

# Echuca Moama Basketball Association



## **Domestic Competition Rules**

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The Echuca Moama Basketball Association (EMBA) offers opportunities to people of all ages and abilities to be a contributor to Basketball in Echuca Moama.

Whether it's a 5-year-old learning to catch, through to our semi-professional players or being an official there is a place for you in our great game.

The Echuca Moama Basketball Association domestic competition, the Junior Pirates and Senior Pirates, referees, together with all the volunteers, combine to just under 500 people. Basketball is an important part of the history of Echuca Moama and its sporting landscape.

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

These Competition Rules shall be the Competition Rules of the Echuca Moama Basketball Association, hereinafter referred to as "the EMBA" and all previous Competition Rules are hereby revoked.

- 1.2 The Committee of the EMBA hereinafter referred to as "the Board" shall be the body responsible for the implementation of these Competition Rules.
- 1.3 The Board may amend anything in these Competition Rules at any time.
- 1.4 When any such amendments to the Competition Rules are made, the Board shall cause all teams/clubs who may be affected by such changes to be notified in writing of the amendments as soon as practicable, and for notice of the changes to be posted at the Stadium. Where possible, at least four weeks' notice shall be given prior to implementation of any amendments to the Competition Rules.
- 1.5 The Board shall delegate the administration of the Competition Rules to such Sub-Committees as it deems fit.
- 1.6 The rules of the games conducted within the various competitions organised by the

EMBA shall be the rules of F.I.B.A. (Federation International Basketball Association) as adopted by Basketball Australia, Basketball Victoria and modified by the EMBA from time to time, whether specifically provided for in these Competition Rules or not.

1.6A These rules should be read in conjunction with the Current F.I.B.A. Rules which are adopted by the sports leading body FIBA

- 1.6 The Board may prescribe and/or amend any fees from time to time.
- 1.7 Where special circumstances exist to these rules, any player/club may apply for consideration, in writing, to the Board.
- 1.8 In the Competition Rules, except where stated:
  - "Stadium" refers to the Sports Stadium, 244 High Street South, Echuca.
  - "Administrator/Organiser/Supervisor" means a person whose duties/responsibilities include the supervision/administration of competitions or activities.
  - "Junior" refers to a player who is under the age of eighteen (18) at the 31st of December of the year in which the season concludes.
  - "Senior" refers to a player 16 years old and over. Parents sign a waiver to allow their child to play in Senior Competition.
  - "Junior Competition" refers to U12 to U18 boys and girls.

The pronoun "He" has been used to represent all genders relating to this policy.

Consistent with the Guidelines for Transgender and Gender Diverse People in

Basketball as developed by Basketball Victoria, for all Community Basketball competitions (i.e. non representative competitions) an individual can participate in the competition which best reflects their gender identity. This is in accordance with the Sex Discrimination Act 1984 (Cth), which makes it unlawful to discriminate against a person on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity and intersex status, except as outlined in 5.1

5.1 Affiliated Associations should permit players to participate in community basketball competitions in accordance with their gender identity, whether or not this accords with the sex they were assigned at birth, subject to the following:

5.1.1 The player should nominate their Gender Identity at the time of registration with the Affiliated Association for the upcoming competition.

5.1.2 For the purposes of mixed-gender competitions, people can participate in a manner which best reflects their gender identity. Rules for mixed-gender competitions will be applied based on Gender Identity.

5.1.3 Affiliated Associations must not ask any player to undergo any 'proofing' (e.g. medical examination) for the purposes of gender verification

5.1.4 Commonwealth and State discrimination law allows discrimination (except for under 12s) where the strength, stamina and physique are issues. This needs to be assessed on a case by case basis, erring on the side of the transgender person.

5.1.5 In the event a player is affirming their gender (transition) through the course of the Community Basketball competition, the Affiliated Association shall give consideration to that player's gender affirmation and, in discussion with that player, consider the individual needs of any transition or affirmation.

5.2 For all Community Basketball competitions (i.e. non representative competitions) an individual can participate in the competition which best reflects their Gender Identity. This is in accordance with the Sex Discrimination Act 1984 (Cth), which makes it unlawful to discriminate against a person on the basis of sexual orientation, Gender Identity and intersex status, except as outlined in 5.1.4. Clubs and associations should have in place well-established and consistently applied practices of grading and the selection of players to:

