



OFF THE SCOREBOARD

As One Season Ends ... Another Begins

Due to the end of another very busy ABA / VBL season most of our scoretable officials will be taking a well deserved break. I know from my point of view, between organizing a roster to adequately service four teams and meeting all that is required to become a scoretable coach, then scoring and or coaching on every weekend for the whole season I am definitely enjoying a rest.

However some of us must continue to do our thing behind the scoretable at our home stadiums where domestic and junior finals take pride of place on the home courts.

For the fortunate few who are involved with NBL and WNBL I would like to think that you will stay switched on at all times and keep the good name of the scoretable association in mind with everything you do and say as a scoretable official.

On a bit of a sad note, one of your elected committee (Alan Maxwell) has tendered his resignation from the committee due to personal reasons. I know all of you will want to wish Alan all the best and the committee

would like to thank him for the time he was able to put in. I hope you will understand why this issue of the newsletter is a bit late as I have only in the last couple of weeks been co-opted on to the committee and straight into the editors seat (*a position that is very new to me*).

Don't forget that we need to recruit more people into the ranks to help fill the void left by those members that are retiring.

It is also a good time to bring new members forward to assist in taking up part of the load of scoretable duties. If you would like to book a Level 1 or 2 school you will find the details inside to assist you.

In this issue you will see all those rule changes that will affect all of us from the beginning of October and you will also find more information regarding our Christmas Dinner to be held at Henry's International Restaurant in Bayswater.

Keep up the good work and I wish you all the best with your scoretable duties wherever it may be.

Chris Creek, Editor

New Level 3 Officials

On 17 June 2006 at the Diamond Valley Basketball Stadium, a group of nervous but hopeful Level 2 Officials gathered to be put through their paces.

After a long and arduous day of briefing and grilling by both Avis Scullin and Val Lethaby and withstanding the noise from the courts below, the group were glad to be accepted into the Level 3 ranks.

We would like to congratulate the following officials:

Altona	Glenis Waters
Bulleen	Karina Creek
Dandenong	Doug Drew
	Nigel Dukes
Diamond Valley	Maree Marchant
Eltham	Colin Hart
Frankston	Gabrielle Hore
Keilor	Kathy Wright
Traralgon	Jill Lay

Congratulations and well done!

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The Annual Scoretable Dinner

Again this year, the Scoretable Christmas

Dinner will remain at Henry's International Restaurant, Shop 1, 63 Stud Road, Bayswater on Saturday, 11 November at 7.00 pm.

For great food, great wine (or you can bring your own wine and beer), and even better company, you cannot afford to miss the Annual Christmas Dinner.

Plan to arrive early to really enjoy the night or if you have other commitments, just come for dessert and coffee.

Please call Gail Dunlop if you would like to attend.

A deposit of \$10 per person is required when booking. However, this will be deducted from your bill on the night.



Diary Dates

Christmas Function

Saturday, 11 November 2006
Henry's Restaurant, Stud Road,
Bayswater.

Scoretable Conveners Meeting

Sunday, 25 February 2007
Nunawading Stadium.

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, 25 February 2007
Nunawading Stadium.

Tournament Dates

4-12 November 2006
Pan Pacific Masters Games
Gold Coast, Queensland

4-8 December 2006

National Schools Basketball
Geelong

Season Commencement Dates

SEABL – March 2007
Big V – April 2007

Thanks from the Events Secretary

The year is over for most of us and it has been a very long year with the Commonwealth Games, International Games, SEABL, BIG V and VBL etc. Well done everyone! Particular thanks must go to those convenors who were always obliging and willing to assist in acquiring scorers.

Gail Dunlop

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Who said that?

"We had a special team. We played together, played to win, and everyone knew their roles ... Everyone knew I was going to take all the shots."

Larry Bird, commenting at the ceremony when his Indiana State No. 33 jersey was retired.

Convenor's Corner ...

Well, after the most compacted Big V season ever, squashed between the Commonwealth Games and the National ABA Titles, I am sure that everyone was ready for a break from scoring. For our (Foxtel) viewing pleasure we have the FIBA World Championships, some minor changes to the FIBA structure with a new President, Australian Bob Elphinston, and a new set of rules that take effect from 1 October 2006.

Many scorers have been involved recently with domestic basketball finals, and will be again before the next SEABL and Big V seasons get well under way. Be aware of the new rules. Updates will be distributed for handbooks early in the New Year.

The Christmas Dinner at Henry's in Boronia is fast approaching so book now with Gail Dunlop for a great night of fun, food and drink.

My apologies for the delay in this edition; however, some circumstances temporarily got the better of me.

Thanks to Alan Maxwell for the time he spent on the Committee; unfortunately it was cut short due to business commitments. Many thanks

to Chris Creek for agreeing to fill the casual vacancy.

