

OFF THE SCOREBOARD

SCORERS REQUIRED

Are you available to score for the Junior Finals to be held on:

**Friday 16 September, and
Friday 23 September.**

Finals are to be played at Dandenong Stadium and Scott Samson advises that on Friday 16 September he has 38 games to cover (each scorer to do 3 games) and on Friday 23 September he has 18 games to cover (each scorer to do 2 games).

Contact Scott by email at vbbsa50@yahoo.com.au if you can assist.

*Scott Samson
Events Coordinator*

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Our annual end-of-year function will be held on Saturday 5 November at:



Henry's International Restaurant

Henry's is conveniently located at 63 Stud Road, Bayswater only a short drive from Eastlink Freeway—take the Boronia Road exit to Stud Road.

Please advise Scott Samson via vbbsa50@yahoo.com.au of your intention to attend so our booking can be made.

Change of Procedure ...

The VBSA committee has approved the following change in procedure.

"The Shot Clock will be reset (after a foul) once the Referee has ended his communications with the Scoretable".

This will make it easier for the operator and allow time for the correct decision to be made by all.

Vale

We have lost another of our inaugural members.

Pat Carey passed away earlier this year. Pat was one of the Officials who worked at the 1986 World Cup here in Melbourne. This was a Wheelchair Basketball Gold Cup, the first we had in Australia. Pat was also a permanent member of the Victorian Basketball Championship Competition, which pre-dates NBL, WNBL and SEABL, and was held on Wednesday nights at the pre MSAC venue at Albert Park.

Pat retired to the Brisbane area where she continued to work as a Scoretable Official until illness stopped her.

Pat continued to visit Melbourne where she is survived by her two sons, Shaun and Peter, also actively involved in Basketball and I was so pleased to see her on her last visit.

With love from Avis.



Points of Emphasis ...

The follow items have become issues with a few scorers.

1. Finishing of the Scoresheet. E.g. circle the score at the end of each quarter.
At the end of the game circle the scores, write down the final scores, the winning team name then allow the referees to sign the Scoresheet. The Summary Sheet is completed next to allow Stats to finish their work, followed by the final marking off of the Scoresheet.
According to the FIBA rule book, each Scoretable official is to print their name as a form of signature, should questions be asked.
2. Signal *Subs* before *Time Outs*, except after a made score, when the non scoring team shall be entitled to a Time Out and this will be signalled first followed by a Sub signal. Remember that Subs reporting in after the Time Out has been called by the referee are not signalled.
3. Check the status of the ball before signalling Subs or Time Outs. Too many times the ball is in play when the siren is signalled. ***Please look first.***
4. Only the number of the player can be changed on a signed off Scoresheet, not the name.
5. Correct winter uniform for all Scoretable Officials is the prescribed uniform of Polo shirt (old style or new) or Rugby top (old style) or Jacket (new style) and black trousers/pants/skirt, black shoes and black socks or hosiery. If wearing a colour other than black underneath your uniform, it should not be visible.
6. Fouled out players must be timed. The coach has 30 seconds to replace this player.
7. When there is a lot of noise and the siren cannot be heard, use a second siren as well if available, raise your arm and wave it, attempt to gain the referees attention, and keep the clock switched off until they hear you. Do not do anything to endanger anyone like throwing a ball onto the court. Remember we have a duty of care.
8. Countdowns are 10 ... 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0. The Timer shall count down the Shot Clock and once the Shot Clock has finished, the Shot Clock operator will countdown the Time Clock in a similar fashion.
9. There is no need to call “Shot’s away” or “Missed shot”.
10. Working With Children cards for all officials over 18 years must be carried when officiating. This is compulsory by law. Remember, you can be legally charged for not having one or not carrying one when officiating. Your Convenor can also face legal action for appointing you knowing you are working without one. It requires a form to be filled out at Australian Post and a photo taken, best of all it costs nothing as you are a volunteer.
11. Last 2 minutes Subs & Time-outs. ***“This is a substitution opportunity for the non-scoring team only, and only in the last 2 min’s of the fourth quarter or last 2 min’s of each extra period. If the non-scoring team is granted a substitution the opponents may also be granted a substitution and both teams are granted a time-out opportunity, if they require”.***

Education Notes 2011

Test Your Rules Knowledge!

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

1. After a basket in the last two minutes of the game, the player inbounding the ball throws the ball onto the court then steps in and after a few seconds picks up the ball. The Timer starts the clock when the player picks up the ball even though this is a violation. Was the Timer correct in starting the clock?
2. White has the next alternating possession, a held ball is called followed by a Technical foul against Red. The foul shots are taken with the ball being inbounded at the centre line extended by white. Should the arrow be changed ?
3. The chair has a request for a Sub and a Time out. What is the order of the calls ?

