



2017 Club Championships Operations Manual



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Entry into the Competition

Club Definitions

To be eligible to enter a team in the BVC Club Championships a team must qualify under one of the following criteria;

1. Club Based Association

If your Association operates a Club system, the team must compete under the Club name.

A Club is defined as;

1. Must be a body which fields one or more junior team(s) in a BVC affiliated Association competition.
2. Must have all their teams competing in the local Association under their official Club name.
3. Must have a set of playing colours registered with their Association.
4. Must maintain a register of all its' Club members.

2. General Pooling Association

If your Association does not operate Clubs and distributes players amongst the competing teams, the team entering the Club Championships must compete together on a weekly basis at their local Associations domestic competition.

Association Representative teams are not eligible to enter the BVC Club Championships.

* This includes teams competing out of their age group domestically.

Teams are to consider the spirit of the rules.

**BVC Reserves the right to review and reject entries that do not comply.

Event Information

Event Contacts

Sammy Cartwright	Event Manager	sammy.cartwright@bvcc.net.au	0427 937 020
Karin Berrysmith	Referee Coordinator	refs@bvcc.net.au	0404 566 587
Ballarat Minerdomo	Main Venue		03 5338 1220

Event Venues

The main venue for the 2017 Club Championships will be the;

Ballarat Minerdomo

4 Courts

Corner Grevillea Road & Dowling Street, Wendouree

Other venues in use for the Championships are;

Wendouree Sports & Events Centre

2 Courts

Norman Street, Wendouree

ARCH Sports Centre

3 Courts

Sturt Street West, Ballarat

Loreto College

2 Courts

Wendouree Parade, Lake Wendouree

St Pats College

2 Courts

Sturt Street, Ballarat

Badminton Stadium (Next to Minerdomo)

1 Court

Corner Grevillea Road & Dowling Street, Wendouree

Please see Venues section on Page 13.

Event Administration

All event administration will be done on site in the Tournament Admin Office at the Ballarat Minerdomo.

Event Administration includes;

- Fixtures
- Results
- Website Uploads
- Tournament Enquiries
- Volunteer/Staff Management

2017 Competition Format

Competition Structure

Under 12 Boys

To be confirmed once entries have closed

Under 12 Girls

To be confirmed once entries have closed

Under 14 Boys

To be confirmed once entries have closed

Under 14 Girls

To be confirmed once entries have closed

2017 Competition Format

Competition Structure

Under 16 Boys

To be confirmed once entries have closed

Under 16 Girls

To be confirmed once entries have closed

Under 18 Boys

To be confirmed once entries have closed

Under 18 Girls

To be confirmed once entries have closed

2017 Competition Format

Game Operation Rules

- 3 Point Line** 3 Point shots **count** for all competitions
If there are two 3 Point lines on the court, the outside 3 Point line is to be used.
- Ball Size** All Girls matches will use a size 6 (74cm) Molten basketball.
Under 12 – Under 14 Boys matches will use a size 6 (74cm) Molten basketball.
Under 16 – Under 18 Boys matches will use a size 7 (76cm) Molten basketball.
- Score Bench** Each team must supply (one) 1 competent score table official for each of their games. The score table should consist of a person for the stadium scoring console and the game clock (scoreboard). Should a disagreement arise over allocated duties the home team will be responsible for the game clock and the visiting team stadium scoring.
If a team cannot provide a score table official the Manager and/or coach of the team will be required to fill the position. If they are unwilling or unable to fill these positions, the game will be classified a forfeit by the team unable to provide the bench official/s.
- Sin Bin** Sin Bin Rule will be enforced
Five (5) minutes of playing time on the bench (time outs not included) for any player/coach receiving a technical foul throughout the tournament.
- Free Throws** Under 12's will shoot free throws from the modified free throw line, which is one (1) metre closer.

