

OFF THE SCOREBOARD

2008 Season Closes

As the 2008 season draws to a close, the attention of many will turn towards the Olympic Games commencing this weekend in Beijing. On August 8, 2008 at 8:08:08 pm, the opening ceremony commenced – perhaps the Chinese know something about the number ‘8’ that the rest of would like to be privy to? It is certainly considered to be a very lucky number there!

The Opals had a very convincing victory over Belarus (83 – 64) and the Boomers take on Croatia Sunday night at 8 pm (10 pm EST); I feel sure many of us will have watched or listened to the game description.

On a more local theme, the association presently has 560 financial members (as at June 1ST) which is great to see.

Country members would do well to read the article elsewhere in this newsletter describing a grant scheme presently in operation by the Victorian Government.

Links to the website are included.

Congratulations to those officials selected to score the ABA finals.

To all other scoretable officials involved in finals for the SEABL and VBL competitions, congratulations on your appointments and we wish you every success.

I have been looking through past editions of ‘Off the Scoreboard’ and noted that about two years ago, Dary Lynch, editor at the time, added a item requesting any articles which members considered should be included in the newsletter to please forward them to the editor via the vbsa50@yahoo.com.au email address. It is difficult at time to find enough articles to create a viable newsletter, so please!, if you have news/information that you consider is of interest to the members of the association, send it along!

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Christmas Function—2008

In the absence of any response regarding an alternative venue for the annual Christmas function, then please mark down in your diary Henrys Restaurant at 7.00 pm on Saturday November 8TH for this fun function. The more members that can make it on the night, the more fun it will be! This is your association, please support it as best you can and make this Christmas function unforgettable!



Diary Dates ...

VBJL Grand Finals

Sunday 21 September

Melbourne

2008 Basketball Convention

August 30—31

Melbourne

Wheelchair Basketball

November 25—29

Asia—Oceania Zone Wheelchair Basketball Qualification U22

Melbourne

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Events Secretary

A big ‘Thank you’ to all members who applied and were successful in scoring for the Classic held on the 8TH and 9TH of June. To all those members who participated for the first time, well done! It was really great to have you involved.

I will require more scorers for the VJBL finals to be held on Sunday 21ST September. Please contact me with your availability as soon as possible on 9887 4590 or 0411 728 834.

Now get your diary out – our Christmas function for 2008 is at Henry’s Restaurant on 8TH November 2008 at 7.00 pm. This is a terrific night of fun and good food at a reasonable cost – BYO wine.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Gail Dunlop



VBSA Committee

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U18 Australian Championships

Quite a number of our members arranged to participate in the U18 Australian Championships held during July at Ballarat. Although I haven't received a detailed report of the event to date, I did receive a very brief email from Ian Collings one of the participants advising:

No photos ... can't find my camera! But week was VERY TIRING, working 4-5 games per day [4x10 mins full timing], 2 hour slots & not enough of us. Some very good [& very ordinary] basketball games but most are a blur as can be imagined.

Obviously another date for members to plan for in 2009 to make sure this important week is well catered for.



From the Scoretable coaches ...

We have not had a compulsory workshop for at least five years so it has been decided 2009 would be a good year for one. These will be held at several venues around Victoria, hopefully in February, to give everyone a chance to attend.

You will receive the 2009 Rules Interpretations and updates on the rules that we seem to be getting wrong.

The cost will be \$5.00 per official to cover the cost of the printing and the travel of the Educators. Officials who do not attend the workshop will not have their evaluation added to the current year.

Do you have a question you believe has never had a satisfactory answer or an area you believe should be covered more fully in the courses? If so let us know so we can include this in our Updates. Email to vbsa50@yahoo.com.au or send to *P.O. Box 247 Blackburn South 3130*.

Questions to make you think ...

1. During the half-time interval and with Red team entitled to the next alternating possession throw-in, a technical foul is committed by Blue 10. As a result of the Blue technical foul, a Red Team player is awarded two free throws, to be followed by a throw-in for Red Team, at the centre line extended, opposite the scorer's table to begin the third period. Will Red Team continue to be entitled to the next alternating possession throw-in?
2. The first period ends with the Red team entitled to the next alternating possession throw-in. During the interval of play, technical fouls are committed by Blue8 and Red7. How does the following period begin?
3. Red 4 is awarded one free-throw. Before the ball is placed at the disposal of Red 4 for the free-throw, Red 10 substitutes for Red 5. Following Red 4's successful free-throw, a time-out is awarded to Red team. Red 5 now asks to re-enter the game as substitute for Red 4. Shall the substitute be permitted?

Country Action grant scheme

These grants are to increase the capacity of grassroots sport and recreation organisations in regional and rural Victoria.

Funding will be provided for one of the following project types:

- Initiatives that help organisations operate more effectively
- Funding for attendance at relevant training courses (*2009 Compulsory Workshop? Training course for new Scoretable officials?*)

Initiatives to help organisations provide accessible sport and active recreation opportunities for members of the local communities.

The funding grant range is up to \$5000.00.

The grant is open from 24 October 2007 until 16 April 2009.

Definitely worth checking out the following website:

<http://www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au/web18/dvcgrants.nsf/AllDocs/8D8AEF14B14D0BE8CA25717D003BD81D>

Sorry about the length of the URL, but definitely beyond our ability to control!

The program guidelines can be downloaded in **pdf** form detailing the phases of the grant process and how to apply.

Answers to last month's questions ...

1. When does the clock stop without a whistle from the referee?

When a time-out is requested by the non scoring team and when a sub is to happen in the last two minutes of the game and/or extra time for the non scoring team.

2. The players are on the court ready to start the second half. The coach of Red team receives a Technical Foul for abusing the referee.

How does the second half begin, and does this foul count towards the second half team fouls?

The opposing team receives 2 shots and side ball possession. This does not affect the alternating arrow.

3. While Red team is in control of the ball, the Red team coach requests a time-out. The coach of Blue team also makes a request for a time-out. If the ball becomes dead because of: *(treat each case separately)*

- a) a Red team field goal
Blue time-out
- b) a travel violation by the Red team
Red team time-out as they were the first to request
- c) a double foul
Red team

To whom shall the time-out be charged?

4. What do you record on the score sheet when a technical foul has been called on a player from Red team followed by a technical foul on a player from White team?

This is recorded as a T with a "c" to denote the shots were cancelled.

5. The game clock is stopped when the referee notices a damp spot on the court. When the game clock is stopped, there were 17 seconds remaining on the 24-second clock. Should the shot-clock continue from here when the game is restarted?

No, this action is out of the control of both teams therefore the shot clock is reset.



Convenor's Corner ...

The next Conveners meeting will be on the 31 August 2008 at Nunawading Basketball Stadium, Burwood Highway, Burwood East.

9.00 am Sign-in;
9.30 am Meeting
Ian Collings
State Convenor

Quote

I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I cannot accept not trying!
Michael Jordan



Uniform/Name Badge Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Association: _____ Registration No: _____

Long Sleeved – Rugby Tops - \$60.50 + Postage & Handling of \$5.50 each												
Chest Width (2.5 cm below arm hole)	cm	95	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	136	141	146
Order Quantity												

Short Sleeved– Polo Tops - \$38.00 + Postage & Handling of \$5.50 each											
Size		XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	
Chest Width (2.5 cm below arm hole)	cm		110	114	118	124	132	138	142	148	
Order Quantity											

Sleeveless – Grey Polar Fleece Vest - \$15.00 including Postage & Handling										
Allow extra size to go over uniform	cm	110	115	120	125	130	2XL 135	3XL 140	4XL 145	150
Order Quantity		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				N/A

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

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