



OFF THE SCOREBOARD

2005 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday, 27 February 2005 at Nunawading.

After the 2004 AGM Minutes, Convenors Report and Financial Report were accepted, the elections for office-bearers and committee members took place.

VBSA Convenor, Avis Scullin announced that at the end of her two-year term in February 2006, she would not be nominating for re-election.

Avis was recognised for her dedication to basketball by winning the 'Basketball Victoria Female Official of the Year' Award for 2004. Carol Flint read out a precis of Avis' achievements during a lifetime of commitment to basketball, particularly relating to scoretable.

Ian Collings and Trina Dearthcott were re-elected unopposed as Registrar and Secretary respectively, while a vote was held to elect the three committee members. Successful candidates were Gail

Dunlop, Patricia Nagel and Daryl Lynch.

Lorraine Sampson was warmly thanked for her past role as Newsletter Editor.

The 'Scoretable Official of the Year' was announced and won by Daryl Lynch.

Presentations were also made to Noel Byers, Dennis O'Brien, Mike Bullock and Wayne Bird for their continued support of the VBSA.

Avis Scullin and Noel Byers, President of the VBRA, then presented 'Certificates of Appreciation' to those people who have been members of the VBSA for a period in excess of 10 years.

However, due to a miscalculation, scoretable officials who joined the VBSA in 1995 were not included in the awards this year, but will be included in the 2006 awards.

The Annual General Meeting for 2006 will be held on Sunday, 26 February 2006 at which time the positions of Convenor, Treasurer and Committee will be voted upon.

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GST hits at the Scoretable

Effective immediately, all activities of the V.B.S.A. will now incur an additional 10% cost as GST has to be collected by the Association.

The V.B.S.A. (and the Victorian Basketball Statisticians) are both sub-committees of the V.B.R.A. (Victorian Basketball Referees Association) and utilise the V.B.R.A.'s ABN number. As the V.B.R.A. has reached the threshold turnover of \$100,000 per annum, requiring that it be registered for, and collect GST, and, as a sub-committee, so does the V.B.S.A.

The commencement date is 1 April 2005, but due to the Committee not being informed until part way through the month, it will apply to all events, activities and sales of property from now, other than any schools running during the Anzac weekend.

So, please use the new Order Form on page 5 for tops and vests. Costs for Schools will now be \$11.00 p/person, registration \$16.50 p/person and handbooks \$4.40 each.

Any Association that still has outstanding unpaid invoices for 2005 memberships will now have to pay \$16.50 per person.



From the Editor's Desk ...

Items for Newsletter

I'd like to take this opportunity to encourage members to forward me any item whether it be a small article, photo or humorous story they feel should be included in the Newsletter.

Sometimes, as editor, it is very difficult to find enough articles to make up a full and interesting 'Off the Scoreboard', so if anybody has anything at all, please feel free to forward it to me, via the V.B.S.A. email address included below.

Daryl Lynch

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(mark it Newsletter Item)

Committee Members

Avis Scullin	Convenor
Trina Dearthcott	Secretary
Pam Smith	Treasurer
Ian Collings	Registrar
Gail Dunlop	Events Secretary
Daryl Lynch	Newsletter
Patricia Nagel	Property

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Diary Dates

Sunday, 26 June 2005

VBSA Convenors Meeting,
Nunawading Stadium

Saturday, November 2005

Scoretable Christmas Function

Sunday, 26 February 2006

Scoretable A.G.M.
Nunawading Stadium

Scorers are required for the following competition dates:

Junior Classic

(A game fee will be paid)

Saturday, 12 June 2005

Frankston – 3.30 pm, 4.40 pm,
5.50 pm & 7.00 pm.

Dandenong – 4.40 pm, 5.50 pm,
7.00 pm & 8.50 pm.

Sunday 13 June 2005

Frankston – 9.00 am, 10.30 am,
12.00 noon & 1.30pm

Dandenong – 9.30 am, 11.00 am
12.30 pm & 2.00 pm.