Timing Rules

All Club Championship matches will implement the following Timing Rules based on a 60 minute time slot;

- 2 x 20 Minute Halves.
- Clock stops on all whistles in the last one (1) minute of the 1st half.
- The half time break will be 2 minutes.
- Clock stops on all whistles in the last three (3) minutes of the 2nd half.
- Each team will have 4 time outs per match, (2 available in the 1st half & 2 available in the 2nd half).
- If scores are tied at the end of regulation, extra period/s of 3 minutes will be used to determine a winner.
- In the event of an extra period, each team will be granted an extra (1) timeout.
- A minimum of 3 minutes will be granted for warm up time.
- Directional Arrow for alternating possession will be utilised.
- In the event of extreme hot weather, additional timeout/s may be enforced.

Stadium Scoring

- A maximum of 10 players accepted per team, per game.
- Each team must supply a competent scorer/timekeeper for all of their scheduled matches.
- A post match summary will be available on-line for each match approximately 15 minutes following the match
The summary will include the following information;
 - Scores (1st half, 2nd half & Full time)
 - Time stamped action report
 - Scoring statistics for each player, as follows;
 - Total match points
 - Free throws made
 - 2 point field goals made
 - 3 point field goals made
 - Fouls.

Blood Policy / Floor Wiping

- Team Managers of any team involved in an incident involving blood will be responsible for the removal of blood from the court surface during the Club Championships. Blood Kits will be available to assist in this.
- Each team will be required to monitor and wipe any water, sweat, etc from the half of the court in front of their team bench. Towels will be made available for this purpose.

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Competition Points System

Each game played at the Club Championships will have a result.

If scores are tied at the end of regulation, an extra period/s of 3 minutes will be used to determine a winner.

Points for Pool/Round games will be awarded as follows;

Win = 3 points

Loss = 1 point

Bye = 1 point

Forfeit = 0 points

Ties for position will be decided as follows;

- 3 Way Tie = percentage on matches between teams who are equal on points.
- 2 Way Tie = result/s of matches between the two teams concerned.

General Rules

1. For each minute a team is late for their scheduled match, their opponents will be awarded 2 points up to ten (10) minutes when the match will be forfeited. Result to read 20-0.
2. A team which forfeits a match for any reason will be fined at \$150 per game once the fixture has been published. It is \$300 per game once the competition has commenced.
3. A player will not be allowed on to the court unless wearing their teams' correct uniform.
Correct Uniform: exactly the same design and coloured tops and shorts as the remainder of the team (Tops to display "permitted numbers" as per FIBA & BA regulations).
4. All teams must bring with them an 'alternative colour' set of uniforms to every match. *Failure to do so will result in a \$150 fine.*
5. The Court Supervisor will determine whether a clash of uniform colours actually exists in conjunction with the Referees/Referee Coaches. In the case of a clash of playing colours;
 - If both teams have an alternative set, a toss of a coin by the Court Supervisor will decide which team wears the alternative set.
 - If only one team has an alternative set, then that team will wear the alternative set and the other team will be fined \$150
 - If both teams fail to bring an alternative set and an alternative set is not available, then both teams forfeit and incur a \$150 fine each.
6. A team is not permitted to commence a match with less than five (5) eligible players.
7. A team may use as many different eligible players as they desire during the course of the event, but a maximum of ten (10) players can be used in any one match.
8. Any team which plays an ineligible player will be subject to a penalty which will include forfeiting all matches in which that player participated based on whether that players name appeared on Stadium Scoring.
9. There is not a minimum number of games a player must play to be eligible to play in a finals match.

Player Equipment

Players shall not wear equipment (objects) that may cause injury to other players.

*The following are **not permitted**:*

- Finger, hand, wrist, elbow or forearm guards, casts or braces made of leather, plastic, pliable (soft) plastic, metal or any other hard substance, even if covered with soft padding.
- Objects that could cut or cause abrasions (fingernails must be closely cut).
- Headgear, hair accessories and jewellery.
- Full length compression stockings

The following are permitted;

- Shoulder, upper arm, thigh or lower leg protective equipment if the material is sufficiently padded.
- Compression sleeves of the same dominant colour as the shirts, black, white or beige.
- Compression stockings of the same dominant colour as the shorts, black, white or beige.
If for the upper leg it must end above the knee; if for the lower leg it must end below the knee
- Knee braces if they are properly covered.
- Protector for an injured nose, even if made of a hard material.
- Mouth guard of any colour
- Spectacles, if they do not pose a danger to other players.
- Headbands, maximum five (5) cm in width, made of non-abrasive, unicolour cloth, pliable plastic or rubber.
- Non-coloured transparent taping of arms, shoulder, legs etc.