5.2.1 Address any relevant disparity of players

5.2.2 Protect the health and safety of participants; and

5.2.3 Provide fair and meaningful competitions.

## 2.0 APPLICATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 2.1 All teams shall be notified by, and not limited to, electronic media, including email, EMBA website, team stack app and Facebook with details relating to the commencement of a new basketball season at least four weeks in advance of the commencement date.
- Such notice shall include the following:
- a) Season Start and End Dates;
  - b) Team entry closing date;
  - c) Intended Grades of Competition (dependent upon team entries);
  - d) Intended Nights of Play (dependent on team entries);
  - e) Player Fees;
- 2.2 For the purpose of these Competition Rules, the EMBA's competitions are designated as Juniors and Seniors.
- 2.3 All players must be registered with Basketball Victoria (BV).
- 2.4 Each Senior grade of competition is considered to be a competition in its own right.
- 2.5 The application for Senior Team entry shall include:
- a) the name, address and telephone number (mobile) of the applicant, who will be recognised as the team contact person for the good management of the team and communication purposes;
  - b) the name of the team(s);
  - c) the specific competition(s) applied for;
  - d) such further information as may be required by the EMBA.
- 2.6 Entry to Senior competitions will only be accepted by lodgment of the Online Team Registration Form (Expression of Interest form) Teams will be entered in order of received form. Limits apply to each Age Group.
- 2.7 Teams cannot be entered into the Junior competitions. Juniors will be selected into teams by the EMBA, where the emphasis is on making even teams. An application may be made to have a Junior Team, with prearranged players, to the EMBA, if there are extenuating reasons. The EMBA committee will decide if appropriate. However, during the Summer Season, the various Junior Pirates Representative A Teams may, as a team, play in a higher age group, as practice for tournaments. ie. The U12 A Pirates could play U14 if the coach deems appropriate. Noting, however, that all players must still play in their actual age group.
- The Warma Turtles (who represent Njernda) will be permitted to enter a team in the EMBA Junior Competition in recognition of the importance of supporting and accommodating indigenous and cultural identity, connection and inclusion.
- 2.8 The applicant shall satisfy the EMBA that the team(s) can and will be regularly fielded as per competition fixtures and shall undertake, on behalf of the team(s), to comply with the Basketball Australia codes of behaviour and the provisions of these Competition Rules.
- 2.9 Individual players will be held responsible for their portion of outstanding fines or fees and are ineligible to play with any other team until their portion is paid.
- 2.10 The EMBA reserves the right to re-grade teams at any time during the season.

**3.0 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS**

- 3.1 All players must be registered to the Association having paid the required Insurance Membership and Registration Fee online prior to competing in any competition run by the Association.
- 3.2 All players must complete the online registration form with all required information as designated by the Association but must include Name address DOB Email and mobile contact number and, in the case of a junior player, must also include parental/guardian contact and emergency contact details and any medical conditions. Registration is not accepted until full payment of the season fees has been made.
- 3.3 All seasons of registration are advertised via social media (facebook and Instagram), in addition players can access current and future season dates via the play HQ app and select Echuca Moama Basketball Association.
- 3.4 It is the responsibility of each player to maintain a level of health and fitness conducive to participation in the different grades of basketball competition. Where the EMBA has reasons for doubt as to the fitness and health of participating persons, the player can be required to present medical evidence that supports his continued participation. Where such evidence has been required, players become ineligible until they produce satisfactory evidence.
- 3.5 In the event that a player is injured and requires an Ambulance, such player will be responsible for payment of any Ambulance fees.
- 3.6 Where monies are owed to the EMBA by the applicant or persons represented by the applicant, the applicant shall not be considered until all monies are paid in full.
- 3.7 Where the application is not accepted, the applicant shall be entitled to a full refund of any prescribed registration fee.
- 3.8 Where a player ceases to play in the season due to injury or other valid reason, they must put, in writing, when they will be ceasing or have ceased. This will be tabled at the next EMBA meeting and a pro-rata of games not played may be reimbursed or transferred to the next season, if approval is given at the meeting based on the circumstances.

*JUNIOR PLAYERS*

- 3.9 a) Junior players must be registered and playing in local competition before receiving the support of the Association to participate in any pathway operations including but not limited to junior representative selection, BV/BVC Skills days, BV/BVC State Selections, BV/ BVC High performance activities and other such activities.
- b) Junior players must register in their own age group of competition unless players have played at an elite level and are deemed of a level and ability to play in an age group above their own age group. The application must be made in writing to the EMBA requesting approval to compete at this level of play prior to that competition commencing. The player will be able to play above his age group only with approval from the EMBA. No player will be authorised to play up in an older age group if by the virtue of their playing in that older age group the club cannot then field a team in the players registered age group.
- 3.10 Junior players (must be u16 and above) must be registered and playing in the Junior Competition prior to being permitted to register with a team in the Senior Competition. In the event that the U16 and U18 competition is combined, an U18 athlete may apply for an exemption to allow them to play in the Senior Competition only. Juniors must be 16 years of age to play Senior Competition. Exemptions also apply for Under 18 Boys or Girls (Representative team) that play in the A Grade Competition for players that turn 16 in that year Representative year.
- 3.11 No junior player shall be permitted to play in more than one team in their age group. A player can, however, play in a higher age group within the same competition. For example, an Under 12 player can register and play Under 14 as an additional game. An additional fee is applied to cover the additional cost as listed above. The parents of the player accept the responsibility of their child playing in an older age group. This will be determined by the EMBA (dependent on numbers in each group). Each case is assessed individually and dependent on the number of registrations of each age group.
- 3.12 Players with disabilities may apply to the EMBA to commence in a lower grade. Unless that player is dominating the court, this decision will be maintained for that season in order not to disadvantage the team should that player improve and move into the correct age group.
- 3.13 Please note that junior teams may change in the first three weeks of competition to ensure the teams are of equal skill level to ensure a competitive and fair season is ensured.
- 3.14 Junior domestic basketball focusses on skill development, enjoyment and 'fun'. All coaches are required to maintain the inclusive culture of the Association, ensuring all athletes have equal court time during the season, including all finals. All athletes should have the opportunity to be part of the 'starting five' for their team, regardless of their basketball skill level. See Domestic Coaching Policy for further information.

