

SENIOR DOMESTIC COMPETITION RULES

1. MELBOURNE EAST SENIOR DOMESTIC CLUB COMPETITIONS

Consists of grades of OPEN AGE MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND MIXED Competitions played on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights and Sunday p.m.
All players must be over the age of 14.

2. SEASONS

There shall be two seasons –Winter and Summer.

3. TEAM ENTRY

THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES MUST BE COMPLIED WITH:

- [A] completion of team entry form
- [B] the payment of the prescribed entry fee
- [C] the lodging of the form as prescribed on the form itself
- [D] in the event of a new team/club a bond is applicable – one bond covers 3 teams bearing the same name.
- [E] Teams withdrawing from the competition once the fixtures have been printed will forfeit their bond and registration moneys.
- [F] on initial entry to the MEBA Senior Domestic Competition teams playing under club name/colours must have their team entry sheet endorsed by the club.

4. PLAYERS

- [A] All players playing with the Association must abide by the Rules of Basketball Victoria and the by-laws of the M E B A [Inc]
- [B] Participants involved in activities organized by the MEBA [Inc] are insured through an Insurance Company named by Basketball Victoria.
In the event of an accident, the details should be entered on the back of the scoresheet and the injured person/s should ring the Nunawading Basketball Stadium Office Phone [03] 9802 6711 to arrange for the forwarding of a claim form for completion.

5. REGISTRATION OF ALL PLAYERS WITH GRADE SECRETARIES

- [A] In order to play in any competition and be covered by insurance for premiership matches all players must be registered in teams with the appropriate Grade Secretary on the team registration form or endorse the back of the scoresheet on the first game in which they participate with their full name, address, singlet number, date of birth, contact telephone number [all printed] and signature. Any additional players throughout the season must endorse the back of the scoresheet as previously stated.
- [B] Unregistered/unfinancial players will not be covered by insurance.
- [C] Players participating in a mixed competition are eligible to play in the Mens/Womens Competitions on the same night and must be registered in accordance with the Competition Rules.
- [D] Teams playing ineligible or unqualified player/s shall lose premiership points for the game/s in which the ineligible player/s participated. These points will not be re-instated. Any team and/or club found to be playing any person under an assumed name shall be brought before the Senior Domestic Competition Committee and/or the MEBA Tribunal.
- [E] In the event that ineligible players are used to prevent a walkover the substitute player's correct name must appear on the front and back of the scoresheet.
- [F] Any unfinancial player/team will not qualify to play in finals games.

6. TRANSFERS AND CLEARANCES

- [A] All applications for transfers/clearances must be made on the prescribed form and lodged with the appropriate Grade Secretary. If the transfer/ clearance is approved by the former team/club, it will be authorized on receipt by the Grade Secretary.
- [B] If the clearance is not approved by the former team/club, both parties will be directed to appear before the Senior Domestic Appeals Committee.
- [C] If the prior team/club of the player applying for a clearance is not playing on the same night of the week, no clearance is required.
- [D] During the season a transfer will only be approved if the Senior Domestic Committee is satisfied the competition will not be affected by the transfer.
- [E] No clearance is required if a player has not registered or played for any team in the MEBA Senior Domestic Competition for twelve months [or two seasons]. This must be verified by the appropriate Grade Secretary.

[F] A team/club can only refuse a clearance on the following grounds:

- The player is unfinancial
- The player has not returned uniform to team/club
- Player is under suspension

7. PREMIERSHIP POINTS

[A] 3 points are allocated for a win or bye, 2 points for a draw, 1 point for a loss and no points for a walkover or forfeit.

[B] Teams late onto the court[or who have not completed the scoresheet or uniform change as required] will be penalized one point per minute. After ten minutes a team defaults the game.

[C] Teams receiving a walkover are entitled to a refund of their court fees provided it is collected immediately after the game has been officially declared a walkover.

[D] Late entries will be allocated 2 premiership points for the first 4 weeks of the competition then 1 premiership point per game up to and including Round 10.