Policies and Procedures

Basketball Australia Code of Conduct and Ethics

As a coach, official or support staff member appointed by Basketball Australia (“BA”), or by a member organisation that has adopted the code, you are expected to meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct at all times.

1. Comply and encourage compliance with BA standards, Constitution, By-Laws (including but not limited to the Anti-Doping and Member Protection By Laws) and policies.
2. Encourage and adhere to the rules and spirit of the sport of basketball including national and international guidelines, regulations and rules that govern BA and the game of basketball and the particular competition in which you are participating.
3. Make a commitment to providing a quality service to athletes, BA and the game of basketball by:
 - (a) Maintaining or improving your current level of accreditation;
 - (b) Seeking continual improvement through performance appraisal and education;
 - (c) Providing a training program which is planned and sequential; and
 - (d) Maintaining relevant records.
4. Be fair, considerate and honest with all players, officials and team members. Ensure that every player’s time spent with you is a positive experience. Treat each player as an individual by:
 - (a) Providing each player with equal attention and opportunities;
 - (b) Respecting the talent, developmental stage and goals of each individual player; and
 - (c) Helping each player reach his or her full potential.
5. Do not use your involvement with BA to promote your own beliefs, behaviors or practices where these are inconsistent with those of BA.
6. Refrain from any form of abuse, harassment or discrimination, or any conduct which might reasonably be regarded as abuse, harassment or discrimination towards others. Be alert to any conduct which may be reasonably regarded as abuse, harassment or discrimination that is directed towards athletes from other sources whilst they are in your care.
7. Ensure that any physical contact with players is appropriate for the situation and necessary for the player’s skill development.
8. Refrain from any intimate relationship or affair with athletes under your care, supervision or tutelage.
9. Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under the age of 18 years wherever possible.
10. Treat people involved in the game of basketball with courtesy, respect and proper regard for their rights and obligations and in particular, respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence.
11. Team coaching staff and management should not remain in team changing rooms unnecessarily. Generally, coaching staff and management should only be required in changing rooms for pre-game or post-game meetings between coaches and athletes, or if attendance is otherwise required by an athlete.
12. Refrain from any conduct which is; might be reasonably regarded as; or is being investigated for potentially being a breach of the criminal law applicable to the jurisdiction in which you are located at any time.
13. Do not denigrate and/or intimidate players, officials, spectators or event organisers.
14. Refrain from unnecessary or obvious dissension, displeasure or disapproval with officials’ decisions or spectator or player conduct.
15. Be responsible in the consumption of alcohol products. You must also be responsible for the consumption of alcohol products by athletes in your care that are under the legal age for consumption of such products.
16. Treat another person’s property with respect and due consideration of its value.
17. Do not make statements or take part or otherwise participate in demonstrations (whether verbally, in writing or by any act or omission) regarding political, religious or racial matters or any such matters which are prejudicial to or contrary to the objects, purposes or interests of BA or which bring BA or the squad or team into disrepute.

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18. Show concern and caution towards sick and injured athletes by:
 - (a) Providing a modified training program where appropriate;
 - (b) Allowing further participation in training and competition only when appropriate;
 - (c) Seeking medical advice when required; and
 - (d) Maintaining the same interest and support towards sick and injured athletes.
19. Provide a safe environment for training and facilities and competition by:
 - (a) Ensuring equipment and facilities meet safety standards; and
 - (b) Ensuring equipment, rules and the environment are appropriate for the age and ability of the athletes.
20. Behave and encourage behavior that upholds the highest standards of integrity and dignity. Uphold, and not injure or compromise, the standing and reputation of Basketball Australia.
21. Not engage in, or encourage, any conduct which is unbecoming of a BA representative that brings the game of basketball and/or BA into disrepute or is otherwise harmful to the interests of basketball and/or BA.
22. Be a positive role model for basketball and players. Encourage your player's to demonstrate the qualities outlined in this Code.

