

# OFF THE SCOREBOARD

## Editorial

The Olympic games have finished for another four years and athletes from the various sports have returned home.

This Olympics was the first I have enjoyed the most mainly thanks to pay-TV and the opportunity to watch complete basketball matches without continued interruptions from some host busy updating all the viewers with events happening at various venues.

What did you think of the games? Were you able to enjoy watching specific sports that you find interesting? I have listened to a number of reports praising pay-TV's coverage but no-one seems to have mentioned much about the free-to-air offering.

The end of the games has coincided with the finish of the Big V and SEABL competitions. How has the team(s) you

have scored for this year fared? Many of our scorers will still have a few more weeks scoring through the finals seasons before putting their gear away until 2013.

All the best for whichever team you maybe involved with.

2012 is also the last year where the old uniform can be worn when scoring. At the commencement of the 2013 season, all scorers must be attired in the new uniform. For those of you waiting for outstanding orders, I noted an email advising that our supplier is catching up with the backlog of orders so supplies of the new uniform will be available for scorers who have outstanding orders to be filled and for those who have not yet made the change.

*Douglas McRae*  
Newsletter Editor

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## Convenors Meeting

A reminder to all Convenors that the next Convenors meeting will be held at the Nunawading Stadium on **Sunday 16 September commencing at 9.30 am**. The earlier start is required as Nunawading has a busy day for meetings and we need to conduct our meeting a little earlier as the room will be used for another meeting commencing at 12.30 pm.

All VBSA members are welcome to attend the meeting and are welcome to voice an opinion on any of the issues raised. However, only Convenors can vote on any issues raised at the meeting.

So, don't forget to set the alarm clock to ensure you have plenty of time to get to the meeting! Look forward to seeing you there on the morning.

*Ian Collings*  
State Convenor

## VBSA Christmas Dinner

A **BIG** reminder that the VBSA Christmas Dinner will be held on Saturday, 10 November. The committee is looking into alternative venues that are more centrally located so that many more of our members will be able to attend and make the evening even **MORE** enjoyable!!

**WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE DETAILS!!!**

## Farewell Series—Geelong ...



**From Right to Left: Ron Lovell, Graham Dawes, Bill Mildenhall, David Cecil and Marg Miller**

Scorers hard at work keeping track of the Boomers vs Greece Farewell game at Geelong Arena.

*Photo courtesy of Avis Scullin*

## Reminder ...

The *Australian Schools Championships* will be held from the **3 to the 7 December** at Kilsyth, Knox and the Victorian State Centre stadiums (a total of 15 courts).

Please try and keep these dates available where possible to assist the hard-pressed organizers and ensure these events will be run as smoothly as any well-oiled tournament can possibly run.

## Test Your Rules Knowledge!

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

1. Red 5 is injured; Red 10 enters the court to replace Red 5. Red Coach takes a time-out during which Red 5 recovers. He requests permission to re-enter the court. Should the request be granted?
2. What are the intervals of play? When do they commence and end?
3. Red team is granted a time-out. After 25 seconds Red team is ready to play. Does play start immediately?

## National Junior Classic ... It's a Wrap!

Wow ... the 2012 McDonald's® National Junior "Classic" has been and gone for another year already.

"*The National Junior Classic*" is an annual three day invitational tournament held over the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June. The size of this event is so large that two venues are needed to host the event. In recent years the two host stadiums have been the Dandenong Basketball Stadium and The Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre (M.S.A.C.).

Given this is my first year as the V.B.S.A. Events Secretary, I had never organised anything quite of "The Classic's" magnitude before, and I'm not too proud to admit, I was more than a little nervous. The fantastic people at V.J.B.L. in conjunction with Basketball Victoria keep raising the bar with regards to the quality of tournament they put on each and every year, and 2012 was certainly no different. I witnessed up close and personal just why "The Classic" is regarded as the premier club tournament in Australia and why basketball has a very strong future ahead of it if the talent pool on display is anything to go by.