[E] Where games are cancelled due to extenuating circumstances [e.g. power failure, storm damage etc.]:

- the complete round will be cancelled if all teams in the grade [including bye teams] are affected and no premiership points will be awarded.
- If a game is abandoned[as above] :

[i] in the first half – the score will be a 2 all draw

[ii] after half time - the scores shown on the scoreboard stand.

8. SCORESHEETS

[A] Teams must ensure a competent scorer is provided for any game in which their team is engaged and each team MUST have one representative on the scorebench.

[B] All players must sign the scoresheet at least six [6] times throughout the season. Forged signatures will be penalized. Any player not present must have their name crossed out at the end of the game. No names are to be added to the scoresheet after the commencement of the game unless the player is present at the start and their name has been accidentally omitted from the scoresheet.

- [C] If two teams are present with only four [4] players each have paid their team sheets and both teams are unable to provide a scorer, then they will be entitled to play a game, and both teams will lose on a forfeit but will not incur a walkover fine.
- [D] When signature/player details on the back of the scoresheet do not correspond with those appearing on the front of the sheet neither player will be credited with playing that particular game.
- [E] If a player is reported and the details on the back of the scoresheet do not correspond, the player whose name appears on the front will be required to appear at a Tribunal hearing.
- [F] It is the responsibility of every player/scorer to ensure all details on the scoresheet are correct and checked prior to scorers leaving the scorebench.

9. FINALS

- [A] The four leading teams shall comprise the final four. Ties for position will be decided on percentage on results for the overall season. In order to be eligible to take part in finals a player must have played and signed the back of the scoresheet at least six [6] times during the season. Byes do not count as a qualifying game. At the discretion of the Committee, special consent may be given to allow an otherwise unqualified injured player who has played less than the required number of games to participate in the finals.
- [B] If any team plays an unqualified player in finals, the team shall default the game and be disqualified.

10. FORFEITS

- [A] A forfeit occurs when:
 - [i] A team plays an illegal player. This will result in the game being awarded to the opposition who will become the winner with 3 premiership points. The loser will receive no points. The scores will be treated as 20-0.
 - [ii] a winning team is left with only one player on the court. This will result in the game being awarded to the opposition who will become the winner with 3 premiership points. The loser will receive no points. The scores will stand for the purpose of percentage.
- [B] A fine [which must be paid prior to the team's next game] will be imposed on the team giving a forfeit.

- [C] No premiership points will be given until the fine is paid.
- [D] Any teams playing for a club will not be eligible to play in finals if there are any outstanding club fines at the conclusion of the regular season.
- [E] Any team is liable to a fine for each walkover given at the rate prescribed by the committee. Any team which gives three walkovers during a season will be disqualified from the competition.

11. WALKOVERS AND LATE STARTS

- [A] If a team does not appear with four players within ten minutes of the scheduled time of commencement, then the game shall be a walkover and no premiership points shall be awarded. The game shall be awarded to the opposing team, if in attendance within the scheduled time or if they have been previously notified by the Grade Secretary that their attendance is not required and the score recorded as a win for the opposing team by twenty points to nil [20-0].
- [B] [i] For each minute the game is delayed by any team not being present [with a minimum of four players ready to play] the opposing team shall be credited with one game point to a maximum of ten points.

[ii] If both teams fail to appear with four players within ten minutes of the scheduled time it shall be recorded as nil all [0-0] draw. No premiership points will be awarded and a walkover fine will be incurred by both teams.

[iii] A walkover fine must be paid before the next game. Three penalty premiership points will be applied to a team who does not pay the fine before playing their next game.
- [C] On only the 6.30 pm time slot for games Monday to Thursday a 15 minute walk over time is permitted.

12. GRADING

- [A] At the completion of a season the premiership team from each grade may be promoted to a higher grade and the bottom team may be relegated to a lower grade. The committee has the power to transfer any team to another grade in order to balance the competition.