Our condolences are with those of our members who have lost loved ones within their families. We congratulate those with new family members and those who have celebrated special milestones.

Kind Regards and Best Wishes,

Daryl Lynch

Annual Fees

By now your convenors would have received an invoice for the 2007 fees, these are due to be paid by 30 October.

The fees for this upcoming year are \$22.00 per official. Please ensure that your fees are given to your convener so they can forward them to the association as a group.

Test your Rule Knowledge!

Here are some True/False questions to test your rule knowledge during the off-season. Answers will be published in the next issue.

- Q1. The Referee calls a second Unsportsmanlike Foul on Blue 4 – the player can continue in the game?
- Q2. The Referee calls an offensive foul on a player, this is the team's 5th foul for the quarter. Free throws are awarded?
- Q3. If a player from Team A scores a field goal in their own basket, the points are awarded to the designated Court Captain of the opposing team?
- Q4. Either team may be granted a substitution on any whistle?
- Q5. Substitutes legally become players when the referee beckons them onto the court?

VBSA Committee Members:

- **Daryl Lynch**
Convenor
- **Trina Dearthcott**
Secretary
- **Alison Thiel**
Treasurer
- **Ian Collings**
Registrar
- **Gail Dunlop**
Events Secretary
- **Chris Creek**
Newsletter
- **Patricia Nagel**
Property Educator:
- **Val Lethaby**

Reminder – Application Process to Book a Scoring School

Although this article was first issued in the Summer 2005 Newsletter, it is now that people are thinking about getting additional scorers trained and/or upgraded. Therefore it is reprinted in full to remind convenors of the process to be followed and costs involved in arranging a school.

At the Convenors Meeting in June 2005 the following process was agreed upon for an Association to book either a Level 1 or a Level 2 Scoring School.

1. Convenor to book at least one month in advance, prior to first date provided – 3 dates to be provided. (In selecting the 3 dates to be provided consider the impact upon obtaining attendees of school holidays, public holidays, Mother's Day, Father's Day and finals competitions)
2. Education Officer to organise a coach and decide on the date.
3. Education Officer to notify Convenor of the date.
4. Education Officer to arrange for VBSA Treasurer to mail out an invoice for \$110 (includes GST) for the course.
5. Course payment of \$110 is to be in the hands of the VBSA Treasurer at least one week prior to course date (irregardless of the due date on the invoice).
6. This is fully refundable if one week's notice of cancellation of course is given.
7. VBSA Secretary to arrange information to be placed onto the VBSA web site and email Convenors with same information.
8. Travel costs are to be paid on the day of the course. If there are travel costs incurred the Education Officer will notify the Convener one week prior to the course of the travel cost.
9. The onus is on the Convener to make sure they have enough people to attend.

From the Coaches Bench ...

In March 2006 FIBA adopted new Official Basketball Rules, effective from 1 October 2006, and these are now available for download from www.fiba.com.

Changes of significance, effective from 1 October 2006 are:

- a change to the substitution of an injured/bleeding player returning to the game after recovering or receiving treatment during a time-out.
- the 24 second device is not reset when the ball lodges on the basket support
- signal 14 has been added requiring the official to give a visual count for both five and eight seconds
- the scorer is required to enter the minute of playing time that a team is granted a time-out.

Also a number of minor amendments have been made.

Article 5.6

If an injured or bleeding player recovers during a time-out before being substituted, that player may remain in the game. Article 19.2.4 has also been amended by this change. Also refer to Statement 3 in the Official Basketball Rules 2006 – Official Interpretations.

Article 10.4

The last bullet point gives clarification that the ball becomes dead when the game clock or the 24-second device sounds and continuous motion does not apply.

Article 13.2

The statement "An infraction of Art.13.2 is a violation" has been added.

Article 15.3

The third bullet point defines that continuous motion ends when the ball has left the player's hand(s) or an entirely new act of shooting is made.

Article 17.2.3

This article revision clearly outlines the situations where the throw-in will be taken at the centre line extended opposite the scorer's table. The change embraces the advancing the ball to the centre line where the team entitled to possession of the ball in its backcourt, is granted a time-out during the last two minutes of playing time and the last two minutes of any extra period.

Article 17.2.6

Bullet points one and two have been combined and the words "successful last or only" added for free throws.

Article 17.3.1

The last bullet point has been amended to clarify the restriction of movement from the designated throw-in place without changing its application.

Article 18.2.2

A time-out may be granted during a time-out opportunity has been added.

Article 18.2.3

An additional time-out opportunity has been added to incorporate one of the changes introduced last year. The opportunity begins when the ball becomes dead following a last or only successful free throw.

