

OFF THE SCOREBOARD

Welcome back!

I hope that everyone has enjoyed Christmas and welcomed in the New Year in style and are now looking forward to catching up with Scoretable colleagues old and new!

The Annual General Meeting for 2012 has been held—congratulations to award winners and to new committee members.

Ian Collings has been returned as State Convenor, and Gretta Jamieson as Treasurer. Congratulations to Ian and Gretta for the work they have done for the Scoretable and no doubt they will have another busy year ahead.

Callum McClusky has been elected to the Committee and will be looking after Events Coordination. Unfortunately, Scott Samson and John Jarvis have had to relinquish their role with the Committee so a vacancy presently exists on the Committee for the position of Property Officer—if you feel that this is a role you could assist with, please email State

Convenor Ian Collings or VBSA Secretary Megan Walther at: vbsa50@yahoo.com.au.

At present, the VBSA has approximately 526 members listed with possibly up to an additional 100 undergoing training this year. Of this number, there are still quite a few who are not yet financial for 2012 and who will be ineligible to receive evaluations during the year.

The kick-off for the 2012 season commences next weekend with the Big V tournament which again will be held at MSAC across the Labour Day weekend—hope to see you there!

Douglas McRae
Newsletter Editor

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Schools

Level 1 and Level 2 schools will again be conducted at MSAC during the Big V tournament.

Level 1 on Saturday 10th March, 8.30 am for a 9.00 am start.

Level 2 on Sunday 11th March also 8.30 am for a 9.00 am start.

There will also be a Level 1 school held at Blackburn on Sunday 18th March.

Old Fleecies

Members will be pleased to know that the remaining fleecies from the previous uniform have been put to good use!

John Jarvis contacted the Homeless Shelter during the recent winter period and donated the fleecies to the Shelter so they could be put to good use helping Melbourne's homeless keep a bit warmer during the cold months.

So if you see someone strolling around Melbourne wearing a grey VBSA fleecy, and you think they might be looking a bit down and out, don't get too worried! Instead, think of how you have been able to assist some less fortunate folk keep a bit warmer during the cold Melbourne winters.



Presentations

Due to an unfortunate timing problem, service awards were not ready in time for this year's AGM. They will now be presented at the next Convenors meeting.

However, that didn't prevent nominations for Scorer of the Year being received and a worthy scorer selected to receive this prestigious award.

**Scorer of the Year for 2011—
Angela Embleton.**

Angela is pictured receiving her award from VBRA President, Steve Chadd.



The citation presented in support of Angela's nomination reads as follows:

"It would be easier to list the clubs Angela has not assisted than ones she has. Angela has always made herself available for all tournaments in Victoria. She has also run the Scoretable roster for the last 2 Big V tournaments and is again running it in 2012.

Angela has taken a week off work to go to Bendigo for the schools for the last 2 years, paying all her own costs.

Angela is the scoretable convenor for Melbourne Tigers, Big V. Her encouragement of all officials, especially juniors, is invaluable. I would like to see Angela progress to the educator program."

A special presentation was also awarded. A Certificate of Honorary Membership was presented to **Barb Barton** for her tireless efforts and outstanding contributions in helping VBSA over the years. Congratulations and thank you for your work and effort over the years.

Test Your Rules Knowledge!

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

1. During an alternating possession throw-in by Red Team, Red 5 is assessed a foul for an illegal screen. Shall Red Team lose its right to the alternating possession?
2. With 1:27 left in the 4th period, Red 4 scores a field goal. Blue 10 requests and is granted a substitution. Coach of Red Team then requests a time-out. Shall the request be granted?
3. Red 5 is awarded two free throws. While the ball is dead following the first free throw, Red 5 is assessed a technical foul. Substitute Red 10 now requests to enter the game to replace Red 5. Shall Red 10 be permitted to enter the game immediately?



BV Official Pay Rates—March 2012

<p>Domestic—Regular Season</p> <p>Level 0 \$5.40</p> <p>Level 1 & 2 \$6.40</p> <p>Level 3 & 4 \$8.50</p> <p>Domestic—Finals</p> <p>Level 0 \$8.50</p> <p>Level 1 & 2 \$9.60</p> <p>Level 3 & 4 \$11.70</p>	<p>VJBL</p> <p>Level 0 \$9.60</p> <p>Level 1 & 2 \$11.70</p> <p>Level 3 & 4 \$13.90</p> <p>MMBL—Winter</p> <p>Level 0 \$10.70</p> <p>Level 1 & 2 \$12.80</p> <p>Level 3 & 4 \$14.90</p>	<p>VJBL—Vic Champ Finals</p> <p>MMBL—Finals</p> <p>Level 0 \$12.80</p> <p>Level 1 & 2 \$17.10</p> <p>Level 3 & 4 \$19.30</p> <p>VJBL—Metro East Finals</p> <p>Level 0 \$10.70</p> <p>Level 1 & 2 \$13.40</p> <p>Level 3 & 4 \$14.90</p>
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Australian U16 Championships

Basketball Australia is requesting one scoretable official to officiate at the 2012 Australian U/16 Championships to be held in Tamworth, NSW.

To be eligible to attend, you must be available between the 7th of July and the 14th of July—this does not necessarily include travelling to and from Tamworth.

Basketball Australia will book the accommodation (twin share) and breakfast and flights for each person. This cost is equalized out to each of the states and territories and then invoiced to the states for payment. [Basketball Victoria will pick up this cost]. Transport to and from Brisbane airport will be organized and also transport to the venue for games each day. All other meals will be paid for by the individual. Each host venue will have food for volunteers.

Any sightseeing is your responsibility.

