

Off The Scoreboard

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WELCOME

Prior to me beginning, I'd like to make a quick apology please. This newsletter is very late. Newsletters are usually due roughly at the beginning of each new season as they come along, and this was meant to be no different. I had intended for this to be released just after the AGM at the beginning of Autumn. For personal reasons, that has not occurred, and I sincerely apologise.

Sadly on that note, I've also decided to hang up my editorial hat. This is my last issue of the VBSA's "Off the Scoreboard". I had decided a while back not to re-nominate for a position on the Committee of Management at our recent AGM. This was not an easy decision, nor one that was made lightly. Yet primarily for health reasons, I've decided to step back and focus a bit more on my personal life outside of basketball. I know I know, blasphemy right ... a life outside of basketball? That's just not allowed is it ... ?

When I first joined the Committee, I briefly took on the Property portfolio, then quickly moved into the more preferred role as Events Secretary, which I undertook and loved for a full season. Then I morphed into the Newsletter role. In hindsight, and even though I loved looking after the Events role, the position of Newsletter Editor had my name stamped all over it. I thoroughly enjoy writing, I'm very passionate about my basketball and the ability to reach the entire membership across the state with my contribution was a very enjoyable thought process for me. The Newsletter position has apparently fit me like a glove, and I'm incredibly grateful to have

been able to help form and change how people see and view the content during my time serving on the C.O.M.

Anyways, onwards and forwards. Our AGM has long passed now. The decision to raise our affiliation fees was raised and sadly blocked, or at least partially. Thankfully a small short term compromise was reached, and all member fees will rise to \$25 per person from season 2016 and onwards.

The 2015 SEABL and Big V seasons have also now officially begun, and we've already had numerous successful tournaments held both in and around Melbourne, Albury, Geelong, and with more to come in Ballarat and then "overseas" in Ulverstone, Tasmania.

The institution that is the VJBL Classic Weekend will once again be happening over the Queen's Birthday long weekend of 5th – 8th June, so be prepared for a "call to arms" from Leah in the lead up to that. The tournament this year will be hosted jointly by the State Basketball Centre, Dandenong and Sandringham Basketball Stadiums. More detailed information will be forthcoming in following issues of "Off the Scoreboard".

And that's a wrap for me folks. It's been a true pleasure writing this newsletter, and I look forward to still seeing all your smiling faces in a Stadium somewhere ... very soon.

Kindest regards,

Callum McCluskey
Newsletter Editor



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** Welcome ** Karen Carmody

I'd like to welcome Karen Carmody to the position of Assistant Events Secretary! Making the search easy, Karen volunteered herself directly after the AGM and has jumped into the roll with gusto. Karen took on assisting with the roster and supervising at the Big V pre-season tournament at Dandenong and did a fantastic job juggling the many roster and game changes over the three days. It's great to have you on board Karen, thanks for helping!

Leah Collings
Events Secretary



VBSA State Convenor's Report ~ 2014

from Greg Liebelt

One year has nearly past since I nosed dived into the role of state convenor. There have been a few bumpy patches but overall it has been a great learning time.

Our membership numbers have been growing and I think a lot of this has to do with the education classes and the schools that we run during the year.

In 2015 we will be doing something different as in visiting every association that we have on our books at least once. This is above the normal evaluations that we run.

Thank you to the educators and all the coaches as well as all the score table members for keeping our association going and growing strong.

The committee as always has worked tirelessly and they are a pleasure to work with.

Secretary Megan and treasurer Gretta as well as the registrar Doug are always on hand when I am looking for advice or as most times help.

Callum keeps churning out his news letter and Raelene keeps everyone in uniforms.

Pat and Avis have as usual handled the head educator's duties with the utmost pride in their work. Special thanks to Avis for stepping in while Pat went through a patch of sickness especially with all the new rules this year.

To the last but no means the least important link in our committee chain is Leah. This has got to be a frustrating job to do, with the VBSA sort of being the last for association to think of use when working out their tournaments. Somehow Leah seems to get it done!

