

Off The Scoreboard

Victorian Basketball Scoretable Association

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WELCOME

And just like that, another season is all but over! The birds are singing the flowers are starting to bloom the weather is warming up and the drinks are cooling down. Some of us already have our feet up and others are taking a deep breath before diving into the summer season.

We are about to begin the VJBL finals this weekend. The last big Hurah before it really quietens down for summer. A big thanks to all who have volunteered their time to participate, it's a massive weekend to co-ordinate and having more than enough scorers has made it a much easier job for the events team.

The NBL and WNBL seasons kicks off early October and then its only a few weeks until the VBSA Family Fun Day. This year we are heading down the Peninsula to Mornington, Mornington Park to be exact. It's a great day to relax and enjoy each others company with family and friends. Mornington Park has all the facilities we need aside from you, so come along and enjoy the day.

Thanks to Tony Oliver for his article about his experiences at the NWBL/WNWBL this season. It's really refreshing to see the game

through someone else's eyes and enjoy it again for the first time. This year we were really lucky to be asked to help out at the NWBL and WNWBL season at Kilsyth. We have a growing number of people volunteering to participate in the wheelchair games as it's such a different experience to the mainstream game and we really appreciate the opportunity given to all our VBSA scorers by the Kilsyth Cobras. Tony was an integral member of the team this season and it was a great choice to get his perspective.

As we head into the quiet time have a think about how you could be involved within the VBSA committee. All committee positions, State convenor and Treasurer are up for re election at the AGM in February. Its a great way to be involved and get to know your way around Basketball in Victoria. Nomination forms are on the website.. although, if you have 3 kids under 5, a full time job and a husband who works night shift, perhaps think twice! Have a great Spring!!!!

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Classic Comments

During the pre game warm up a new scorer asks "Why are we not allowed to have drinks on the scoretable?"

At that exact moment a ball bounces and hits a statisticians drink which of course spills all over their computer.

All eyes turn back to the new scorer....

"OOOOOOHHHHHHH I get it now"



The smell of rubber.....



The smell of burnt rubber. Spectators in the stands look on expectantly.

The wheel change - support crew hands over the replacement wheel.

"Time the change" barks the official, "They have 30 seconds!". ("I know, I know" the voice inside my head says, "You told me that before the game. But thank you for reminding me").

Click! and the wheel back is in place and the athlete reenters the play.

The Calder Park Thunderdome? No, this is Kilsyth and this is Wheelies - this is the National contest between the best wheel chair basketball athletes in the nation. Both men and women.

Queensland, West Australia, everyone is represented.

Is it basketball?

Well, it is and it is not

The rules are there, the ball is round and the referees never make the right decisions.

But this game has a beauty and a skill and a power that "normal" basketball does not have.

The fast break is on and the pursuit is working as hard as they can. But the ball carrier glides seemingly effortlessly to the basket, puts up the shot and raises his fist in victory and the ball slides through the ring with the net barely moving.

The referee makes a travel call - how is that a travel? asks the little voice inside my head. He went barely 2 m and was called when before he glided the whole length of the court (practically) and scored a basket.

They are athletes - the best in the land. They defend, turn on a penny, trap the offensive key player in the back court. They block and get the charge call.

They are athletes - the best in the land. They attack the basket - passing the ball around the top of the key until the shot is on. The three point shot goes up over the defender's hand and swishes through the net as the shot clock sounds.

They are athletes - the best in the land. They content for the ball, struggling and striving to gain possession. The chairs clash and someone is on the ground. The play does not stop while the down player, with amazing dexterity and strength, levers herself up and races back into the play.

And it is men and women.

And for once the gap in speed, skill and play between men and women is small, indistinguishable..

It is frustrating - the ball goes out of bounds as the player desperately reaches for it to gain control.

And the coaches are just as passionate. The call is made and there is no dissent, but the eyes roll. The coaches make eye contact with each other silently agreeing that they don't understand the call. But the call was right and the game goes on with the new subs.

And what happens on scoretable? All the same but more.

The new player is on and someone is off. Player cards are shuffled because the disadvantage (or advantage) of each player is rated, and only 14 points are allowed on the court at any one time. Or is it 15 as this is a women's game? With an allowance for a first year player. And an issue with the number of 4 and 4.5 players. And the cards are never in quite the right order.

And Chair is stressing - you would think it would be easy to add up to 14 points (allowing for rookies and the number of 4.0 players) but it is not. And as you try to count numbers, the basket is made and frantic calls - "I think that was number 12, wasn't it?" Yes it was 12, because she sits low in her chair and you cannot see her number properly.

As with anything on scoretable, it is a team effort and the officials to either side of chair are critical.

The final siren goes, and the tension but not the passion goes out. Players thank each other, key players talk about plays that worked or didn't worked.

And on the scoretable. It is the same and it is different.

You congratulate yourself internally that you have done what was expected of you, you have provided support so that a contest can work as the players, coaches and spectators want, even demand.

You have learnt some new skills. You can add up to 14 (or 15 or 16) better than you did before.

But you feel you have contributed to something special.

If ever you get a chance to score, or spectate, at an event like this. Take it and hopefully, like me, you are humbled by the experience.