Diary Dates ...

FIBA Oceania Men's and Women's Championship

7—11 September 2011

7 Sept: Game 1—Victoria

9 Sept: Game 2—Queensland

11 Sept: Game 3—New South Wales

VJBL—VC and VJL Finals

16 September 2011

23 September 2011

Dandenong Basketball Stadium, VIC.

Australian U14 Boys Club Championship

26 Sept—1 Oct 2011

Brisbane, QLD

Australian U14 Girls Club Championship

3—8 October 2011

Darwin, NT

NBL and WNBL Commences

7—9 October 2011

Australian Masters Games

7—16 October 2011

Wayville & Pasadena, SA

Australian Schools Championships

5—9 December 2011

Bendigo, VIC

Australian U20 & Ivor Burge Championships

19—25 February 2012

ACT

Answers to last issue's questions

- On a shot for a field goal by A4 the ball lodges between the ring and the backboard. Team A is entitled to a throw in under the alternating possession procedure. What should be on the shot clock?

The shot clock is not reset when the same team retains of the ball under the alternating possession procedure.
- Team A has possession of the ball for twenty seconds when a double foul is called. How does the game resume?

Again the shot clock is not reset as explained above.
- How much time does a team have to remove an injured player from the court ?

Whatever time is required.

VBSA Committee

Convenor: **Ian Collings**

Secretary: **Megan Walther**

Treasurer: **Gretta Jamieson**

Registrar: **Melanie Connell**

Events Secretary: **Scott Samson**

Newsletter: **Douglas McRae**

Property: **John Jarvis**

Educators: **Pat Collings/Avis Scullin**

Note: Contact numbers for committee members are available on the *Members Only* area of the *VBSA website* at:

<http://www.vicscoretable.org.au>



Uniform Policy ...

Winter uniform for all Scoretable Officials is the prescribed uniform of Polo shirt (old or new style) or Rugby top (old style) or Jacket (new style) and black trousers/pants/skirt, black shoes and black socks or hosiery. **The new uniform and old uniform are not to be mixed.** *This does not mean everyone must be in the same uniform.*

An individual must wear either all new uniform or all old uniform. It is either one or the other. If wearing a colour other than black underneath your uniform, it should not be visible. There are no scarves, hats, other jumpers or cardigans to be worn. The Chairperson cannot wear gloves however all other Scoretable officials may wear fingerless gloves.

Summer Uniform is polo shirt (old or new) plain black tailored knee length shorts (absolutely no running shorts or sports shorts) and black shoes (these may be black sandals). Summer uniform can only be worn from the day of the first NBL or WNBL game (whichever is first) until the end of the long weekend of the Big V tournament.

Level 1 scorers may wear a plain white polo shirt and/or jumper for the first 12 months. These should not have any big print on them. Small logos are acceptable. They are expected to be in full prescribed uniform after their first year.

VBSA Committee

Basketball Blood Policy ...

This policy has been issued by Basketball Australia as a best practice guide at all levels of competition.

Referees need to be aware and implement the following policy in relation to the safety of the basketball court and the risk of viral transmission.

As a practical guide the following interpretation of court safety is to be followed:

1. During the game the official shall order any player who is bleeding or has an open wound, to leave the playing court and cause this player to be substituted.
2. Before the player is allowed back into the game the wound should be treated (no further bleeding) and the affected area completely and securely covered.
3. A bleeding player who has received treatment, and the affected area covered, may remain in the game at the expense of a team time-out. (As for an injured player.)
4. If there is blood on the uniform the player should change the uniform immediately. (It will be necessary to carry a spare number uniform for this purpose.) Under no circumstances should a player with wet or dry bloodstains on their uniform be allowed on the court!
5. Prohibit a player returning to the court with a blood stained uniform, unless the uniform has been soaked in the recommended solution for at least five minutes and thoroughly rinsed off with water.
The recommended solution is 0.5% bleach and 2% detergent mixed with water and applied for five minutes. (**Note:** Normal machine washing will not kill the virus on items of clothing.)
6. Blood on the ball - replace the ball.
7. Blood spilt on the floor or benches should be wiped thoroughly with the recommended solution of bleach and detergent. Protective rubber gloves should be worn when cleaning blood spills and disposed of correctly with all other contaminated cleaning materials after use.
8. A "**Blood Kit**" should be *situated at the Scoretable* during competition games.

Basketball Australia