



OFF THE SCOREBOARD

2009 Season Finishes

For most, the basketball season has drawn to an end; some will continue as the various clubs compete in finals series. If you are selected to score for finals, then enjoy the opportunity and the very best of luck to your scoretable personnel and basketball club!

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, Basketball Australia has undergone a facelift and has instigated a new logo. This logo is now consistent throughout basketball in Australia and will include our parent body, the VBRA, as well as our association, the VBSA.

You will see in this edition of the newsletter, that as a consequence of the changes indicated above, an opportunity exists to make changes to our uniform should the membership believe it will be the best interest of the Association.

A survey is now underway to get your feedback regarding

possible changes—or not—as you believe to be in the best interest of the VBSA.

The Referees have already made the change and their new logo is shown below.



Referees uniforms will progressively be updated to display their new logo.

The new logo for the VBSA will be consistent with the VBRA logo although the final design has not been finalised yet. As this will be a very different shape to our existing logo, the committee will be looking to the membership input regarding our uniform—*you have the opportunity to voice your opinion!*

*Douglas McRae
Newsletter editor*

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Scorers Required ...

The VC and VJL Grand Finals will be held on the 11th September at MSAC and the 18th September at Dandenong respectively.

Anyone who is interested and available to score the Grand finals, Please contact Joanne Davis via email joannedavis5@optusnet.com.au or mobile (SMS only): 0448 130 609.

Please do not phone Joanne as she is hearing impaired—SMS only when using her mobile phone number.

Douglas McRae

Help Required ...

The Committee wishes to create **Honour Boards** for the Association. To this end we are seeking help from our members who may be able to either assist with the production of wooden or perspex boards or who can point us to a manufacturer who will offer your Association a discount. We are happy to entertain a sponsorship notice both on the board and in the newsletter

Contact us at either vbsa50@yahoo.com.au or call Ian on (03) 9700 4532

Ian Collings

From the State Convenor ...

Hi all,

The time has now passed for all scoretable officials to have applied for their Working With Children checks.

If you have not yet done so, and are still scoring or involved with basketball in any capacity, you are now breaking the law and are liable for fines, to yourself, your Convenor for rostering you and your Association for allowing you to volunteer.

I have heard rumours that the authorities have received a smaller number of applications from basketball than they expected.

It comes to mind that they may check stadiums for compliance over this issue.

Please do not think that because you only score senior basketball you are not required to obtain this check. I recently attended a BigV Division 2 women's game and the number of over-18 players for both sides combined numbered less than 10!

If you have just applied for your WWC card, notify your Convenor, Association and VBSA of your receipt number in the interim. If you have a WWC card because it is a requirement of your employment, then don't forget to complete a **Notification of Change of Personal Details** form to include basketball on your card and send it to the Working With Children Check Unit at the address listed on the form. The above form can be downloaded from the Victorian Department of Justice website at:

<http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/Working+With+Children/home/> click on the **Maintaining Your Check** menu item and finally click on the “**Change of Personal Details Form**” link located on the right-hand side of the page.

Remember, if you have applied for your card but have not received it yet, then take the form with your receipt number with you to games in case you are asked for your card.

*Regards
Ian Collings
State Convenor*

Test Your Rules Knowledge!

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

1. A jump ball is called and Team A has the ball with the possession arrow. Because of very tight defence Team A is unable to inbound the ball within the 5 second count. Is the possession arrow changed when Team B is awarded the ball?
2. Do fouls charged to a team member during an interval of play count towards the five foul limit for a player or the four foul limit for team fouls?
3. Red team has the ball at the start of the third quarter with the possession arrow. After the throw-in a held ball is called immediately. Who is awarded the ball out of bounds under the alternating possession rule?

Congratulations!

Congratulations are extended to our Eltham convenor Colin Hart and his wife Marilyn on the birth of their daughter Amy Grace.