Metropolitan Finals

(A game fee will be paid)

Friday, 16 September
(Semi-Finals)

Saturday, 17 September
(Grand Finals – Girls)

Sunday, 18 September
(Grand Finals – Boys)

Rules Update

As scoretable officials, we all know that the new rules require us to check the players coming off the court at the end of each playing period to ensure that they commence at the beginning of the next quarter, unless a player requests a substitution during the break (interval of play). [Article 19.3.7]

Apparently, F.I.B.A. has advised that this requirement only extends to the quarter time and three-quarter time breaks, and not to the half-time break.

Please ensure that the chairperson advises both coaches of the rule prior to the game.

Carol Flint

Convenors Meeting – 27 February

The following was discussed at the Convenors' Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Honour Boards are being set up and will be chosen by the Committee.

Convenors need to verify current addresses, emails and phone numbers of their members on invoices or any other association listings received.

Competition event scorers mainly contacted Gail Dunlop via email or phone, but all events are promoted in this newsletter (*if notification is early enough*). Mailed newsletters are sent out after emailed newsletters have been verified so that postage costs are minimised.

Big V patches are not to be included on personal uniforms, but associations may require them on the association supplied uniform.

If 'sin bin' rules apply, the scoretable officials must record player number, time of entry into 'sin bin', and exit from 'sin bin'.

Convenors are responsible for running Level 0 courses at their local association or may seek assistance if they need.

A Scoretable Operations Manual is available from V.B.S.A. Convenor, Avis Scullin (via email preferably).

The Scoretable Handbook will be reprinted again at the end of this year and sold at a cost yet to be decided.

Scoretable pay-rates remain as in previous years despite a request for an increase; and increases being granted for referee advisors.

SEABL and Big V Championship games should have a level 3 chair and all other positions at level 2; if appropriate, and required for an evaluation, a Level 2 scorer can chair.

A motion that "Convenors be told the date of the Surprise Evaluations" was defeated.

The next Convenors Meeting will be held on Sunday, 26 June 2005 at the Nunawading Basketball Stadium.

Easter in Bendigo

While many scorers were relaxing and enjoying pleasant company and surrounds over the Easter weekend, there were many groups gathered together providing support – to their local SEABL basketball teams.

On Easter Saturday, Ian Hart (shot clock), Victoria Mitchell (time), Rosemary Nemeth (chairperson), Kevin Short (scorer) and Rocky Moore (assistant scorer) were busy scoring a match between the Bendigo Lady Braves and the Ballarat Miners.

For those of you who have never

been to Bendigo, it is a wonderful complex for basketball, but in my wanderings I didn't manage to find the gym. You would imagine that there has to be one in the complex so the chairperson and assistant scorer can warm up by doing some 'clean and jerk' weightlifting before the main event with those foul bats.

During the games I witnessed a very impressive display of endurance and strength!

Daryl Lynch

Your Roving Newsletter Editor



BIG V BASKETBALL Pre-Season Tournament — 12-14 March

Well, another successful pre-season Tournament at Frankston has passed. The coaching staff thank all those who participated in this event, particularly as it was such a very hot and uncomfortable weekend.

Overall the scoretables were very good with games working as three officials per table. As coaches, we introduced, for the first time to a lot of officials, the FIBA Scorer role with some success.

The one especially disappointing area was that the majority of officials had not read, or had forgotten the information contained in their 'Points of Emphasis' document that was mailed to each member prior to the 2005 season. This document, produced by the National Scoretable Committee, is designed to bring everyone up-to-date with rule changes and interpretations applicable to the scoretable.

Below are some areas that the coaches felt should be addressed.

1. Officials must be aware of the number of the player going to the line for free throws.
2. All Bench Technical Fouls are recorded on the coach, even if it is the assistant coach who causes the Technical foul to be called. Article 38.4.1.