*SENIOR PLAYERS*

- 3.15 No senior player shall be permitted to play with more than one team in the same competition (Competition refers to Winter or Summer Season)
- 3.16 Players who are registered in the Mens/Womens League team, Div 1 Squad or Representative players in the prior or present season are not permitted to participate in any Senior Competition below B Grade. EMBA has the right to refuse/accept players into a Senior Competition based on what the Association believes is fair for the competition.
- 3.17 In considering the application, the EMBA shall take into account the history of conduct of the applicant and or team.  
The EMBA may impose a "good conduct" bond as a condition of entry in situations where there are doubts based upon past history or performance.
- 3.18 Once a team has been entered into the current season, a player in that team may not play in a lower grade that season without prior approval from the EMBA. Players may be added to "A" grade teams at any time however if players are added to a lower grade team that team may be regraded at the discretion of the EMBA. Players may request to 'fill in' for a team prior to that game. Requests MUST be made through the EMBA.
- 3.19 Senior teams will be entered as requested by the playing group. If previous history recognises that teams have graded themselves too high or low, the EMBA can contact and discuss the grading with the designated team contact, refer 2.11.
- 3.20 A player may play in a higher grade only to make the required numbers needed to stop a forfeit from occurring. If a player plays three games in a higher grade, they will no longer be eligible to play in the lower grade they commenced the competition in.
- 3.21 It is the responsibility of the team to make sure all players are true and correct on the playhq scoring system prior to the game. Any player playing under a false name will be excluded from being eligible from playing in finals.

Senior Supervisor and Referee Supervisor will be in charge of any discrepancies.

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## Juniors – Under 12 &amp; 14

- The coaches may nominate one of their team members to play with the opposing team to make the game more even. Player ability and team fairness must be considered when nominating a player. As the junior competition is for development, teams that have 'fill in' players will not be required to record the score as a forfeit. Therefore, no junior teams will record a forfeit (after grading) unless there are not enough players to fill both sides.
- If both teams have insufficient numbers to play with an opposing team, a player from another team may fill in from a lower age group/division. All fill ins MUST be approved by EMBA.

## Under 16 and above

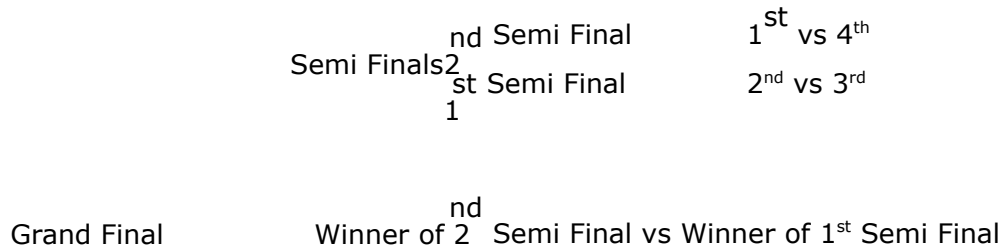
- If teams do not have enough players to field a team – minimum 4 players, players from a lower division/age group may fill in to make up 5 players per side. All fill ins MUST be approved by EMBA.

Seniors

- Senior teams may play an unregistered player to "Fill in" to enable the game to proceed. The 'Fill In' player is to make a maximum of 5 players and the fill in must not be used to enable a substitute. Once the fill in has played 2 games in ANY senior team he must be registered and pay the fee prior to his 3<sup>rd</sup> game to be eligible to play. This is within the competition, not the team. If you are registered with a team you MAY NOT fill in for any other team in your division.