Congratulations are also extended to our Waverley convenor Patricia Nagel on the arrival of her new grand daughter Jorga Rose.





Diary Dates ...

Tournament Dates

Wheelchair National Women's League—Rd 4

7—9 August 2009

Dandenong

Opals vs China

17 August—Geelong

21 August—Dandenong

(Invitation only)

VC Grand Finals

11 September

MSAC

VJL Grand Finals

18 September

Dandenong

Australian U14 Boys Club Championships

21—26 September 2009

Dandenong

Asia-Oceania Wheelchair Championships

11—17 October 2009

Dandenong (invitation only)

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VBSA Committee

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Scoretable Uniform

As already mentioned, we will very soon have a new VBSA logo. The logo will no longer be square in overall dimension but will be rectangular.

The change in overall shape of the logo indicates that it is not a suitable design to be able to create a “replacement” patch to be sewn over the existing logo.

A separate issue is the cost of the VBSA tops—both long and short sleeved. The shading used by the existing uniform means that it has to be specially made and that adds to the cost of providing uniforms.

With this in mind, the committee is anxious to survey the membership to determine their view on whether this opportunity should be taken to consider changing the uniform to something that does not require special manufacturing, and hence reduce the cost of purchase for new tops.

If the top was plain, possibly all white or all black or even a single solid colour, the basic uniform could be purchased at far more economical rate. The logo would then be added for only an additional few dollars providing a much simpler and cheaper uniform.

Your thoughts?

Which way would you like to move;

1. Stay with the existing design
2. Move to a plainer design that would be more cost effective.
3. Suggested design—black, white, single colour, long and short sleeve versions, etc.

Timeline considerations

Assuming that the overall design of the tops is changed, how soon should the expectation be that **everyone** is wearing the new top?

1. Six months
2. 12 months
3. 18 months
4. 2 years

Please email your response to vbsa50@yahoo.com.au with a Subject header of “Uniform proposal”. Your input is essential, so please send you suggestions to the committee as soon as possible.

Douglas McRae

Answers to last issue's 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.
Art 39.2.2 None
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.
**A foul is recorded against both players with no penalty (Pc)—Art 35.2.
The Blue team is awarded two free throws and possession of the ball from the centre line—Art 38.4**
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?
After the second free throw and before the penalty for the technical foul is administered, sound the buzzer and call the time-out to the referee Art 18.3.6

Report from the International Games

It is never easy working with equipment you have not seen before, but that is what happened to our Scoretable Officials at the recent International games held at MSAC. There were a couple of hiccups on the first two days, nothing serious.

Sunday however was a completely different kettle of fish. Everyone arrived early, last day and all that, Melissa set the clock and scoreboard, 25 minutes before tip off, start the clock (or try to). Nothing doing. Checked everything was set properly...yes, no problem there. Checked the clock and shot clock, found the shot clock was running both the game clock and the shot clock. MSAC staff came running, they tried everything, then with time getting away from us, the 2 o'clock start now 20 minutes late, we had some domestic equipment hooked to the scoreboard which showed the score, fouls etc, but no time. Time and shot were above the rings. The scoretable officials were separated (see photo).

The second game was easier as the wonderful Jarrad arrived from refereeing at Mornington and bought some semblance of order with the Officials again sitting together.

Poor Jarrad!! Every time he thought of moving, either Pat or I ordered him to "sit" "stay".

It isn't easy going for your Level 4 but a lot of fun! Just ask the officials who worked that week end. A great job with both Pat and I very impressed with their performance. The officials were:

Leah Collings,
Catherine Moller,

Melanie Connell,
Helen Steers,

Melissa Duguid,
Kerri Fielding,

Danni Sampson,
Joanne Greenwood,

Avis Scullin





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:																				

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. **Please allow 28 days for delivery.**
 Orders cannot be dispatched until cheques are cleared.
All prices correct at 6 April 2009. All prices, including postage, are GST inclusive.