As the new season is not far away from commencing I wish you all the very best for the 2015 season and hope to see you somewhere along the way in one of those nice warm stadiums!

Greg Liebelt
VBSA ~ State Convenor



“Doing What I Really Enjoy”

by Angela Embleton

Setting: International Ivor Burge Game ~ Australia Versus Japan (Sunday 1st March 2015)

As a recent “retiree” I was free to volunteer to score on all seven days of the recent Under 20 Australian Junior & Ivor Burge Championships held between 22nd & 28th February at Dandenong stadium. For me it was a week of doing what I really enjoy doing instead of having the pressures of work! These tournaments also give me a chance to catch up with those scorers I know and to meet “new” or visiting scorers from other parts of Australia.

For those of you who don’t know, the Ivor Burge section of these championships is for Players with an Intellectual Disability. While the Under 20 men and women played their hearts out and gave me many wonderful games to watch, my fond memories of this particular week will be of the special sportsmanship displayed during some of the men’s and women’s Ivor Burge games.

The Ivor Burge Championships also boasted a visiting men’s team from Japan.

On Sunday March 1, Sandra Howorth, Scott Samson, Mal Watt (from Shepparton) and I were invited to score a special game between our Australian **Boomerangs** and the visiting Japanese team. Amongst the Australian team I noted some of the players who had stood out in their own State teams during the previous week – and of course the Japanese team were able to give their players one last run against Australia before returning home.

Remarkably there were twins in both the Australian and Japanese teams. Both teams acquitted themselves well, but Australia ran out winners on the day. The Japanese team had two very quick shorter players and unfortunately one sustained a bad injury in the last quarter (Achilles, I believe?)

As you know, as a scorer one is busy doing the job at hand, stopping the clock, putting up the scores, counting the shot clock...but I was still able to enjoy what was a fine display of basketball from both teams and the odd lovely bow to the Scoretable as the Japanese players left the court.

How privileged we are to be so close to these teams – our own boys who have been chosen to represent their country and those who visit to pit their skills against Australia.

By Angela Embleton



Under 20 & Ivor Burge Australian National Championships ~ Opening Ceremony

Test Your Knowledge

Answers From Our Last Issue

- Q. With 5 seconds remaining on the shot clock during a throw in, Red 4 passes the ball towards the basket where it touches the ring. Is the shot clock reset?
- A. *If the ball is controlled by Red team after it touches the ring, reset is to 14 seconds. If the defensive team gains control of the ball, then a 24 second reset.*
- Q. Red 5 shoots for a field goal. The ball touches the ring and on the rebound a held ball is called between Red 6 and Blue 7. The possession arrow shows for team Red.
- What is on the shot clock and where is the ball inbound?
- A. *Throw-in for the Red Team at the place nearest to where the held ball situation occurred. The shot clock will be reset to 14 seconds.*
- Q. The Officials discover Red 9 is the 6th player on the court after Red 9 commits an offensive foul or scores a basket. Do either of these count, and is there a penalty for having 6 players on the court?
- A. *Assuming the Officials and the Table Officials are doing their job, then one player must have entered or stayed on the playing court illegally. The player is removed and a technical foul will be charged against the Coach and recorded as a "B".*



IMPORTANT NOTES FROM THE U20 & IVOR BURGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Mobile phones are NOT to be used on the Scoretable.
- Do not leave the Scoretable until everything is finished, and the referees have signed the scoresheet.
- On foul shots the shot clock is held on 14 seconds. If the offence gains control of the ball on the last shot, start the clock. If the defence gains control, reset to 24 and start.
- If a shot clock is reset by mistake, you cannot count down from 14 seconds. Turn it off. Turn it on. Double click the 24 button, and wait 2 seconds. It Will go.



2015 Events Calendar

SEABL—Season 2015 Begins

10th April, 2015

Various Venues, Victoria, Tasmania & S.A.