Zero Tolerance Policy

To ensure a safe and enjoyable playing environment for all players, officials and participants, Basketball Victoria Country have implemented a Zero Tolerance Policy for inappropriate behaviour for Team Officials, Parents and Spectators.

The Policy will ensure that:

1. There will be a zero tolerance shown towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviour from team officials, parents and spectators
2. Any team official, parent/guardian and/or spectator who feels the necessity to:
 - Persistently or willfully question or challenge the rulings of the referees
 - Display conduct which is inappropriate in a junior sporting environment
 - Berate or abuse game officials i.e. referees and score-table personnel
 - Berate or abuse team officials
 - Berate or abuse players
 - Berate or abuse other parents or spectators
 - Berate or abuse any game day official such as a Court Supervisor, Referee Supervisor, Association Representative or Basketball Victoria Country Representative;

will be asked to leave the venue immediately by the BVC Referee Supervisor or the BVC Event Coordinator. Failure to leave when requested will result in the BVC representative taking appropriate action to safeguard the safety of players, spectators and parents.

No warnings need be given in the event of the above action becoming necessary.

Man 2 Man Information & Guidelines

As per Basketball Australia Guidelines, all matches in the Under 12 & Under 14 Age Group will be permitted to play Man to Man defence only.

- It is the responsibility of each Association/Club to ensure that their Under 12 & Under 14 Coaches do not employ a zone defense at any time during the Club Championships.
- BVC Man 2 Man Supervisors will enforce the Man 2 Man policy throughout the event.
- Team staff wishing to highlight the use of a zone, must do so by notifying the Court Supervisor or Championship Event Manager.
- Referees will make no rulings on Man 2 Man issues.

Policies and Procedures

Basketball Victoria Heat Policy (Extract from Basketball Victoria Participants Protection By-laws)

In 2007, Basketball Victoria amended its Participants Protection By-laws to introduce a requirement for monitoring temperature on court when the weather is hot. This amendment requires that all stadiums must be fitted with a thermometer and the inside temperature must be taken every hour whilst the stadium is in use and a note kept of the temperature in a permanent written record at the stadium.

Taking into consideration the Basketball Victoria Policy, for the purposes of the Club Championships, the following will be utilised:

3. Climate Policy

3.1

All persons involved in the organisation of games must be aware of the effect that extremes of weather can have on person playing or attending basketball and put in place adequate contingencies for the minimising of risk to persons, particularly when high temperatures are expected. Where high temperatures are expected organisers of games must know the extremes or temperature which can occur in the particular venue.

3.2

Where high temperatures are expected game organisers must make reasonable attempts to ensure:

- Full knowledge of availability of first aid equipment and first aid and medical personnel is accessible by all persons attending;
- Referees and other officials are aware of the symptoms of heat stress and are instructed to be on the alert to notice any such symptoms;
- Referees are instructed to initiate regular extra time-outs during the game and to shorten the game if necessary;
- Players are made aware of the need to hydrate regularly before and after the game and that facilities are available for them to do so;
- Facilities are available for players and other persons to externally cool themselves with water, fans or other facilities;
- Adequate supplies of ice and ice packs are available for use where appropriate; and
- Proper advice is available to coaches and players on the effects of heat, symptoms of heat stress, the need for proper hydration and the facilities that are available to prevent or treat heat stress.

3.3

All stadiums must be fitted with a thermometer. On hot days, court temperature must be taken hourly whilst the stadium is in use and must be recorded in a permanent record kept at the stadium. If the stadium is in sections, the temperature must be taken in each section.