4.0 **FINALS SERIES**

4.1 At the completion of minor round matches the four competing teams that have accrued the highest number of premiership points shall compete in the finals series for that grade/division as follows:



- 4.2 The format of the final series will be reviewed as required from time to time at the discretion of the Board.
- 4.3 All finals matches will be played at the discretion of the EMBA. The EMBA will at all times endeavor to assist all teams who have qualified appropriately to play in finals matches and to play all players and not be disrupted by the loss of the whole of the team due to unforeseen circumstances.
- 4.4 Points are awarded during the season as: 3 = Win, 1 = Loss, 2 = Draw, 2 = Bye= 1

## **5.0 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY FOR FINALS**

5.1 Teams are responsible to monitor the eligibility of their players, but will also be monitored using Stadium Scoring (Playhq).

5.2 To be eligible to participate in finals, a player must have taken the court during games. To be eligible for finals the player must have played for a minimum 4 games of the total number of games during the season with the one team. All players **MUST** be registered to play.

5.3 Where a forfeit has been notified, the team receiving the forfeit will be granted a credit towards finals eligibility for those players who are registered.

5.4 Where a forfeit has not been notified, the team receiving the forfeit will be granted credit towards finals eligibility for those players whose names appear on the score sheet and who were present for that game.

5.5 For the purpose of eligibility to play in finals, byes count only when a player plays in games immediately before the bye.

5.6 Teams or players who have outstanding debts to the EMBA will be ineligible to compete in finals.

## 6.0 UNIFORM RULES

As a general rule, the EMBA supports the outcome of games being determined by the Referees following the EMBA guidelines.

- 6.1
  - a) Players must have an acceptable basketball uniform consisting of a uniformly coloured singlet bearing a contrasting number on the front and back in the range of 1-99. Uniforms are supplied to junior athletes.
  - b) "0" and "00" are legal numbers.
  - c) Taped, penciled, texta coloured numbers or un-numbered tops do not comply with this Rule.
  - d) Singlet tops must be tucked into the player's shorts.
  - e) A player with an illegal playing top will not be permitted to take the court after grading rounds have concluded.
- 6.2
  - a) A Senior team whose player(s) are wearing incorrectly coloured shorts or singlet, relative to the registration form details, will be penalised one (1) point per incorrect athlete uniform, with a maximum of ten (10) points per game in which this infringement occurs. This is effective from the commencement of the season, but not during grading rounds (1-3).
  - b) Allowances are to be made for the fading and dye aging of shorts, as should minor piping or labeling.
- 6.3 Tracksuit pants are not permitted unless medical evidence is produced supporting the wearing of such apparel.
- 6.4 Shorts must be basketball shorts and NO pockets are permitted. Pockets cannot be turned inside out or taped. Players will not be permitted to take the court for this infringement. Shorts must be mid thigh in length.
- 6.5 Players are permitted to wear skins under the playing shorts, provided they are skin tone or the same base colour as the playing shorts and no longer than their playing shorts.
- 6.6 Full length compression garments may be worn with a signed medical certificate lodged with the EMBA Committee. These compression garments must be uniform colour or black. Medical certificates are valid for the season in which they are issued, exceptions will be granted for ongoing medical conditions.
- 6.7 If a player chooses to wear a t-shirt/singlet under their team singlet, it must be of the same dominant colour as the singlet. If an alternative colour is chosen then every member of the team who chooses to wear a singlet/t-shirt must wear the same colour.
- 6.8 In situations where a clash of uniform colours occurs, the "away" team must change, or, a team may volunteer to change and make the appropriate arrangements prior to commencement of the game.  
In either situation, the competition Organiser/Supervisor may provide a set of bibs.
- 6.9 Only sports shoes with non-marking soles can be worn on court.
- 6.10 No playing sleeves are allowed to be worn.

## 7.0 SCORING AND SCORERS

- 7.1 Both Teams are responsible for completing all player details on the Stadium Scoring Systems, including Name of Player and No. of Players Singlet, **PRIOR** to the commencement of the game. Officiating referees are not permitted to enter or complete any player details.
- 7.2 The Stadium Scoring shall be the only official record of the score.
- 7.3 It is the responsibility of each team to supply a competent scorer. Upon agreement, one team may supply two scorers if necessary for the game to go ahead.
- 7.4 The clock will start on time, even if the Stadium Scoring is not filled out and ready and a team has not provided a scorer. It is the sole responsibility of each team to ensure their details are filled in.
  - a. If only one team provides a scorer, the Stadium Scoring will be used to score the game and no score will be shown on the Stadium Scoreboard.
- 7.5 Details of how to use Stadium Scoring can be found on our website. There is a summary sheet provided at each score bench as well. If you require assistance, please request help from the Administrator PRIOR to the start of the game.

