

# Off The Scoreboard

**Victorian Basketball Scoretable Association**

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## WELCOME

Welcome! I hope this Winter Edition finds you all fit and well. If not, then at least I hope it finds you warm and fed. Although the warm part of that statement is a challenge for most people I imagine of recent times.

Amazingly half this year has already somehow skipped passed us, and we find ourselves edging closer and closer to the SE-ABL and Big V Finals. "The Classic" has now been and gone, and as per usual was an enormous success with much talent on display at both the Dandenong and MSAC stadiums. All credit to the team from the VJBL, who continue to make this great tournament one of The showcase events of the basketball calendar.

A very warm "thank everyone" to all of you who helped me to have such a fantastic time looking after the Events role last year. I met many fantastic people, and I learned an awful lot, and I'm now looking forward to sinking my teeth into this new challenge ... the Newsletter.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to offer our sincere and heartfelt thanks to Doug McRae and Melanie Connell who have

now both sadly left the Committee. Thank you both for your tireless and faithful service, and we look forward to hopefully seeing you around the traps in the not-too-distant future.

For me personally I'd like to thank Doug immensely as he was the previous editor of "Off The Scoreboard" and has assisted me greatly in learning the ropes. As you will have noticed, the Newsletter has had a bit of a spruce up. Any and all feedback will be very welcome please.

On the flipside of those goodbyes and thank you's, and very warm welcome to our two new Committee members ... Greg Liebelt, our new Registrar and Leah Collings, our new Events Secretary. Awesome to have you both on board!

Thank you all for continuing to tirelessly give to this great sport that we are all so passionate about.

Kind regards,

Callum McCluskey  
*Newsletter – V.B.S.A.*

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## NEW ADDRESS!

Please Note - The VBSA has a NEW PO Box address. Please forward ALL future correspondence to:

**The Secretary - V.B.S.A.  
PO Box 4596  
Knox City Centre VIC 3152**

## Coming Soon - Inaugural VBSA Family & Social Day

Please keep the **10th November** free for the "**Inaugural V.B.S.A. Family and Social Day**".

The Committee has noted that there's been a certain lack of interest in Christmas functions of recent times, and as a result we've decided to try a more family friendly approach with a social type gathering in an outdoors/picnic environment.

At this stage, we are thinking of gathering at Jells Park. Given it has over 9km of stunning paths and trails, 127 hectares of wide open spaces and numerous BBQ areas, it seems like the perfect place.

Having said that, we'd love to hear any alternate suggestions anyone may have. Please forward to: [vbsa50@yahoo.com.au](mailto:vbsa50@yahoo.com.au)



## The 2013 McDonald's "Classic"

Well, the **2013 McDonald's® National Junior Classic** is done and dusted for another Amazing year!

As they do every fantastic year, the VJBL in conjunction with Basketball Victoria, present "The Classic" for an action packed, excitement filled Queen's Birthday long weekend, and 2013 was certainly no different.

As per usual all the action took place at the Dandenong Basketball Stadium and the Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre (MSAC) and all ages groups were hotly contested with some fantastic Oz Hoops on show.

For all the officials, whether it be scoretable, referee, or statisticians ... all the players, coaching, admin staff, volunteers, parents, Everyone ... A massive Thank you. We hope you all had an amazing weekend, and we look forward to doing it all again next year.



## \* Urgent Call For Help \* 2013 Special Olympics

Deborah Drew is organising scoretables for the **2013 Special Olympics** which will be held at **Cardinia Life Pakenham** on the **6th & 7th of July**. 8 courts will be running, with two scorers needed per court. Exact timings are still to be confirmed.

Any and all assistance would be greatly appreciated please. Please contact Deborah via her direct email at:

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[debbie.drew@southernhealth.org.au](mailto:debbie.drew@southernhealth.org.au)



## Diary Dates ...

### F.I.B.A. Oceania Qualification Boomers & Opals

14th -17th August, 2013  
Canberra, AUST & Auckland, N.Z.

### V.J.B.L. Grand Finals

14th - 21st September, 2013  
TBC, VIC

### U17 FIBA-Oceania Championships

14th & 16th September, 2013  
Knox, VIC

### N.B.L. and W.N.B.L. Preseason

19th - 22nd September, 2013  
Dandenong, VIC

### Australian U14 Girls Club Championship

30th September - 5th October, 2013  
Ballarat, VIC

### Inaugural V.B.S.A. Family & Social Day

10th November, 2013  
Jells Park, VIC (TBC)

### Australian Schools Basketball Championship

2nd - 6th December, 2013  
Kilsyth and Knox, VIC

## And the Award Goes too ... It's a Tie!!

This year's "**2012 Scoretable Official of Year**" award was jointly won by Karen Carmody and David Booth. The Committee figured that the best, most fitting tribute in showing Exactly how deserving they were in winning their respective awards, is to embarrass the heck out of them, and to post the Nominations letters here ...