3.4

(a) When the court temperature reaches 30°C competition organisers must consider implementing and where the court temperature reaches 35°C, must implement the following timing rules:

The game time must be reduced by 2 minutes per half with 2 team timeouts per half. The clock must stop for each timeout and the referee must call an additional compulsory timeout close to the half way mark in each half. Each team must call a timeout before the compulsory timeout and after the compulsory timeout. In the event the coaches do not call a timeout as required, the referees will intervene and call a timeout and attribute them to the respective teams.

(b) When the court temperature reaches 40C games must be abandoned.

Subject to any rule or ruling by a competition organiser,

- (i) If a game is abandoned before it commences or before or at half time it is counted as a draw;
- (ii) If a game is abandoned after half time, the game score stands as a final result

The introduction of the aforementioned Heat Policy Rule and notification to teams will be by the Event Manager.

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Social Media Code of Conduct

1. **Social media can be fun, helpful and dangerous.**

Comments, notes and photos posted on social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter and on-line forums are usually constructive and positive. But negative comments and images, bullying, criticism and sexist remarks can be dangerous and harmful to people's wellbeing and reputation and the image of the sport.

2. **Do not use social media to be critical of teammates, coaches, officials, administrators, volunteers or spectators.**

Any comment you make on social media sites has the potential to be seen by millions of people. That is great if comments are positive. But it can be extremely negative and harmful if critical of people. Before you post a comment on social media ask yourself this: Would I want millions of people to read something negative about me?

3. **Always assume the person you are talking/writing about will see what has been said/written.**

Just because an online chat is between two people does not mean it remains private and nobody else can see it. Social media is accessible to everyone. Even if the person you are discussing does not see it, somebody else may. The result is you rather than the person you are ridiculing will be seen in a negative light.

4. **Use social media as a positive outlet to promote players, teammates, teams, clubs and others involved in basketball.**

Posting results and acknowledging individual and team performances on social media makes many people aware of team and individual achievements. That can have a positive effect for many people and should be used, encouraged and embraced wherever and whenever possible.

5. **Remember to show respect.**

When using social media, show the same respect and regard for people that you would show and are expected to show when playing, officiating or attending a basketball game.

6. **When in doubt leave it out.**

If you are unsure if what you are posting on social media is appropriate then it is best not to post it. When in doubt leave it out.

7. **Do not tolerate or condone poor social media behaviour or actions.**

If you are aware of or observe poor social media behaviour or actions, do not accept it. There is no place for it in basketball and it will not be condoned. You should remind people of their responsibilities when using social media and warn that action can be taken against them. In the instance of minors breaching the code of conduct, alert their parents to the situation. If you believe the breach is serious, report it to team, club or association officials.

8. **Be aware that your actions on social media may have serious consequences.**

Negative comments and images, bullying, criticism and sexist remarks do not only impact negatively on the people they are about. If you are found to have acted improperly on social media regarding a basketball related matter, you are liable to disciplinary proceedings and may be required to face a tribunal hearing to explain your actions. A suspension from basketball could be imposed.

9. **Consider social media to be your personal brand.**

Your Internet presence fuels any perception of your personal brand - whether you like it or not. Does your social media identity match your real identity? Be mindful of the content of photos, status updates, Tweets. Are they truly reflective of who you are and how you want people to see you?

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Disputes / Protests

The interpretation of normal playing rules of a referee shall not be considered as grounds for a dispute.

In the case of a team considering grounds for a dispute, a recognised official of the team shall put the matter in writing at the tournament office, not more than one hour after completion of the match in which the dispute occurred.

The Basketball Victoria Country event manager shall determine if there is a case for a dispute hearing.

If there is a dispute hearing:

- (a) All affected parties shall have right to representation;
- (b) No person from an affected party shall be on the disputes committee;
- (c) The Tournament Supervisor shall select three people which will be chosen with recognition of experience;
- (d) The findings of the disputes committee will be final.

Reports & Tribunals

- Reports may be made by any referee, referee coach or any staff member of Basketball Victoria Country.
- The tribunal shall consist of authorised tribunal members.
- The tribunal shall endeavour to deal with any report before the next game of the relevant team.
- The decision of the tribunal shall not be subject to appeal for the duration of the tournament.

