year within the Storm Program.

### 18.3 Registration Fees

Storm Registration fees will be set by the BPBA Administration prior to the commencement of the season.

### 18.4 Storm Uniform

Purchase of Storm shorts and singlets is compulsory.

## 19 APPENDICES

### 19.1 Appendix A: Domestic Junior Player Points System

The following by-law has been introduced (Sept 2013) and amended (Oct 2022) to assist in the task of making the junior domestic competition at Bellarine Peninsula Basketball Association Inc. (BPBA) both fair and competitive for all players and teams (this applies to Under 12 through to Under 18 competitions).

The primary aim of the domestic competition is for fun and exercise for all concerned. While BPBA By-laws require all representative players to also play in the domestic competition, it is essential that no one team should dominate in any grade as a result of being “stacked” with representative players.

What follows is a set of guidelines that all teams are required to follow. However, it must be understood that the intent is to prevent any one team from dominating in any grade, and the final decision on placement of a team (irrespective of rep points) will rest with the BPBA Board.

#### **Criteria:**

Domestic players are allocated a point value based on the level of representative basketball in which they are participating over the current VJBL season, aligned with the current domestic season (see Appendix B).

Points will be allocated to players who participate in the VJBL graded competition as follows:

1st Team for Bellarine Storm	3 points
2nd Team for Bellarine Storm	2 points
3rd Team for Bellarine Storm	1 point
4th Team for Bellarine Storm	0 points
VC - VCR for another VJBL club	4 points
VJL 1-3 for another VJBL club	3 points
VJL 4-6 for another VJBL club	2 points
VJL 7 and below for another VJBL club	1 point

Each team participating in BPBA’s domestic competitions (Under 12 – Under 18’s) is permitted a maximum of :

- Nine (9) points in Division 1
- Five (5) points in Division 2 or lower

Teams that go over the cap limits listed above, will be required to split up the team to bring it within the points cap.

Fill-in players:

Any player filling in for a domestic team, must fit within the team’s points tally.

If they exceed the points allowance, the team will forfeit the game. This forfeit does not carry a monetary penalty (unlike a walk-over where no game is played and a forfeit fine is payable).

For players ceasing to participate in Representative Basketball, their individual points’ value will reduce by one (1) point at six-monthly intervals as follows (until the player reaches a zero value):

- 30<sup>th</sup> Sept at conclusion of VJBL season in which player last participated, player is valued as per Appendix 1 ■ One (1) point value is then deducted at each of the following dates:
  - 30<sup>th</sup> April of the year following the last VJBL season in which the player participated

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30<sup>th</sup> September of the year following the last VJBL season in which the player participated  
30<sup>th</sup> April (18 months after last VJBL season has concluded), final (if any) points are deducted.

Example 1:

*A player ceases playing representative basketball (in the VJL 2 competition) mid-way through the 2013 VJBL season. This player carries a value of two points until April 2014, then reduces to one point valid until September 2014, after which the player no longer carries a points value.*

Example 2:

*Player: John Smith Last played: VC in 2012*

*At Sept 2012: 3points*

*At April 2013: 2points*

*At Sept 2013: 1point*

*At April 2014: zero value*

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If, in such a case, the player re-commences representative basketball, the points will be immediately re-applied as per Appendix B.

Where a player, who has only been playing domestic, commences playing representative basketball in the middle of a domestic season, no points will apply for the remainder of the said domestic season (points will apply for subsequent domestic season/s as per Appendix B).

BPBA will review instances of Rep players competing in domestic competitions lower than Division 2 in any age group. The guiding principle is that no team or player should dominate by virtue of rep skill levels.

### **Penalty:**

A failure to comply with these provisions (i.e. a team playing a game with more than six (6) points) will result in the application of BPBA Inc. By-law 6.0 Ineligible Players.

### **Team Responsibilities:**

Teams are required to comply with the following:

- Declare, on the domestic team entry form (or if entering teams on line, advise BPBA in writing), which players are also representative players, and the name and division of the rep team in which they play.
- If a team wishes to add a rep player after their team entry is submitted, they must notify the BPBA Office, prior to that player participating.

### **BPBA Responsibilities:**

BPBA will:

- Review all entries, giving consideration to team/player points, and representations from Clubs/Teams. This may include performing cross-checks with rep player lists from the Bellarine Storm Program, etc. Based on this review the Committee will assign teams to an appropriate grade;
- Review team gradings from time-to-time, giving consideration to team representations, team performance within their current grade and changes to rep points during the season.

The guiding principle is that no team should dominate or be dominated in any grade, and BPBA reserves the right to regrade teams in the interest of fair competition.

## 19.2 Appendix B: Calculation of Player Points

<b>Domestic Season</b>	<b>VJBL Seasons used for calculation of player point value</b>
Winter 2020	2020
Summer 2020/21	2021
Winter 2021	2021
Summer 2021/22	2022
Winter 2022	2022
Summer 2022/23	2023
Winter 2023	2023
Summer 2023/24	2024
	Etc.

### 19.3 Appendix C Player Age

<b>Domestic Season</b>	<b>Player must be under competition age as at:</b>
Summer 2020/21	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021
Winter 2021	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021
Summer 2021/22	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022
Winter 2022	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022
Summer 2022/23	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023
Winter 2023	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023
Summer 2023/24	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2024
Winter 2024	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2024
Summer 2024/25	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2025
Winter 2025	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2025