3. When are Penalties cancelled? Article 42.2.3 Special situations and Article B8.3.8.
4. The siren is not to be sounded while the game is in progress – Scoretable must wait for the next dead ball situation.
5. Light/Dark on visual board – this is judged by the solid colour of the uniform.
6. Starting 5 to be verified before the jump ball is administered. Article 7.2 & 48.1
7. Procedure for directional arrow at half time.
Points of Emphasis No. 5 – At half-time the possession arrow will need to be changed to reflect the change of ends. The change to the direction arrow should be made in the presence of the officials when they come to the scoretable at the end of the 2nd quarter to collect their water bottles etc. so the teams when returning to the court know who will have the possession at the start of the 3rd quarter.
8. Do not point in the direction of the arrow unless assistance is required by the Referee.
9. Players must be ready to take the court. Let common sense prevail

- if it is cold they can leave their top on. Handbook Page 27.
- 10. If a player is injured the substitute must take any free throws awarded to the injured player. Article 5.7.
- 11. No substitute after basket interference. Article 31 & Points of Emphasis No. 9.
- 12. Substitutes during interval of play. Article 4.2.3 & 19.3.7 & Points of Emphasis No 1.
- 13. Substitutes do not have to ask for the substitution. Article 19.3.1 & Points of Emphasis No.1.
- 14. Shot clock Operators are using reset directly, not going through the order to stop – reset – start. Article 50.2 & 50.3
- 15. Resets on jump balls (new rule) Article 50.4 & Points of Emphasis No. 16.
- 16. Be aware of last shot of quarter Handbook page 39.
- 17. Call holds on shot clock.
When shot clock is held and not reset, call what is on the shot clock for the chairperson e.g.: "Hold 17"
- 18. Call "Shot finished" when your duties as the shot clock operator are completed for the quarter.
- 19. Time-Out after successful field goal. Article 19.3.4.
- 20. Be aware of all local timing rules for the competition you are working.
- 21. When is the clock reset for an interval of play?
Do not reset until the period is ended – e.g.: all free throws if any are completed. The timekeeper shall measure an interval of play by starting the timing device immediately a previous period has ended. Article 49.4.
- 22. Names are to be PRINTED on sheet by EACH official at the end of game. Article B12.4.
- 23. Scoresheet – unused names and spaces. Article B6.



Hard at work, or was Pam just enjoying the discussion? on Court 3 during a quarter time break at Frankston were (from left to right) Trevor Batley (McKinnon), Pam Smith (Scoretable Coach), Susan Hodgson (Diamond Valley) and Mary Hutchins (Moe).

Photo by Daryl Lynch – Your Roving Newsletter Editor

Carol Flint

Evaluations for Unfinancial Members

The Committee is concerned that some Associations have not yet paid their 2005 membership fees. Invoices were sent to association convenors just after the end of the 2004 season.

Those invoices were due to be paid by 31 October 2004. Associations that paid by the due date receive an additional evaluation beyond their current entitlement.

However, several associations were still not financial at the beginning of March 2005, despite reminder emails being forwarded to the Convenor.

Unfortunately, it may appear that individual members may have paid their membership fees, but, for a variety of reasons, those fees have yet to be forwarded to the VBSA.

We wish to remind everyone that under the VBL guidelines only current financial members of the VBSA are entitled to work on the scoretable at Big V games. As a result, the committee has decided to act in the following manner:

1. A courtesy email will be sent to all members of associations that are currently unfinancial in 2005 to inform them that they are unfinancial. However, for 2005, evaluations will be conducted under the same process that they have been in previous years so as not to penalise individual scorers;

MMBL News

Time-Outs for MMBL have been confirmed as one per quarter for the first three quarters with two in the final quarter.

Following investigations of incidents reported from MMBL games, there has been discussion about the scoring priorities. If only one competent scorer (i.e. the rostered scorer) is available then they are to do the scoresheet.

If only two scorers are available then the second scorer is to do time and visuals and the shot clock left unused. Please ensure that players working as scorers are unable to sub 'off and on' the scoretable during the game or a time out; they must remain for the entire quarter.

