



OFF THE SCOREBOARD

2009 Season Underway

As the cold weather starts to set in, the basketball is warming up! Scanning through some game day programs, the various competitions have settled in and the season is looking good for a number of teams.

You may also have noticed that Basketball Australia has undergone a facelift and has a new logo. This logo, in one form or another, will be consistent throughout the basketball community as Basketball Australia develops and positions the sport for future growth and development.



Basketball Australia's Logo

This edition of the newsletter follows on from the previous edition a little bit sooner than you would normally expect.

One of the reasons for this is to ensure that all our members are aware of the *Junior Classic* being held mid-year.

Also, it appears that a number of associations are not meeting their obligations and causing problems that 'ripple' out to affect the better organised associations—read Avis' article on page 2.

I would think that most, if not all, of us are involved with the scoretable because we love the game and want to contribute to the successful operation of games at our local association.

The Scoretable Association assists in this goal by providing ongoing structured training opportunities.

How can you contribute to the ongoing success of the Scoretable Association?

Douglas McRae
Newsletter editor

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Scorers Required ...

The Classic is being held again this year on the **6th, 7th and 8th of June**. We will need help at both MSAC and Dandenong. If you can help please let us know by emailing the Scoretable at vbsa50@yahoo.com.au or ring Avis on 9457 2979. Leave a message with your name and phone number (slowly) and your call will be returned.

Avis Scullin

SEABL Games

The SEABL Board endorsed the formation of a *SEABL Games Committee* to meet and make recommendations needed in order to improve our product for this season. One point raised was the game night management of some teams. It was decided that all SEABL **pre game warm ups would stop at the 5 min mark for Player introductions**. Unless there is half time entertainment, a 10 min half time break is taken. If Clubs have half time entertainment then a maximum of 15 mins is allowed with all entertainment to allow teams a 5 min warm up.

Mark Quinn
League Manager



From the Education Panel ...

Do we have a shortage of Scoretable officials?

Is this caused by some of our Associations not having any Scoretable Officials and having to continuously seek help from the better organised Associations?

The flow on from this causes problems with some of these Scoretables trying to work with four, or sometimes even three, Officials. I know I recently worked both Saturday and Sunday single games on a table with two other Officials. It is hard work and I will not do it again, I would rather see the team forfeit, which may be a wakeup call to these Associations who are not pulling their weight. We had a Level 4, a Level 3 and a Level 2. The level 4 chaired and did the sheet, the level 3 the game clock and visuals, with the level 2 operating the shot clock.

We actually had one of the teams complain about the scores not going up fast enough; the responsibility of the Association I might say!

The best outcome would be 5 Officials. This is less likely to cause problems but ...

When you have 4 Officials the senior official chairs and works as the scorer and the remaining officials do the time, shot and visuals. ***Under no circumstances does the shot clock operator do anything other than the shot!***

There surely cannot be any excuses for Big V teams not having enough Scoretable Officials as I believe this is part of their entry criteria. Perhaps this criteria needs to be reviewed each year with input from the Scoretable Association. Also Big V works with us to help train the Scoretable Officials needed. We have run 5 (five) Level 1 courses this year, but we still have Associations with none or perhaps only one Scoretable Official.

My other beef at the moment is the number of Associations who have trained officials and who have not paid their membership fees.

These officials do not receive any evaluations, and if the fee is not paid then the officials have to start again at Level 1. But the bigger problem is that these people continue to work as Scoretable Officials, getting so much wrong, and causing problems. Referees have to try to sort the problem and blame the Scoretable Association for allowing this to happen.

I put the thought forward, years ago, that the referee should sight the Scoretable Official current membership card before the game begins.

The “Code of Conduct” says Scoretable Officials will always carry a set of pens when working at the Scoretable. Too many of our Officials are relying on a member of their team to supply what they require.

If you are one of those Officials who is capable of doing both Statistics and Scoretable please ensure you do not allow them to overlap. By this I mean you must change your uniform if going from Scoretable to Stats or vice versa, also you do not question the Scoretable Officials from your position at the Stats table. When recording scores and fouls the Scoretable takes the call from the referee and from there it stands.



Diary Dates ...

Tournament Dates

Melbourne Junior Classic

6—8 June 2009

Various venues—Melbourne

Wheelchair National Women's
League—Rd 2

12—14 June 2009

Dandenong

U19 International Tournament

26—28 June 2009

MSAC—Melbourne

Wheelchair National Women's
League—Rd 4

7—9 August 2009

Dandenong

Ramsay Shield—Boomers vs NZ
FIBA Oceania Champ Qual for 2010

23 August

Melbourne

Australian U14 Boys Club Champion-
ships

21—26 September 2009

Dandenong

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Email vs Snail Mail

As the profile of our membership changes, the majority of members have access to the Internet and, more often than not, possess both work-related and personal email addresses.

When I first commenced as newsletter editor, the number of printed newsletters mailed to members was in excess of 120.

Currently, less than 70 members require this service!

When the number exceeded 100, it was reasonable to use the Australian Post Office's Print Post Approved service, but with the reduced number of printed newsletters required, using this service has become an additional (and possibly avoidable) expense.

If we could reduce the number of printed newsletters even further, the Association would benefit by not having to use funds for printing and postage. These savings can then be re-invested in providing other services to the membership.

Are you receiving this newsletter via snail mail?

Do you have a computer and access to the Internet?

If so, please advise the Association Registrar of your email address and the newsletter will be emailed to you.

The benefits of email versus snail mail are:

The newsletter will arrive sooner.

You will be contributing to sustainability (paper requires trees—much better to leave the trees standing).

The readability and quality of the newsletter is better on screen rather than in print.

Wanted ...

One of our members is looking for a medium size grey fleecy. If anyone has one they are no longer using and would like to sell it, leave a message on vbsa50@yahoo.com.au and we will put them in touch with you.

Answers to last issue's questions ...

1. During what period of time prior to and after the end of the game does the jurisdiction of the officials remain in force.
Art 46.9 says 20 minutes before the game is scheduled to begin and ends with the end of playing time as approved by the officials.
2. A player arrives at the scoretable wearing an earring. When asked by the scorer to remove it they object, stating they were allowed to wear it in the last game they played. What should be the procedure of the scorer.
Bring it to the attention of the referee. It is then his problem.
3. A team has a playing Coach. In the third quarter the playing Coach:
 (a) commits their fifth foul or
 (b) commits a disqualifying foul.
 May the playing Coach continue as Coach.
In (a) yes in (b) no. A disqualifying foul is the same for anyone in any position. They must go to, and remain in, the team's dressing room for the duration of the game or, if they so choose, shall leave the building. Art 37.2.2

Test Your Rules Knowledge!

Look up the answer and Article number to each of the following questions:

1. During a fight situation the Assistant Coach of Red team leaves the team bench area to assist the referees. What is the penalty on the Assistant Coach.
2. Red 7 and Blue 10 are involved in a double foul, after which the Red team Coach commits a technical foul. How does the game resume.
3. Red 7 commits the teams 5th foul, after the first free throw by Blue 8 a technical foul is called on Red 4, the coach of the Red team requests a time-out. What is the correct procedure from here?





Uniform/Name Badge Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Association: _____ Registration No: _____

Long Sleeved – Rugby Tops - \$60.50 + Postage & Handling of \$5.50												
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											
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 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 Number:												

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