**8.0 CONDUCT OF MATCHES**

- 8.1 A team must have four (4) players on the court before the game can commence,
- 8.2 A minimum of two (2) players per team must be on court before a game can continue.
- 8.3 Late Starts:
- a) Late starting teams will be penalised one (1) point per minute or part thereof.
  - b) Ten (10) minutes late constitutes a forfeit.
  - c) In the event that a team fails to have sufficient players present, to avoid a forfeit, a Scratch Match shall be organised that may include "ineligible" players, provided the offended team agrees. In this case the game is officially declared a forfeit to the offended team, and the match is conducted under normal conditions with officiating referees who will have the same authority as a normal competition game.
- 8.4 Although the clock may be in progress, play will not start until a competent scorer/timekeeper is provided. Where both teams provide a scoretable official, the representative operating the timing device shall act as the check scorer. Teams not represented on the scoretable have no avenue for complaint if they are not satisfied with the manner in which the game is either scored or timed.
- 8.5 Where games are cancelled due to extenuating circumstances, such as power failures, etc., endeavours will be made to re-schedule the games at a later date. In the event that games cannot be re-scheduled, the following will apply:
- 8.5.1 Where a complete round is cancelled and all teams affected, no premiership points are awarded.
  - 8.5.2 Where not all teams are affected, the affected teams will be awarded two (2) premiership points each.
  - 8.5.3 All players who participated in the previous round of matches will be awarded a credit towards finals eligibility.
  - 8.5.4 Where a game has been abandoned due to, but not limited to natural disaster, pandemics or other, the game will not be rescheduled.
- 8.6 The EMBA will provide match balls. All teams are to provide their own warm-up balls.
- 8.7 Players will not be permitted to take the court with fingernails visible above the level of their fingertips. Players must provide a medical certificate before gloves are permitted to be worn.
- 8.8 No player shall wear any object that is dangerous or likely to cause injury to other participants. Metal or hard plastic hair wear is not permitted. Rings or other forms of jewellery, including stud earrings or sleepers, are not permitted; however, an exception may be made for wedding rings or medi-alert bangles provided they are taped/covered securely.
- 8.9 The 24 second Shot Clock rule will not apply to Association Competitions.
- 8.10 All EMBA Basketball senior and junior domestic competitions will use the outside three (3) point line (6.75m) where marked.
- 8.11 Competing teams must sit on either side of, and adjacent to, the score table. This position must be vacated immediately after the game ends.
- 8.11.1 Any person sitting with the team while playing is regarded as part of that team.

- 8.11.2 Each team must provide one (1) competent scorer.
- 8.12 All substitutions and time outs are to be called through the score table except in the case of a playing coach.
- 8.12.1 5th personal foul substitutions are to be regarded as a normal substitution.
- 8.12.2 All substitutes must be ready to take the court immediately upon being granted.
- 8.13 No practice during time-out periods and only competing teams can use the court during interval and prior to the game.
- 8.14 Please check the Playhq for up-to-date times and fixture changes, current ladder and player stats from each game. Games played for eligibility in finals can also be checked here.  
[Echuca Basketball Association | PlayHQ](#)
- 8.15 Please ensure that all senior teams have nominated a contact person with their registration, as per Point 2.6, that can be contacted by the Committee for any queries or discussions.
- 8.16 *Technical Foul* - These actions will result in an automatic substitution for that player and the scoring of a technical foul against that player. The penalty for a technical foul will be two (2) free throws and a side ball to the opposing team. Upon receiving a second (2<sup>nd</sup>) technical foul, during the same game, the player is automatically ejected from the stadium and will receive a 2 week suspension from the competition. Any player who accumulates 3 technical fouls during the Domestic Competition Season will be suspended for 3 domestic games.

*Unsportsmanlike Foul* - The penalty for an unsportsmanlike foul will be two (2) free throws and a side ball to the opposing team. Upon receiving a second (2<sup>nd</sup>) unsportsmanlike foul, during the same game, the player will be disqualified for the remainder of the game.

If a player receives either 2 Technical Fouls, 2 Unsportsmanlike fouls or a combination of one of each, this will result in an Automatic 2 week suspension by EMBA.

*Disqualifying Foul* - These actions will result in an automatic ejection for that player from the stadium. The penalty for a disqualifying foul will be two (2) free throws and a side ball to the opposing team. Any player who accumulates 3 disqualifying fouls during the Domestic Competition Season will be suspended for 3 domestic games.

## 9.0 TIMING REGULATIONS

- 9.1 Except for U12, each game shall consist of two (2) twenty (20) minute halves, with a two (2) minute interval period between halves.
- 9.2 U12 will have two (2) seventeen (17) minutes halves, with a ten (10) minute interval period between halves for training and skill development. EMBA can modify junior competitions to incorporate training as appropriate to the age and skill level of players. All Semi Finals & Grand Finals will play two (2) twenty (20) minute halves, with a two (2) minute interval period between halves.
- 9.3 Pre-game timing procedures will be:
- 9.3.1 At the completion of the prior game, or at two (2) minutes before the commencement of the game time as listed in the competition fixture, the referee will reset the timing device for two (2) minutes.
- 9.3.2 Teams will be entitled to a minimum of two (2) minutes for warm-up.
- 9.3.3 The game will commence at the time as listed in the competition fixture, or three (3) minutes after the completion of the preceding game, whichever is the earlier time.
- 9.4 Unless otherwise advised or notified, two (2) time-outs, each of one (1) minute duration, will be allowed per team per half. No time-outs may be called in the last minute of the first half. Where a time-out is in progress prior to the last minute point, that time-out will cease at the one (1) minute mark and the players will be called to resume play immediately.
- 9.5 The clock does not stop in the first half. The clock will stop on all whistles in the last one (1) minute of the second half.
- 9.6 Unless otherwise advised or notified, timing regulations for finals will be:

### **Semi and Preliminary Finals:**

- 9.6.1 The clock will stop on all whistles in the last one (1) minute of play in the second half.
- 9.6.2 Extra period – In the event of a draw after full time, an extra period(s) of play of three (3) minutes will be played to determine a winner. During this period, the clock will stop during time outs and on all whistles in the last one (1) minute of play. If there is a draw after the extra three (3) minutes, and extra period of three (3) minutes will be played to determine a winner. Fouls for all extra periods stay the same.
- 9.6.3 One (1) time-out of one (1) minute duration is permitted per team in any period of extra play.
- 9.6.4 The clock will stop on all disqualifying fouls (Referee's Time Out) throughout the game.

### **Grand Finals:**

- a) First half – The clock will stop on all whistles in the last one (1) minute of the first half.
- b) Second half – The clock will stop on all whistles in the last three (3) minutes of play.
- c) Extra period – In the event of a draw after full time, an extra period(s) of play of three (3) minutes will be played to determine a winner. During this period, the clock will stop during time-outs and on all whistles. If there is a draw after the extra 3 minutes, an extra period of three (3) minutes will be played to determine a winner. Fouls for all extra periods stay the same.
- d) One (1) time-out of one (1) minute duration is permitted per team in any period of extra play.

- e) The clock will stop on all disqualifying fouls (Referee's Time Out) throughout the game.

10.0 **FORFEITS**

- 10.1 For un-notified forfeits, except in circumstances covered in Rule 8.3 c), the team receiving the forfeit will be credited with a win and a score of twenty (20) points. The team giving the forfeit will not receive any premiership points or score for that game.
- 10.2 A team who needs to forfeit a game must notify the EMBA before the start of the game. A team can notify the committee by Phone call, email, facebook message or text message at their earliest convenience.

## 11.0 SPECIAL COMPETITION RULES

### *Junior Grading*

The EMBA Committee, with the assistance of squad coaches and other knowledgeable members, will select the junior teams for all age levels. The aim is to have a level skill denomination throughout the teams. There may be up to three weeks of selection and may change mid-season if players get injured, leave or come to the competition – at the discretion of the EMBA.

### *Under 12 Competition*

- a) The free throw line shall be mid-way between the normal free throw line and the front of the circle.
- b) Successful field goal attempts from outside the three-point line are awarded two (2) points only.

### *Under 12 & 14 Competition*

- c) If, during a game, one team is at least twenty (20) points ahead, the leading team will have its defense restricted to the defensive half-court (mercy rule). This Rule is not applicable during finals.

### *Under 12 and U14 Competition*

- d) Size 5 basketball will be used for all Under 12's competition. Size 6 basketballs are to be used for Under 14 boys and all girls competitions. Size 7 balls for Under 16 to Under 18 boys inclusive. A size 6 basketball will be used for all girls' games from Under 14's and up.
- d) Under 12 and 14 competitions are restricted to playing by the "no zone" policy (or man to man defence) rules developed by Basketball Victoria.

The responsibility for determining whether or not a zone is being played will be determined by the match referee who may be assisted by a member of the EMBA who is or has been determined as suitably understanding the no zone policy and as to what in fact is determined as a zone defense.

### **MAN TO MAN DEFENCE RULE**

- Man to Man defence must be played in the first half of all Junior Domestic competitions up to and including Under 14's.
- Under the principles of correct Man to Man Defence, players may sag off their players into a "HELP" position and be in a position to guard their player should they receive the ball.
- Each defensive player must guard a player of the offensive team – they must know who they are guarding and be accountable for them e.g. know your opponent's number.
- Teams may match up full court but no later than half court is stipulated.
- Failure to comply with this rule, after one warning by the Referee, will result in a technical foul being called on the offending team's bench.

