SENIOR BASKETBALL OFFICIAL BYLAWS

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1. PREAMBLE

These By-Laws repeal any and all existing By-Laws and practices currently used by the Blackwood Recreation Centre in the administration of the Senior Basketball Competition. These by-laws are to be read in conjunction with the current FIBA official playing rules. Any queries not covered by these By-Laws shall be referred to the aforementioned Playing Rules.

The Blackwood Recreation Centre Team Sport Policy must be strictly adhered to by all involved. Refer to separate *Team Sport Policy*. Individuals that do not abide by the Team Sport Policy may be subject to reprimand.

The Blackwood Recreation Centre reserves the right to make judgements based on fairness and for the betterment of the competition on issues that arise and are not covered in the aforementioned Playing Rules or in these By-Laws.

Interpretation – The bylaws shall be interpreted by the responsible match umpires. Appeals against interpretation may be lodged with Sport Coordinator and must be in writing.

IMPORTANT! ALL Players play at their own risk.

Any person who participates whilst pregnant accepts full and sole responsibility of any injury they sustain or the unborn child sustains. Participants shall not make any claim against the Blackwood Recreation Centre or any of the officials, staff or any other player.

2. TEAMS REGISTRATION & ELIGIBILITY

2.1 All Teams must register via the form on the Blackwood Recreation Centre website.

2.2 Players must be registered with one primary team.

2.3 Players must be at least fifteen (15) years of age in all competitions

2.4 Players must play 3 games in the minor rounds to qualify for finals. *Based on scoresheets only*

- 2.4.1 A player may only participate in the finals series for one team per competition. Once a player takes the court in a semi-final or grand final for a team, they are deemed committed to that team for the remainder of the finals series and are not eligible to play finals for any other team in the same competition.
- 2.4.2 A player who participates in a semi-final for one team is therefore ineligible to participate in a semi-final or grand final for another team in the same competition

2.5 FILL INS:

- 2.5.1 Players are allowed to fill in for other teams throughout the regular season on the following conditions:
  - 2.5.1.1 They are used to fill a team (fifth player)
  - 2.5.1.2 Teams are only allowed a maximum of 2 fill-ins on the court at once.
  - 2.5.1.3 Players may only play a maximum of 2 games in a night (1 fill-in game)

3. SCORERS AND SCORESHEETS

3.1 Each player will be listed on the score sheet at the start of the game, by full name and include player number. Fill in players must also be clearly added on the scoresheet. The Umpire may suspend play (with the clock running) at any time that they realise the scoresheet has not been filled in correctly.

3.2 Each team must provide a competent scorer. This can include a substitute player who may be freely substituted as usual and scorer replaced

- 3.2.1 Penalty: 5 points per match

3.3 If neither team is able to provide a competent scorer, each team is required to remove one player's from the court to score.

3.4 In the event of a score discrepancy, the scoresheet will be relied upon.

4. GAME PLAY

4.1 A team must have at least 4 players on court and ready to play with 10 minutes of the scheduled starting time as measured by the game clock

4.1.1 Penalty: 1 point per minute to a maximum of 10 points

4.2 Regular Season:

4.2.1 All matches will consist of 2x 20 minutes halves with approx. 2 minutes at half time.

4.2.2 The game clock will not be stopped for any circumstances unless for serious injury.

4.2.3 Each team may be permitted to take 2 x 1-minute time outs per half provided that no time outs are called or continues inside the final three minutes of either half.

4.3 Finals:

4.3.1 The four teams finishing the regular season with the most premiership points in each grade shall play in the finals. (may also include teams 5-8 in a B-grade final)

4.3.2 The Semi-Finals shall be 1 v 4 and 2 v 3. With the winners of those matches playing in the grand final

4.3.3 Finals matches consist of 2 x 20 minute halves with 3 minutes at half time

4.3.4 During the finals the game clock shall stop for:

4.3.4.1 Time outs

4.3.4.2 Substitutions following a player receiving their 5th or disqualifying foul

4.3.4.3 In cases of serious injury or decision dispute as directed by official

4.3.4.4 In the last 2 minutes of the second half and any extra periods on every whistle commencing again when play has been resumed.

4.3.4.5 During the finals a time out may be called at any time in accordance with the official rules

4.3.4.6 During the finals, in the event that both teams are tied at the end of the game, extra periods of 5 minutes shall be played until at the end of one of those periods both teams are no longer tied.

4.4 Technical Fouls/Unsportsmanlike Fouls:

4.4.1 Players that receive 1 technical foul must stay on the bench for 5 minutes

4.4.2 If players receive a second technical foul they must leave the court and take no further action in the game.

4.4.2.1 Penalty: Automatic 1-game suspension

5. UNIFORM

5.1 All players of the same team are required to wear matching coloured shirts

5.2 All players must have large legible number (00-99) clearly visible for the officials. Front and Back

5.2.1 Penalty: 2 Points per registered player not in correct uniform

5.3 No players of the same team may have the same numbers

5.4 Players must not play in/with any piece of clothing, equipment or attribute that is considered dangerous:

5.4.1 Shorts with pockets

5.4.2 Jewellery, hair clips or pins

5.4.3 Sharp or long fingernails

5.4.4 Hard, sharp or metal bandages, strapping or braces.

5.5 If two teams clash in colour, Team B must wear bibs supplied by the Blackwood Recreation Centre

5.6 Players are discouraged from wearing:

5.6.1 Grey shirts as these will clash with the referee's shirts

5.6.2 Shorts of different colours from the rest of the team

6. FINANCE

LATENESS, FORFEITS AND FORFEIT FINES

(a) To ensure that matches run to a scheduled time, the clock will be switched on at the scheduled match time, whether or not teams are ready and in position.
(b) A forfeit match may be played; with both teams paying their normal match fee and a forfeit fine will not be imposed
(c) A forfeit fine applies to all other unplayed forfeited matches. This must be paid at the time of forfeit.
(d) All Forfeited match results will be 20-0.

7. TEAM MANAGER/CONTACT RESPONSIBILITIES

7.1 The team captains are the contact person for each team. They pass on any information from the centre to the players, and act as a spokesperson for the team. This person must be over 18 years of age. If there is no member of the team of this age, the team must allocate a parent or another person to be the point of contact for the team to take the following responsibilities:

7.1.1 Ensure all players are ready to take the court at the start of their allotted game time.
7.1.2 Ensure the team/players are registered and financial.
7.1.3 Ensure that the score sheet is filled in correctly including fill-in players.
7.1.4 Ensure adherence of the centre's policies. Most importantly the Centre's *Code of Conduct* as outlined in the *Team Sport Policy*.
7.1.5 Organise the team to assist with the set up and pack up of the courts where required.
7.1.6 If issues or enquiries arise during the game, only the Captain is to approach the referee.

8. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Complaints procedure for all sports are outlined in the Blackwood Recreation Centre Team Sport Policy.