Correctable Errors

Officials may correct an error if a rule is inadvertently disregarded in the following situations

- Awarding an unmerited free throw/s
- Failure to award a merited free throw/s
- Erroneous awarding or cancelling of a point/s
- Permitting the wrong player to attempt a free throw/s

General Procedure

To be correctable, the above mentioned errors must be recognised by the officials, Referee Supervisor, or the score table officials before the ball becomes live following the first dead ball after the game clock has started following the error. An official may stop the game immediately upon recognition of a correctable error, as long as neither team is placed at a disadvantage.

Any fouls committed, points scored time used additional activity which may have occurred after the error has and before its recognition, shall not be nullified.

After the correction of the error, unless otherwise stated in the rules, the game shall be resumed at the point it was stopped to correct the error. The ball shall be awarded to the team entitled to the ball at the time the game was stopped for the correction.

If a Coach believes that during this period in the game, they have been adversely affected by a decision made by an official, referee or umpire, the following action may be taken:

- When the incident occurs, the coach shall approach the score table for a timeout to advise the official that there is a correctable error situation.
The referee may discuss the matter with the Coach to explain his/her decision or, if necessary, examine the stadium scoring console and check the score and the playing time. At the discretion of the referee and based on the validity of the stoppage, the error may be corrected.
- If the timeout was necessary to correct an error the timeout will be regarded as an 'administrative timeout' and returned to the team.

Reserve Powers

Basketball Victoria Country and the venue supervisor on their behalf shall have the power to make necessary additional rulings provided these are not contrary to the regulations of those of Basketball Victoria.

External Contacts

Medical Services

Medical services listed are the closest to the Ballarat Minerdome.

Ambulance			000
Dentist	Ballarat Dental Care	5 College St, Wendouree	03 5339 9494
	Alfredton Dental	31 Cuthberts Rd, Alfredton	03 5334 2500
Chemist	Nova Pharmacy	1021 Howitt St, Wendouree	03 5339 3955
	Chemist Warehouse Alfredton	1609 Sturt St, Alfredton	03 5342 9257
Hospital	Ballarat Health Services	1 Drummond St N, Ballarat	03 5320 4000
GP	Wendouree Medical Centre	452 Gillies St N, Wendouree	03 5339 9298
	Ballarat Medical Centre	10 Drummond St S, Ballarat	03 5333 1253
Physiotherapy	Newington Physiotherapy & Sports Medicine	1220 Mair St, Lake Wendouree	03 5331 3066
	Victoria Street Physiotherapy Clinic	36 Victoria St, Ballarat East	03 5331 1800

Internal First Aid

A First Aid service will be available at the Ballarat Minerdome throughout the entirety of the Club Championships
However;

- All teams are expected to have their own basic first aid kits and attend to basic problems themselves
- Teams are responsible for after hours treatment
- ONLY injuries sustained during the Club Championships will be treated
- Pre-match strapping will not take priority over treatment of injuries. (Players are to provide their own tape)
- Ice will be located in the First Aid Room.

Appendices

Venue Map

1. Ballarat Mars Minerdome

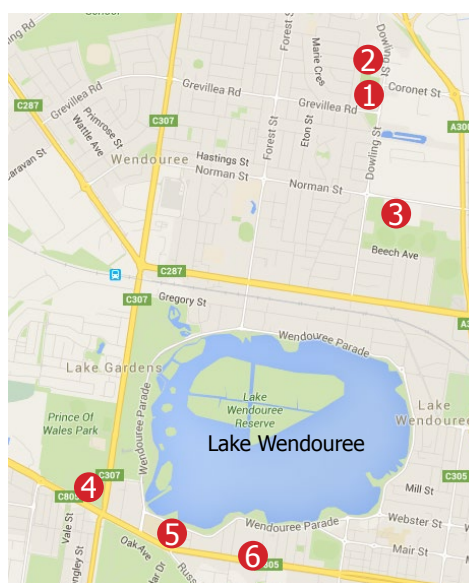
Corner Grevillea Rd & Dowling St, Wendouree
4 Courts
4 Change rooms
Canteen & Bistro
First Aid