13. UNIFORMS

- [A] All teams must register colours of their uniform on the registration form. Uniforms shall consist of tops of the same colour, numbered front and back as prescribed by the rules, uniformly coloured shorts and non-marking shoes.
- [B] A team shall forfeit ten [10] points for every player who is not in correct official uniform.
- [C] No pockets are allowed in any part of the uniform.
- [D] All numbers must be the same colour and size contrasting to the singlets – width no less than 2 cm. – height front 10 cm, back 20cm. Teams with shabby/old/faded uniforms or singlets with numbers missing will be requested to replace same. No player shall take the court without a number. 00 is not an official number and is not permitted. Any team playing someone with the number 00 will incur a 10 point penalty. In accordance with the MEBA [Inc] Senior Domestic Competition Rules, singlet numbers shall be 4-15, 20-25, 30-35, 40-45 and 50-55 only.
- [E] Colour Clashes – Home teams must change singlets [team named first on fixture is regarded as home team]. Alternate singlets are available for hire from the ticket office.
- [F] The committee reserves the right to reject wording on singlets and shorts that is considered offensive. This includes team names, player names, sponsors or other words.
- [G] If T shirts are worn they must be the same colour as the team singlet
- [H] Nails to be checked prior to commencement of game. Nails can be taped with elastoplast finger nail tape only. No gloves allowed unless a doctor's certificate is produced [Grade Secretary must also be notified of this situation.]
- [I] Flat wedding rings only allowed if taped. All other jewellery must be removed prior to taking the court.
- [J] Long hair can be in pony tails only – no plaits allowed or base of neck pony tails.

14. CONDUCT

- [A] If in the opinion of the Committee any player, team or official conduct themselves in a manner that is considered unsportsmanlike or offensive, such players, team or officials will be required to appear before a meeting of the Committee. The committee has the power to suspend team/s/player/s or official/s or impose a fine or bond.
- [B] Persons under the influence of alcohol or any foreign substances will not be permitted to enter any stadium or venue under the control the Senior Domestic Competition.

- [C] The consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted within the Senior Domestic Competition's controlled stadiums, venues, car parks and their surrounds.
- [D] Smoking is not permitted.

15. BLOOD RULE

Any player who starts to bleed on the court, must leave the court until the bleeding has stopped and the wound is covered. The player cannot return to the game, unless all blood from their singlet/uniform or body has been cleaned. However, a player is permitted to change into an alternate singlet/uniform providing the colour does not clash with the opposing team.

However :

[i] If the court or the basketball has blood on it this must be cleaned before play can be resumed.

[ii] It is the responsibility of the referee to initiate the cleaning of the ball and to arrange for the provision of a non-contaminated ball.

[iii] Cleaning solution and rubber gloves are available from the canteen, plus paper towels to mop up – solution should be left on 5 minutes before mopping up.

[iv] Gloves and cleaning solution **MUST** always be used, followed by paper towels to mop up – all available from the canteen and must be returned.

BLOOD SPILT ON FLOORS/SEATS ETC. It is the responsibility of the player or team with blood spillage to clean the area concerned.

16. PLAYING TIMES AND RULES

- [i] Playing times shall be of 2 x 18 minute halves. One time-out per team per half allowed but no time-out is allowed in the last two minutes of the first half. The clock will stop only in the last two minutes of the second half for time-outs, shooting fouls, jump balls and substitutions.
- [ii] Finals: Playing times shall be of 2 x 20 minute halves. Clock stops for all time-outs [2 per half], all whistles in the last three minutes of the game.

TRIBUNALS AND PROCEEDINGS

It is not a requirement that the referee notifies the person of his/her intention to report him/her at the time of the incident. Officials of the MEBA have the power to report player/s coach/es. Those to attend the Tribunal are: the reported player, any other player involved in the incident, both referees. In addition, the player may have one witness and the reporting official may call one witness. The Tribunal Secretary will advise the team contact, who will notify the reported player, of the time and date of the Tribunal appearance. The Tribunal convenes at the Nunawading Stadium.

19. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Any team desiring to lodge a protest or appeal in respect to any game must endorse the scoresheet in the presence of the referee signifying the intention to protest. The official protest must be lodged in writing with the Appeals Officer within 72 hours after the match. The parties concerned will be entitled to attend the meeting at which the protest will be heard. Any member of the committee connected with either team shall not take part in the proceedings.

20. UNFORESEEN MATTERS

Should any matter arise for which provision has not been made in these Rules, the committee shall take such action as is necessary to protect the interests of the association and the competition.