The VBSA would like to invite all Victorian officials who meet the above BA requirements, are a Level 2 official or higher, have an interest in working with other officials or possibly volunteers in a Tournament environment and are confident in their ability to handle the unexpected [it does sometimes happen!] to respond in the positive to this request.

I have attended many of these Championships and enjoyed them all, even the one in Ballarat two years ago when it snowed!

At this stage, all officials who nominate will be evaluated to determine the successful applicant and one reserve in case there are unexpected issues with the selected official. This may mean that if you are the backup, you may be required to travel on short notice.

Hope you can take up the opportunity.

Regards

*Ian Collings
State Convenor*

Diary Dates ...

Big V Tournament

MSAC
10—12 March 2012
Melbourne, VIC

SEABL Season Commences

16—18 March 2012
Various Venues

FIBA Oceania 3x3 Tournament

18—21 April 2012
Coff's Harbour NSW

Paralympic Cup—Gliders

21—26 May 2012
Manchester UK

Melbourne Junior Classic

Venues TBD
8—10 June 2012
Melbourne VIC

Farewell Games in Australia— Boomers and Opals

25—30 June 2012
Melbourne VIC

Australian U16 Men & Women Championships

8—14 July 2012
Tamworth NSW

London Olympics

27 July—12 August 2012
London UK



"I don't care if he's a basketball! We're in love!"

Answers to last issue's questions

1. If an extra period is necessary, shall the teams attack the same baskets as they were in the second half?

Yes. All extra periods the teams shall continue to play towards the same basket as in the fourth period. Art 9.7

2. At the beginning of the game, Jumper Red 4 taps the ball directly out of bounds and Team Blue is awarded the ball for the throw in. On the throw in by Blue 4, Red 5 is the first player to gain possession of the live ball on the playing court. Which team does the possession arrow favour?

The arrow will favour the Blue team. The team that does not gain control of the live ball on the playing court after a jump ball will be entitled to the first alternating possession. Art 12

3. The timekeeper sounds his buzzer to indicate the end of a time-out. Blue 10 reports to the scorer and requests a substitution. Is this allowed?

Yes. An opportunity for a substitution ends when the ball is at the disposal of a player for a throw in or a free throw. Art 19

VBSA Committee

Convenor: **Ian Collings**
Secretary: **Megan Walther**
Treasurer: **Gretta Jamieson**
Registrar: **Melanie Connell**
Events Secretary: **Callum McClusky**
Newsletter: **Douglas McRae**
Property: **Vacant**
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>

Improvisation ...

Hands up those who have been inside a basketball stadium when the lights went out!!
This is how some of our innovative members managed to turn disaster into orderliness ...

Outside the wind howled through the trees, whilst inside the teams finished their warm ups and headed to the bench in readiness for the game.

The score table team were all in place; Score sheet completed and signed off, Lights Checked, Buzzers Sounded, Shot Clock tested and the game clock counting down to the start of the game. All of a sudden, a huge gust of wind whistled through the trees outside, and in an instant everything went quiet.

BLACK OUT!!!

Fortunately this was an afternoon game in a stadium well lit by natural light, so the lack of lighting was not a disaster. “Can we run a game without electricity?” came the request from the referees and the coaches.

It was time to improvise, and so that is what we did.

We couldn't run a shot clock, but as this was a practice game, would they be prepared to run without one? “Yes” came the reply from both coaches and the referees.

The sheet was not a problem; we had enough light shining through the window for that.

We quickly grabbed a Smart Phone (any Apple iPhone or HTC or similar will do) and found the Clock application and selected “Timer” and put ten minutes on it. Worked out the start, stop and reset buttons – that was the game clock under control.

We needed a siren and fortunately the Referee had a spare whistle and that became our siren for the afternoon. Blown in a different way to the way a referee blows his whistle, it became loud enough and distinctive enough to be heard above the crowd.

Keeping the coaches informed of time and scores becomes important when there is no scoreboard. We counted down the game clock from the five minute mark on the minute and then in the last minute of the quarter every ten seconds. I.e., 5 minutes, 4 minutes, 3 minutes ... 1 Minute, 50 seconds, 40 seconds, etc. Scores were announced as they were made. I.e., team A = 10, team B = 15

Who did what –

The Scorer continued with the Sheet,

The Chair continued as usual but delegated the “siren” to the Visuals Operator.

The Time Keeper used the smart phone to time the game and to announce the time marks.

The Visuals operator became the “whistle blower” for all instances when a siren would be used
Shot Clock operator updated the coach on that side of the score table.

If this ever happens to you; don't despair! You can still run a game without a functioning set of electronic equipment. By being creative, getting some agreement from the refs and the coaches and by adapting roles and responsibilities it is possible to run a very efficient score table which will allow the game to go on.

Both coaches and referees were delighted at the scoretable's ability to function and support the game.

We had improvised and we had performed!

*David Booth
VBSA Coach and Convenor for Doncaster*

Uniform/Name Badge Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Association: _____ Registration No: _____

The garment measurements are for Half Chest. This measurement is done by laying the garment on a flat surface and measuring horizontally directly under the arm. To achieve the best fit, it is recommended that you measure an existing top and/or jacket (as required) to determine the best size for you. **The Committee will not accept responsibility for members ordering the incorrect size.**

Polo – Black, Short Sleeve, Orange Panel and Piping - \$33.00									
Size	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL
cm	51	55	57	59	61	63	65	67	69
Order Quantity									
Lined Jacket – Black Micro-Fibre, Orange Panel and Piping - \$85.00									
Allow extra size to go over uniform	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL
cm	53	56	61	66	71	76	80	84	88
Order Quantity									
Postage and Handling									
Polo:	\$6.00	Jacket:	\$10.30	Polo and Jacket:	\$10.30				

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 as at 12 November 2010. All prices, including postage, are GST inclusive.