- 2) A motion will be presented at the next Convenors' Meeting to provide that, from 1 January 2006,
 - a. no evaluations will be allocated for the membership year to associations that are unfinancial at the time of the Coaches' Meeting setting the evaluation schedule for that year and;
 - b. that a courtesy reminder email will be sent to convenors of an unfinancial association in late January in the year of membership.
 - c. that a courtesy email will be sent to members of an association that is unfinancial approximately one

month prior to the proposed date of the Coaches Meeting setting the evaluation schedule.

This is being done as a courtesy; we will not be mailing this information to scorers but just sending email reminders.

We would hope that although there are people who do not have email access, there would be sufficient others with email access in an association to provide word-of-mouth information on this issue.

Obviously, if you, as a scoretable official, do not receive an email to this effect your association is financial.

Shot Clock Resets & Jump Ball situations

Please refer to Article 50 & Article 12 of the FIBA rules regarding 24-second operator duties and Jump Ball situations.

Article 50 – Twenty-four second operator: Duties

- 50.1 – **Started or restarted**
- 50.2 – **Stopped and reset**
- 50.3 – **Reset to 24-seconds**
- 50.4 – **Stopped, but not reset to 24 -seconds**, when the same team that previously had control of the ball is awarded a throw-in as a result of:
 - + A ball having gone out-of-bounds.
 - + A player of the same team having been injured.
 - + A jump ball situation.
 - + A double foul.
 - + A cancellation of equal penalties against the teams.
- 50.5 – **Stopped and switched off** when less than 24-seconds remain on the game clock in any period.

Article 12.3 Jump ball situations

A jump ball situation occurs when:

- + A held ball is called.
- + The ball goes out-of-bounds and the officials are in doubt or disagree about which of the opponents last touched the ball.
- + A double free-throw violation occurs during an unsuccessful last or only free throw.
- + A live ball lodges on the basket support except between free throws.
- + The ball becomes dead when neither team had control of the ball nor was entitled to the ball.
- + After the cancellation of equal penalties against both teams, there are no other penalties remaining for administration and neither team had control of the ball nor was entitled to the ball before the first foul or violation.
- + All periods other than the first period are to begin.

Upgraded BA/Scoretable Webpage

Basketball Australia has upgraded its web page for Scoretable Officials.

There is a lot of information provided. You can find it at www.basketball.net.au and then follow the secondary menu option – Everybody's Hoopin' to the Scoretable page: http://www.basketball.net.au/FS_extra.

[asp?id=6642&OrgID=1](http://www.basketball.net.au/FS_extra.asp?id=6642&OrgID=1)

By the way, what is the glaring error displayed by the pictured scoretable? First correct entry emailed to vbsa50@yahoo.com. au will have their association featured in the next newsletter. (No correspondence will be entered into and the result will be judged by the Convenor).



Uniform/Name Badge Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Association: _____ Registration No: _____

Long Sleeved – Rugby Tops — \$60.50 + Postage & Handling of \$5.50												
Size		3XS	XXS	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL
Chest Width (2.5 cm below arm hole)	cm	95	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	136	141	146
Back Length (Collar to hem)	cm	73	74	75	75	76	77	78	81	82	83	84
Order Quantity												

Short Sleeved – Polo Shirt — \$46.20 + Postage & Handling of \$5.50												
	Size	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	
Chest Width (2.5 cm below arm hole)	cm	100	104	108	112	116	120	126	132	138	144	
Order Quantity												

Sleeveless – Grey Polar Fleece Vest — \$22.00 + Postage & Handling of \$5.50												
Allow extra size to go over uniform	cm	110	115	120	125	130	135	140	145	150	30	
Order Quantity												

Name Badges — \$6.60												
Christian Name:												
Surname:												
Street Name:												
Suburb/Town/Postcode:												
Home Association:												
Registration No.												

This order form should be posted to: The Secretary, VBSA, P.O. Box 247 Blackburn 3130
All Cheques should be made payable to: VBRA Scoretable Account.

Prices as at 21 April 2005. All prices, including postage, are GST inclusive from 1 April 2005