U18 Australian Junior Championships & Kevin Coombs Cup

11th - 18th April, 2015

Ballarat, Victoria

VJBL McDonalds National Junior Classic

5th - 8th June, 2015

Dandenong, Sandringham & S.B.C., Victoria

U16 Australian Junior Championships

4th - 11th July, 2015

Ulverstone, Tasmania

Australian Schools Championships

30th Nov - 4th December, 2015

Canberra, ACT

VBSA PAY RATES*

• Scoretable Rates as at 1st March 2015

Level	0	1 & 2	3 & 4
Domestic (Finals Only)	\$9.30	\$10.40	\$12.80
MMBL	\$11.60	\$13.90	\$16.30
MMBL Finals	\$13.90	\$18.50	\$21.00
VJBL Finals	\$14.50	\$19.00	\$22.00
All other Finals	\$12.50	\$15.00	\$17.00
VBL & Big V	\$19.00	\$21.00	\$23.00



** Seeking Expressions of Interest **

Ulverstone ~ 2015

In 2015 the Under 16 Australian Junior Championships are being held in Ulverstone, Tasmania.

A Level 3 Scoretable Official from each State is invited to attend to work with and act as a mentor to the Level 1 & 2 Officials working at these venues.

Air fares, accommodation and meals are provided.

The Under 16's are in Ulverstone, July 4th to the 11th, 2015.

Expressions of Interest are now being invited for these events, with the closing date for applications is **May 28th**.

Please reply to ybsa_coaches@yahoo.com.au



Test Your Rules Knowledge!

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

- Q. With 23 seconds on the game clock, Red Team gains new control of the ball after a field goal attempt by Blue 6. With 19 seconds on the game clock, Red 4 shoots for a field goal. The ball touches the ring and Red 5 gets the rebound. What is the shot clock procedure?
- Q. Near the end of the shot clock period, Red 4 throws the ball towards the ring in order to reset the shot clock. The ball touches the ring, Blue 7 touches the ball, which then proceeds to go out of bounds in Red teams back court.
Where is the ball thrown in, and what is on the shot clock?
- Q. Red 6 shoots for a field goal. The ball touches the ring. Red 8 taps the ball, then Red 5 gains control of the ball. The shot clock is reset to what and when?



VBSA Committee

Convenor:	Greg Liebelt
Secretary:	Wendy Middleton
Treasurer:	Gretta Jamieson
Registrar:	Douglas McRae
Events Secretary:	Leah Collings
Events Assistant:	Karen Carmody
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Educators:	Pat Collings / Avis Scullin

Note: Contact numbers for committee members are all available in the *Members Only* area of the *VBSA website* at: www.vicscoretable.org.au



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Uniform / Name Badge Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Association: _____ Registration Number: _____

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 - \$35.00									
Size	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL
cm	51	55	57	59	61	63	65	67	69
Order Quantity									
Total Number of Polo(s):									

Jacket - Black Micro-Fibre, Long Sleeved, Orange Panel and Piping - \$110.00									
Size	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL
cm	53	56	61	66	71	76	80	84	88
Order Quantity									
Total Number of Jacket(s):									

Postage and Handling	Polo and Jacket: \$13.40	Jacket: \$13.40	Polo: \$8.25
Total Postage:			

Name Badge (Please Choose and Tick Appropriate Box)			
Standard Name Badge - \$8.50		Deluxe Name Badge - \$15.00	
Christian Name:			
Surname:			

All cheques to be made payable to: "VBRA Scoretable Account".

Direct Credit payments for uniform and name badge orders are welcome. **Please note that all orders cannot be processed or despatched until we have received both your order form in the mail, and your cheque/money has been cleared.**

Direct Credit Banking details: "Bank/Institution: Bendigo Bank, BSB: 633-000, Account Name: VBRA – Scoretable, Account Number: 128 108 016, Reference: (Member Number & Name)"

*** All prices correct as at 22nd August, 2013. All prices, including postage, are GST inclusive. ***

Important note: Please allow 28 days for delivery on All orders!