Last year brought a new addition to the basketball calendar ... the Big V Big Bounce All Star Event, which also looks like becoming a regular fixture over the long weekend in June, as crowd numbers and interest continue to increase rapidly. The Big Bounce is essentially applying the 20 Twenty (cricket) thinking to basketball. It has 4 five minute quarters. Three pointers, dunks and jams are counted as 5 pointers. Defence is strongly frowned upon, as are lay ups. Given all the biggest and brightest talent from around the Big V are invited to play, I highly recommend that you give it a shot and see it for yourself next year. Really great fun!

Basketball is experiencing some very exciting times. A lot of media has focused on how our game is apparently struggling, and, sadly at the elite levels, it can be true. Yet whilst this rebuilding phase continues, our kids ... and our kid's kids continue to play the game we all love so much. At a grass roots domestic level, the active participation rates of basketball around Australia has never been higher.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of being a basketball official is that it allows you to meet some amazing people. To all the amazing people who assisted me with this tournament, I offer you my sincere thanks. As long as the passion for this great sport continues, we will have the pleasure of witnessing and officiating at such stellar junior tournaments as "The Classic".

*Kind regards*  
*Callum McCluskey*  
 Events Secretary – V.B.S.A.

## Oceania Youth Championships ...

The *Oceania Youth Championships* will be held in Latrobe Valley, Gippsland, VICTORIA at Churchill from **24 November to the 2 December**.

Due to the number of scorers required (16 officials per day), all **level 3 and level 4 officials** are invited to apply. It is anticipated that fully evaluated level 3 officials will be eligible for level 4 evaluations as this is an international competition. For level 3's who are not fully evaluated, any evaluations will be for their existing level.

**Expressions of Interest** can be lodged by emailing to [vbsa50@yahoo.com.au](mailto:vbsa50@yahoo.com.au) and placing "Oceania Youth Championships—attention Pat and Avis" in the header line.

Please note that you must provide at least three (3) dates you will be available if your availability is not for the whole tournament.

*Pat Collings*  
 Senior Educator

## Diary Dates ...

### SEABL Semi-Finals

17—19 August 2012  
Various Venues

### SEABL Preliminary Final

24—26 August 2012

### SEABL Conference Grand Finals

31 Aug—2 Sep 2012

### SEABL Championship Grand Final

8 September 2012

### NBL & WNBL Season Commences

5—7 October 2012

### FIBA Oceania Youth Tournament

24 Nov—2 Dec 2012  
La Trobe, Melbourne VIC

### Australian Schools Championship

3—7 December 2012  
Knox, Kilsyth, Victoria State Centre  
VIC

## Level 2 Scorers Course

A Level 2 Scorers training course has been planned for *Sunday 23 September, 2012*.

It is open to all level 1 scorers who have been scoring for six months or one full season.

The course will be conducted at Dandenong Stadium commencing at 9.00 am for registration and a 9.30 am commencement. The course will take approximately six (6) hours.

You will need to bring red and blue biros, and a notebook to take any additional notes you may feel are necessary.

The course is only available to *financial members* of the VBSA.

The cost of the course is \$11.00 per person; however, if your parent club is in the Big V competition, the cost will be reimbursed by Big V.

To join this course, send an email to [vbsa50@yahoo.com.au](mailto:vbsa50@yahoo.com.au) with you details including VBSA membership number and write "Level 2 course application" in the email header.

*Pat Collings*

## Answers to last issue's questions

- Blue 4 causes an out-of-bounds violation in the frontcourt of Team Red. The 24 second clock shows 8 seconds. Is this a reset?  
  
**No. Art 50**
- Red team presents a list of players. When 2 players take the court they have incorrect numbers. Can the numbers be changed?  
  
**Yes, players numbers can be changed, names cannot.**
- During a throw in does the shot clock start when the ball touches any player on the playing court?  
  
**Yes. Art 29**

## VBSA Committee

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

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