## 12.0 CODE OF CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOUR

- 12.1 Teams are responsible for the conduct and behaviour of their players and spectators and should particularly ensure that such persons are not under the influence of alcohol or drugs when attempting entry to the Stadium or any venue where competition games are played. The relevant team contact/secretary will be held accountable for any breach of this Rule.
- 12.2 No player or official shall be permitted to participate in any competitions at the Stadium or any venue where competition games are played if they have been consuming alcohol.
- 12.3 Hanging from nets, rings, backboards or other supporting structures in the Stadium, or any venue where competitions are held, is prohibited and can result in ejection from the venue. In the event of damage being caused to venue equipment, the person who caused the damage or, in the event that an offender cannot be identified, the team responsible for court usage will be invoiced for the cost of repair and/or replacement and any loss of revenue suffered through the unavailability of the court or venue.
- 12.4 Smoking is not permitted within the Stadium or any venue where competitions are held.
- 12.5 Players will be reported if they indulge in unsportsmanlike conduct; assault, fight, trip, kick, elbow or use offensive language, dispute decisions or engage in racial vilification. Teams and/or clubs/team officials and spectators can also be reported.
- 12.6 Two (2) technical fouls given in the same game will result in an automatic two (2) week suspension from their playing team. If that player receives multiple technical fouls during the season, the EMBA Committee reserves the right to disqualify that player from the competition.

### 12.7 *Object of Code of Conduct*

12.7.1 Basketball may be damaged by any impairment of public confidence in the honest and orderly conduct of sporting events and competitions or in the integrity and good character of the Participants. This Code of Conduct is designed to ensure that the high standard of sportsmanship, fairness, honesty and honour involved in Basketball continues to prevail.

### 12.8 *Basketball Australia Code of Conduct*

12.8.1 This Code of Conduct applies to all Participants in any games, events, meetings or training as arranged by EMBA.

12.8.2 Participants in any events must:

- 12.8.2.1 Not possess or use prohibited drugs or participate in any other practices prohibited by the policies published by Basketball Australia from time to time,
- 12.8.2.2 Not breach the rules of any basketball sport, event or competition
- 12.8.2.3 Not abuse, threaten or intimidate:
- 12.8.2.3.1 An event or competition official,
- 12.8.2.3.2 A coach, manager or other squad official, or
- 12.8.2.3.3 Any other participant, whether before, during or after the event or competition.
- 12.8.2.4 Not show unnecessary or obvious dissension, displeasure or disapproval towards an event or competition official, his or her decision, or generally after a decision of an event or competition official has been made,
- 12.8.2.5 Not use crude or abusive language or gestures toward an event or competition official or any other person present at an event or competition (including without limitation, a spectator or Participant),

- 12.8.2.6 Not do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult or humiliate another Participant on the basis of their sex, disability, race, colour, age, religion national or ethnic origin,
- 12.8.2.7 Not conduct themselves in any manner, or engage in any activity, whether before, after or during an event or competition (including during training), that would impair public confidence in the honest and orderly conduct of events and competitions or in the integrity and good character of basketball and its participants,
- 12.8.2.8 Not do anything which adversely affects or reflects on or discredits Basketball as a sport generally, EMBA or any, an event, competition, tournament, sponsor, including without limitation, any illegal act or act of dishonesty or fraud at any time,
- 12.8.2.9 At all times provide honest, complete and accurate information to EMBA in relation to the performance of a Participant,
- 12.8.2.10 Not bet on the outcome or any other aspect of the event or competition,
- 12.8.2.11 Not throw or fix an event or competition, attempt to achieve a contrived outcome to an event or competition, or otherwise influence improperly the outcome of any aspect of an event or competition
- 12.8.2.12 Not seek or accept a bribe or other benefit (whether pecuniary or non-pecuniary) to do anything mentioned in paragraph xi), and
- 12.8.2.13 Report immediately to EMBA any offer of a bribe or other benefit (whether pecuniary or non-pecuniary) to do anything mentioned in paragraph xi), or any attempt by any other person to do anything mentioned in paragraph xi).

#### 12.9 *Duty to Comply*

The Supervisor/Organiser/Referee/Administrator/EMBA Member should:

- 12.9.1 Comply with, and require any other body or person in membership with or affiliated with it to comply with this Code of Conduct,
- 12.9.2 Ensure that all participants understand the requirements of this Code of Conduct and where necessary have the details explained to him/her.

#### 12.10 *BVC – Social Media Code of Conduct*

Please see attached, on the last page, the BVC Social Media Code of Conduct which every member of the Echuca Moama Basketball Association is to abide by.

#### 12.11 *BVC –Code of Conduct*

As a member of Echuca Moama Basketball Association , you are agreeing to all the Codes of Conduct that are governed by Basketball Victoria. Please click on the link to see all the Codes of Conduct.