Article 18.3.6

This article has been added to provide for the additional Time-out opportunities introduced last year as well as embrace old Article 18.4.1. This amendment makes provision for time-out requests made after the ball is at the disposal of the free throw shooter for first or only free throw. A time-out shall be granted if the last or only free throw is successful or is followed by a throw-in from the centre line extended.

Article 18.3.7

The amendment allows the scoring team to have a time-out during the last two (2) minutes of the fourth period or the last two (2) minutes of

each extra period if the non-scoring team has been granted a time-out or substitution.

Article 19.2.2

An additional substitution opportunity has been added to incorporate the changes introduced last year. The opportunity begins when the ball becomes dead following the last or only successful free throw.

Article 19.2.4

Exception bullet point 3 has been deleted as a consequence of the change to Article 5.6

Bullet point two "The player entitled to the free-throws as the result" of the correction of an error has been included to further clarify that it is permissible for a substituted player to return to the playing court to shoot free throws to which they were entitled.

Article 19.3.8

Old Article 19.3.8 has been deleted as any player can now be substituted when a final or only free throw is successful or when the ball becomes dead following the last or only free throw with the change to Article 19.2.2.

The addition reinforces that where a player that is entitled to free throws is substituted, then the substitute will attempt the free throws and this substitute may not be substituted again until he has played in the next clock-running phase of the game.

Article 19.3.9

This article has been amended to provide for the additional substitution opportunities introduced last year as well as embrace old Article 19.4.1. This amendment makes provision for substitution requests made after the ball is at the disposal of the free throw shooter for first or only free throw. A substitution shall be granted if the last or only free throw is successful or is followed by a throw-in from the centre line extended.

Article 19.3.10

The amendment allows the scoring team to have a substitution during the last two (2) minutes of the fourth period or the last two (2) minutes of each extra period if the non-scoring team has been granted a time-out or substitution.

Article 25.2.2

A wording change to the section which describes what a player with the ball may do with their feet when passing or shooting while moving. The meaning of the rule does not change.

Article 29.2

This has been amended with the old 29.2.1 and 29.2.2 have been consolidated into 29.2.1. and old 29.2.3 is now 29.2.2.

The penalty for a 24 second violation has been included to clearly indicate where the resulting throw-in will be taken (nearest to where the official stopped the game, but not directly behind the backboard).

Article 31.2.5

Another bullet point has been added to prevent any player from touching the basket or backboard while the ball is in contact with the ring

Article 31.3.3

This has been added to reinforce the Technical Foul penalty for a defensive player committing goal tending or interference on the last or only free throw as per the final bullet point in Article 38.3.1.

Article 37.1.1

The addition of an excluded player to describe persons who commit disqualifying fouls.

Article 39.3.1

The addition of assistant coaches to describe persons who may be disqualified for leaving the team bench area has been added to those who may be penalised.

Article 43.3.1

The possession penalty has been added to the process of resuming the game following a violation by the free throw shooter.

Article 44.1

The order of correctable errors has been altered

Article 44.2.1

The word 'discovered' has been replaced by 'recognized' and 'commissioner or table officials' have been included in the recognition process. The example of when an error is correctable has been deleted from the rules, but is included in the Official Basketball Rules 2006 – Official Interpretations.

Article 44.2.2

The second sentence directing the scorer to wait for the first dead ball before sounding the signal to attract the floors officials has been deleted.

Article 44.2.4, .5 & .6

These have been rewritten and reorganized into 44.2.4, .5, .6 & .7 with no change to the application of the rule.

Article 49.4

A fourth bullet point has been added requiring the timer to sound his signal and stop the timing device immediately an interval of play has ended.

Article 50.2

The 24 second device is not reset when the ball lodges on the basket support (3rd bullet point). This is a jump ball situation. (Art 12.3-4th bullet point)

Official's Signals

New Signal 14 has been added for a visible count for 5 and 8 seconds.

The Scoresheet

Para B.7.1 requires the scorer to record the minute of playing time of the period or extra period that a time-out is granted.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Coaches for their work during the 2006 season. We had four new Coaches commence this season and I would especially like to applaud them for their commitment to the work they undertook with their training. Thankyou also to all of the Scoretable Officials/Conveners who accepted the new and older Coaches and made them feel welcome whenever they attended your venue.

Some 41 Associations were visited during the season, with Coaches covering parts of Victoria as far as Wodonga, Warrnambool, Traralgon and Southern Peninsula, along with numerous metropolitan associations. We also conducted in excess of 10 schools with a very high pass rate.

The team of Coaches and Educators for 2006 were: Avis Scullin, Chris Creek, Daryl Lynch, Greg Liebelt, Ian Collings, Jan Knox, Lorraine Sampson, Melanie Connell, Pat Collings, Trevor Nanscawen and myself.

Val Lethaby, VBSA Educator



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 All cheques should be made payable to: VBRA Scoretable Account.
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