### Karen Carmody

"Karen Carmody is a trusted senior official of Dandenong, who also works regularly at Melbourne and Keysborough and anywhere else that she may be able to help out, including the FIBA Oceania Youth Championships in Churchill.

In 2012, Karen helped out at Keysborough in their time of need by stepping in as Acting Convenor. During this difficult period, she managed to keep the scoretable running smoothly, no doubt due to her superior organizational skills and friendly character, making it easy for other scorers to aid Keysborough through the season. This dedication continues into the 2013 season as she endeavours to assist the Keysborough Committee in finding a permanent Scoretable Convenor and to build their scorer base from scratch.

I consider Karen to be an integral part of our scoretable community and an invaluable member at Dandenong. She is always available to help when needed and does so with a smile. She is fantastic support and a mentor to her fellow scorers, including her local Convenor.

Not only a great scorer, but a wonderful person and a pleasure to be around and work with on Any Scoretable. We could do to have many more like her in our midst ...



### David Booth

David became involved in basketball and subsequently with scoretable activities, when he achieved his Level 1 in 2004. Our involvement with David has been over the recent years where he has established and led the Scoretable at Warrandyte. Warrandyte started in Big V with one team in 2007 and has now expanded to field 4 teams in 2012. David has managed that growth by attracting new scoretable officials, displaying strong support for the continual training and enhancement of the existing team members.

Significant aspects of his character have been his quiet leadership, encouragement and development of the various members of the Scoretable. David's expertise in the preparation of rosters and management of member requirements allows for the efficient and professional running of the Warrandyte scoretable program, avoiding unnecessary clashes and/or rearrangements of the roster.

At Warrandyte we have greatly benefited from his professionalism and proudly say that it would be a very rare occurrence that Warrandyte would field a team of less than a complement of 5 persons.

David was given the opportunity to become an official scoretable evaluator and commenced these duties in 2012. He has recently achieved his Level 4. David's invaluable input with other Clubs, ie Doncaster and Bulleen have added credit to his scoretable resume. We believe his enthusiasm, expertise and demeanour, not only with scoretable management but in general gives him the qualities of being the 'Scoretable Official of the Year'.

## Test Your Rules Knowledge!

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

1. The Timer counts the last 5 seconds on the shot clock. Which way does the Timer face when counting these last five seconds?
2. On the opening jump ball Blue 4 violates after the ball is tossed but before the ball is tapped; may either team substitute at this time?
3. Blue 4 and Red 6 commit a double foul. Blue 4's foul is judged as a disqualifying foul. Shall free throws be awarded?

## \*\* FOR Sale - Foul Bats \*\*

For those of you unaware, all Scoretable Officials of a Level Two or higher standing, should have a set of Foul Bats. Now we all now that these tend to only come in handy during the various Tournaments, yet it is a requirement none-the-less.

Vic Nihill, a dedicated V.B.S.A. member is selling his hand crafted foul bats and possession arrows.

Foul bats sets are \$25 per set, or \$31 if sent via post. Cash is much preferred if possible please, however money order or cheque will also be accepted. Delivery or pickups are also available.

Home phone: [\(03\) 9435-7725](tel:0394357725)

Email [victor.nihill@gmail.com](mailto:victor.nihill@gmail.com)



## Important Note on Fees

VBSA send out invoices for membership fees for the following year to the Convener of every association in October each year with the balance due by December 31<sup>st</sup>. If your fees are paid but not by the due date, you WILL miss out on your evaluation for the year. Not only does your evaluation count towards helping your progress higher through the levels, it also helps keep your skills up to date or possibly confirms you're on the right track.

Also included in your membership fees are:

- \* All rule and handbook updates are posted on the members only section of the website for you to download and print.
- \* Quarterly VBSA newsletter containing articles on education, community new, scoretable events and trivia and history.
- \* One VBSA evaluation per year.

If your fees are not being paid in time to receive evaluations you are entitled to pay your own fees individually directly to VBSA. For details on paying direct please email [vbsa50@yahoo.com.au](mailto:vbsa50@yahoo.com.au)

If you are not receiving your yearly evaluation and would like to receive feedback from a VBSA Coach, please speak to your Convener or contact VBSA.

Ian Collings  
Convener

## Answers to Last Issue's Questions

**Q1.** A foul is called on Red 6. This allows Blue 4 two free throws. As Blue 4 prepares to take his free throws he remonstrates with Red 6. A Technical foul is called on Blue 4. This is his fifth foul, what happens to his free throws.