[Microsoft Word - BV CodesOfConduct 22092021.docx \(basketballvictoria.com.au\)](#)

**13.0 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

- 13.1 The grievance procedure set out in these Competition Rules applies to disputes under these Competition Rules between:
- 13.1.1 a member and another member; or
  - 13.1.2 a member and the Association.
- 13.2 Within fourteen (14) days of the dispute, the member must contact the EMBA Secretary, in writing, listing the details of the dispute in question. The complaint can be either emailed: secretaryeba@gmail.com , mailed or handed into the Basketball Office.
- 13.3 The EMBA Committee and member/s will hold a meeting in the presence of a mediator.
- 13.4 The mediator must be:
- 13.4.1 a person chosen by agreement between the parties; or
  - 13.4.2 in absence of agreement:
    - 13.4.2.1 in the case of a dispute between a member and another member, a person appointed by the Board; or
    - 13.4.2.2 in the case of a dispute between a member and the Association, a person who is independent of both parties.
- 13.5 A member of the Association can be a mediator.
- 13.6 The mediator cannot be a member who is party to the dispute.
- 13.7 The parties to the dispute must, in good faith, attempt to settle the dispute by mediation.
- 13.8 The mediator, in conducting the mediation, must:
- 13.8.1 give the parties to the mediation process every opportunity to be heard; and
  - 13.8.2 allow due consideration by all parties of any written statement submitted by any party; and
  - 13.8.3 ensure that natural justice is accorded to the parties to the dispute throughout the1 mediation process.
- 13.9 The mediator must not determine the dispute.
- 13.10 A grievance will not relate directly to the outcome of a game and these procedures shall not be used to determine specific game outcomes. For this purpose the proper conduct of a protest will be undertaken as outlined in the FIBA Rules.
- 13.11 Tribunal Procedure may come into effect if a report has been made to the EMBA by Officials. The EMBA reserves the right to conduct a tribunal if they see fit.

The By-Laws of The Victorian Basketball Association Incorporated ("Basketball Victoria") relating to Tribunal procedures will have full force and effect. A copy of the Basketball Victoria By-Laws (Tribunal) may be obtained from the Association.

Basketball Victoria shall have the power to hear and determine charges made, arising from or related to, competitions conducted by the EMBA.

A Tribunal shall have power to suspend, disqualify, reprimand, fine, bond, ban or otherwise deal with any player, coach, team, association official, score bench official or spectator regarding any incident arising from a match conducted by Basketball Victoria or the EMBA.

The Tribunal may also deal with any disciplinary matter delegated to it for adjudication by the Board.

Charges may be made by game officials, or by Association officers arising from an incident or the investigation of a complaint.

Where the EMBA, or an Association officer believes a reportable offence may have been committed or the EMBA receives a letter of complaint, but no report has been made,

the EMBA may investigate or appoint a person to investigate the alleged offence and if after the investigation it is satisfied that a report should be made, the EMBA may make a report.

**14.0 INJURY**

- 14.1 The Association shall not be liable for any injury sustained by any player, official or spectator during the course of any game or activity conducted or controlled by the Association.
- 14.2 Teams are responsible for their own first aid.
- 14.3 In the event of extreme or serious injury, players must not be moved from the court. The game shall cease until the injured player can be moved or play moved to another court. The organizer/supervisor will, in consultation with the teams concerned, determine the outcome of the game.
- 14.4 When a referee notices a bleeding player, play must be stopped and the player asked to leave the court. Any blood must be cleaned of the surface of the court and/or ball before play can resume. A Sub may be called.
- The player cannot return to the game until:
- a) All bleeding has stopped;
  - b) Blood is removed from the person;
  - c) Clothing with blood on is replaced.
- Each team is responsible for the attendance and cleaning of any blood brought by their own players.
- 14.5 All players and officials will receive injury insurance cover through their registration with the Basketball Victoria (BV).
- 14.6 All injuries shall be recorded on the appropriate injury sheet held in the Administration Office.
- 14.7 For Insurance information and claim form, please link on the link [Association Resources - Insurance \(basketballvictoria.com.au\)](https://basketballvictoria.com.au)

## 15.0 FEES

- 15.1 The fees will be set prior to the start of each season by the EMBA, which will include BVC registration, plus additional costs of game fees, which cover the referee fee, court hire, supply of uniforms for juniors and an administration charge.
- 15.2 All fees must be paid prior to the commencement of the season and before the player takes to the court, unless playing as a "Fill In" – see pg 8.
- 15.3 BVC Registration includes player insurance, and is compulsory for all players.

## BV Code of Conducts

Child Safe Policy [Resource Hub - Child Safe Standards \(basketballvictoria.com.au\)](https://basketballvictoria.com.au/Resource-Hub-Child-Safe-Standards)

Working with Children [Microsoft Word - BV\\_WWC\\_advice\\_updated\\_23Feb2015.doc \(basketballvictoria.com.au\)](#)

Climate Policy [lel3qh2dadscoSk4 \(basketballvictoria.com.au\)](#)

Photography & Filming Policy [Microsoft Word - BV\\_PhotographyFilmingPolicy\\_22092021.docx \(basketballvictoria.com.au\)](#)

Social Media Policy [Microsoft Word - 2022 BV Social Media Policy.docx \(basketballvictoria.com.au\)](#)