2. Badminton Stadium

Corner Grevillea Rd & Dowling St, Wendouree
1 Court

3. Wendouree Sports & Events Centre

Norman St, Wendouree
2 Courts
2 Change rooms
Canteen
First Aid



4. Arch Sports Centre

Sturt St W, Ballarat
3 Courts
4 Change rooms
Canteen
First Aid

5. Loreto College

Wendouree Parade, Lake Wendouree
2 Courts
2 Change rooms

6. St Pats College

Sturt Street, Ballarat
2 Courts

Implementation of Basketball Australia 'no zones' defense rule in the Under 12 & Under 14 age group.

The following points are relevant to the implementation of this rule;

- A major principle of involvement in any Junior Championship is to develop sound man-to-man defensive principles in all athletes.
- Basketball Victoria Country is of the view that this principle must be adopted.

Definition - Zone Defense

Any defense in the half court which does not incorporate normal man-to-man defensive principles shall be considered to be a zone. For this purpose trapping defenses which rotate back to man-to-man defensive principles shall be acceptable.

Violations of Man-to-man defense

The use of man-to-man defense is integral to this event. Therefore 'Official Supervisors' will be concerned about the determination of players or teams who are not executing acceptable man-to-man defensive principles.

Specifically, violations fall into one of the four categories listed below;

1. One or more player(s) was/were not in an acceptable man-to-man defensive position in relation to their man and the ball.
2. A cutter moved all the way through the key and was not defended using acceptable man-to-man defensive techniques - for example, bumped, switched or followed.
3. Following a trapping or help and recover situation the team made no attempt to re-establish man-to-man defensive positioning.
4. The team zone pressed and did not assume man-to-man defensive positioning once the ball had been advanced into the quarter court.

General guidelines (Basketball Australia Coaches Commission)

- No stand around zones.
- Only concerned about quarter court (you can trap, or whatever until the quarter court).
- No match up zones.
- Help side defense must clearly be defending a designated player not just 'parked' on the split line.
- No zoning inbound plays.
- Where a stand around zone alignment matches the offensive alignment the onus is on the offence to send a cutter through to expose the zone. No cutter, no zone ruling.
- On cuts and screens, the defense may follow, bump, hedge or switch but there must be some defensive action which takes account of the action of the offence.
- Teams may trap in the quarter court and may stay in a zone alignment only for one ball reversal, after which all players must re-assume man to man principles. (i.e. on the trap 2 players may be on the ball and 3 players assume zone positions protecting the basket or attacking the next pass, etc. As the ball is reversed players may rotate and go to the ball or shoot gaps or protect the basket. If another reversal is attempted man to man principles must immediately be resumed).
- Any player who has such poor defensive principles that they lose their man must not be penalized

Appendices

Zero Tolerance Policy

The following policy and procedure will be in effect at all games which form part of the Victoria Country Championships or any other sanctioned BVC event.

There will be a zero tolerance policy towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviour from team officials, parents or spectators towards game referees, players, score bench personnel or members of the public

Any person who feels the necessity to:

- Persistently or willfully question or challenge the rulings of the referees
- Berate or abuse referees
- Berate or abuse players
- Berate or abuse parents or spectators
- Display conduct which is inappropriate in a junior sporting environment;

should expect to be disqualified from the game and be required to leave the court area. This disqualification notification may be issued by the Referee Supervisor or the BVC Event Supervisor.

Any spectator observing instances of the above behavior should immediately report this behavior to the Court Supervisor or an official representing Basketball Victoria Country.

Whether or not technical fouls have been called against any team official or not during the game will have no bearing on the decision to disqualify any team official under this policy. Warnings are not required to be given in the event of the above action becoming necessary and failure to heed the disqualification will result in the team of the disqualified official forfeiting the game in question.

Any appeals against disqualification under this policy should immediately be directed to Basketball Victoria Country.