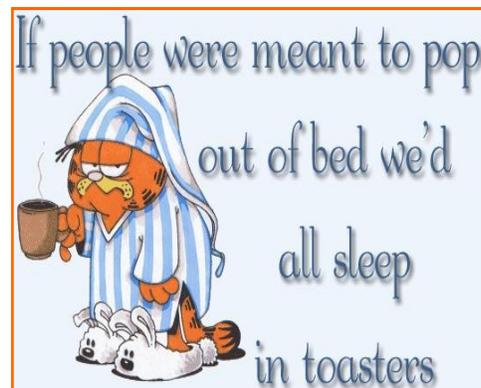
**A1.** *The foul shots are taken by his substitute.*

**Q2.** Blue 4 is called for a 3 second violation. The throw in from the end line hits the trail official who is on the playing surface, then bounces on the playing surface. When does the clock start?

**A2.** *The clock is turned on when the ball is touched by or touches a player on the court. The referee is part of the court in this instance.*

**Q3.** As the horn sounds to end the first period, Blue 4 commits an unsportsmanlike foul on Red 5. The possession arrow favours Team Blue. Shall the second period begin with a Team Blue throw in according to the alternating possession process?

**A3.** *No. The period will start with the administration of a Team A throw-in as part of the penalty for the unsportsmanlike foul. The possession arrow will remain in favour of Team B.*



## Going Back to Where it All Began ...

In June 1988 Carol Walker and Avis Scullin wrote to the then President of the VBA (Mal Speed) suggesting an “official” Scoretable Officials Association be formed in Victoria, the first for Australia. The request was refused on the grounds that “there was nothing to be gained”. We continued to work **unofficially**, conducting courses and evaluations.

In 1989 there was a change of President (John Maddox) we tried again. This time with help from Ron Burgess, Neil Bradbury and Lexie Lattanzio the concept was accepted.

A committee was then formed comprising Convenor Avis Scullin, Secretary Carol Walker, Treasurer Joan Moll, Registrar Bruce Greeno. Guide lines were set out for the future of the VBSA. This was the first draft of the Rules of Management.

We had our first General Meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 1991 with 10 clubs. The idea then was to number each club and then number the Officials in that Club. Altona became Club #1, that’s why Lyn Harrower became 1.3. At the end of 2005 we had 50 clubs with a membership of over 500. Ian Collings became the Registrar and set up the Data Base, the best Scoretable data record in Australia.

Avis Scullin started the Newsletter immediately. It was one page (sometimes two) of closely type information. Then Judy Hoffman offered to be the Newsletter Editor (our first). The change was immediate. Judy’s newsletters were worth reading with news, information of coming events, and pictures. Distribution was by mail. The committee would meet at Carol Walker’s (Secretary) house. Use her photo copier, staple the sheets, fold and stuff envelopes, stick labels, seal and stamp. No email in those days.

Avis Scullin

Co-founder - Victorian Basketball Scoretable Association

## 2013 Coach Visits

Hi everyone, the Coaches have finalised their visits for 2013 and 91 evaluations have been set.

The following Associations have no visits planned due to lack of fee payments for 2013. If you are in one of these Associations and you have paid your fees, ask your Convenor why they have not been passed on to VBSA:

*Altona, Craigieburn, Cranbourne, Melton and University of Melbourne*

*Ian Collings, State Convenor*

## Uniform Orders Important Information

There has recently been a few delays in the processing of some orders.

If this happens to you, then the following may have occurred: **a/** payment has been received, and no order form sent; **b/** member may be un-financial; or **c/** order form received with incorrect or no payment made payment received.

Please note that if an item is out of stock, you Will be emailed and notified. Please note that until All payments, order forms, and admin checks have been completed, your order cannot be processed. There is no super speedy process for uniform ordering, and we require up to 28 days for full delivery.

*Raelene Dorning  
Property Officer*

## VBSA Committee

Convenor:	<b>Ian Collings</b>
Secretary:	<b>Megan Walther</b>
Treasurer:	<b>Gretta Jamieson</b>
Registrar:	<b>Greg Liebelt</b>
Events Secretary:	<b>Leah Collings</b>
Newsletter:	<b>Callum McCluskey</b>
Property:	<b>Raelene Dorning</b>
Educators:	<b>Pat Collings / Avis Scullin</b>

**Note:** Contact numbers for committee members are all available on the *Members Only* area of the **VBSA website** at: [www.vicscoretable.org.au](http://www.vicscoretable.org.au)