The Game officials appointed by BVC also have the power under rules in operation to utilize all available powers to control the game and the surrounding court area.

Please note that any action taken under this new policy and procedure is entirely separate to any action that may be necessitated by law under Child Protection Legislation or Basketball Victoria Member Protection policy.

This action has become necessary due to the reported instances of inappropriate and abusive behaviour in sanctioned events thus far and our desire to nurture a safe competitive environment for all participants. I would implore any team official who feels that they cannot refrain from the above behaviour not to participate in the Championships henceforth. Team officials who would like to offer feedback or request clarification on officiating issues should either speak to a Referee Supervisor at an appropriate time or direct their correspondence to Basketball Victoria Country.

The health of our game depends on the nurture and development of game officials. The realistic barometer of the health of any Basketball Association is their capacity to provide well organised and officiated competitions for the communities they service. It is the aim of Basketball Victoria Country to help associations increase this capacity.

Player and Coach Registration

In the lead up to the event you will receive notification of an on-line Player Registration form that will enable each Club to enter their players for the Club Championships.

General information for all players & coaches will be required, this will include;

- Name
- Date of birth
- Gender
- Residential Address
- Home Association
- Working with Children Check details (Coaches only).

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Presentations

There will be 2 timeslots (8 matches) of grand finals held on Sunday 8th October from 2pm and 3pm. These will be held at the Ballarat Minerdome.

Following each grand final time slot, there will be a presentation for the 8 grand finalists held upstairs in the Sovereign Room above Court 1.

Attendance is compulsory for both teams and their staff.

A representative from each team will be given the opportunity to say a few words before awarding their players with their medallions.

The winning teams are then required to get a team photo with the location to be determined at the presentations.

Photography

There will be action photography taken at the Ballarat Minerdome on Sunday 8th October.

The photos are not taken to be sold but if you would like a copy of a photo please send an email to sammy.cartwright@bvcc.net.au and include the following information in your request;

- Team Name
- Age Group
- Player Singlet Number
- Player Name

It is preferable that all requests come via team/club delegates.

Team Staff Dress Code

Overall Standards;

All team staff shall be required to dress in a way that clearly distinguishes them as part of the team and from other game night staff.

Individuals should be recognisable as much for how they appear as what they wear.

The best description of the standard for non-playing staff would be ***neat casual***.

The best description for playing staff would be ***playing uniform***.

The practical implications of this are:

Coaches, Assistant Coaches & Team Managers

- Coaches & Managers must wear a ***club branded polo shirt***.
- It is acceptable that coaches wear shorts, however, these must follow the description of neat casual.
- Shoes must be clean and tidy.
- Open toed footwear is not acceptable.
- No hats are to be worn on the team bench.

Other Team Staff

Any non-playing individuals wishing to be part of the team bench must dress to these standards. If they do not, they should be seated as spectators, not as part of the team.

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Accommodation Partner - Choice Hotels

The Choice Hotels Group have partnered with Basketball Victoria Country to offer a 15% discount on accommodation for Basketball Victoria Country participants and their families.

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Age Group Guide

For the 2017 Club Championships, the age groups are defined as

Age Group	Top Age	Bottom Age
Under 12	1st January 2006 to 31st December 2007	
Under 14	1st January 2004 to 31st December 2005	
Under 16	1st January 2002 to 31st December 2003	
Under 18	1st January 2000 to 31st December 2001	

Player Eligibility

For an Athlete to be eligible to represent a Club at the Club Championships they must satisfy the following criteria;

1. The Athlete must reside at a "Country" residential address as defined by the Basketball Victoria High Performance Boundary.
2. The Athlete must be a registered, financial and regularly competing member of the Club
3. The Athlete must be playing in the Club's Association domestic competition with the entered Club/Team on a regular basis for a period of no less than 90 days immediately prior to the Club Championships.

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Key Dates

Team Nomination

Complete by 27th August 2017

Player & Coach Registration

Complete by 15th September 2017

Championship Begins

7th October 2017

Related Documents / Links

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[Team Registration Link](#)

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[BV High Performance Boundary](#)

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