Tony Oliver

Annual Fees, 2016

Well it's that time of the year again when annual fees for 2016 are due to be paid. Invoices have been sent to convenors and association contacts and are due and payable by October 31st. EVERY year there seems to be drama surrounding the invoices for some members. Why you ask? Well I'm sure I don't know. For such a simple task the amount of problems is amazing. So lets see if I can streamline things, again...

Convenors

Check with your members that they will be active in 2016 with your association.

Check the details are correct as per the invoice.

Make any alterations to the invoice ie. rule out people not returning in 2016, add people to the bottom (with all details required) and CHANGE THE TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE IF NECESSARY. Ensure payment is paid either by direct credit to VBSA or forward a cheque / money order (Reference on direct credit to be association name)

Return the invoice preferably via email.

Individual Members

ASK your convenor if they are arranging payment for you, advise them of any changes to your details, pay them your money (if your association isn't paying your fees)

If you haven't received your 2016 membership card by December 31st, then follow up with your convenor. If your association is not paying your fees for you then **YOU** need to complete the annual fees form, at the end of this newsletter, and make your payment either by direct credit (details on bottom of form) or cheque / money order. (Reference on direct credit is your membership number and/or your name.)

Return the completed annual fees form (preferably via email)

MEMBERSHIP CARDS WILL NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL BOTH PAYMENT AND FORMS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED!

Mentoring Program

VBSA are pleased to announce the implementation of a Mentoring Program to assist our Scoretable Personnel, Associations and Clubs in 2016. The aim is to help and assist those who are seeking assistance with the mechanics of putting together a roster, running game day/night, and in particular to those clubs who do not have a registered Level 3 or 4 and to generally be a sounding board for those who require assistance even for the minutest query.

The program will be open to all who may just want to ask a question, check rule implementation and interpretation, attend their game day/night to offer assistance and to generally help everyone progress in the task of scoring. If you or your club are interested in registering for this program please contact Karen Carmody at vbsa_events@yahoo.com.au or telephone her direct on 0409 970 344. As a Committee, we look forward to hearing from you.

Test Your Knowledge

Answers From Our Last Issue

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?

A. *After the ball has touched the ring, for any reason, the shot clock shall be reset to 14 seconds if the team which regains control of the ball is the same team that was in control of the ball before the ball touched the ring.*

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 goes out of bounds in Red teams back court. Where is the ball thrown in and what is on the shot clock-

A. *Throw in for Red team in back court with the shot clock on 14 seconds.*

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?

A. *The shot clock shall be reset to 14 seconds as soon as Red 5 gains control of the ball anywhere on the playing court.*

Working with Children

Please be sure to check the postal address you have listed on your working with children application, forms are still being sent to the old address which is no longer being forwarded to us.



Working with
Children Check

2015 Events Calendar

VJBL Finals
11th - 18th September

SEABL Grand Final
12th September

2015 Women in Basketball Luncheon
21st September

U14 Girls Australian Club Championship
28th September - 3rd October Gosford

U14 Boys Australian Club Championships
28th September - 3rd October
Perth NSW

Australian Masters Games 3rd -
10th October
Adelaide SA

NBL Season Starts
7th October

WNBL Season Starts
9th October

VBSA Family Fun Day
November 8th
Mornington Park, Mornington

Australian Schools Championships
30th Nov - 4th December, 2015
Canberra, ACT

U20 Nationals and Ivor Burge Championships
14th - 20th February 2016
Ipswich QLD

Annual Family Fun Day

Our annual family fun day will be held at Mornington Park, Mornington on November 8th from 11am.

Last year we had a great time and we hope to improve it again this year. The park has BBQ, picnic areas, playgrounds and is right by the beach if the weather deems us worthy. (Bring your own chairs or blankets to be sure.)

We really hope to see you there.
Schnapper Point Drive, Morninton.



Test Your Rules Knowledge!

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

Q. A player is injured, or appears to be injured, and the coach or other bench personnel enter the court to give assistance. The player recovers, does the player have to be substituted?

Q. Five minutes before the start of the game a Technical foul is called on Red 6. The coach of the Blue team nominates Blue 10 to take the free throw. Blue 10 is not a starting 5 player. Can he take the free throw??

Q. Red 4 commits an unsportsmanlike foul against Blue 7 on a successful field goal. Blue 7 then commits a Technical foul. What happens now?



VBSA Committee

Convenor:	Greg Liebelt
Secretary:	Wendy Middleton
Treasurer:	Gretta Jamieson
Registrar:	Douglas McRae
Events Secretary:	Leah Collings
Events Assistant:	Karen Carmody
Newsletter:	Megan Walther
Property:	Raelene Dorning
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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Annual Fees Form 2016

**** This form MUST accompany ALL payments (unless with invoice) ****

Surname: _____ Given Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Post Code: _____

Phone: _____ Birth Year (optional): _____

Email: _____

WWC Number: _____ WWC Expiry Date: _____

Association: _____ Membership No: _____

All monies received are to be made payable to: "VBRA Scoretable Account".

Fee: \$25.00

Fees are due No Later than 31st October 2015

Note: For Group/Association payments, please attach the official Invoice

Year: _____

Total Amount of Fees (x) people \$ _____

Total Amount of Other (Books, etc.) \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Direct Credit Banking details:

Bank/Institution: Bendigo Bank

Account Name: VBRA – Scoretable,

BSB: 633-000

Account Number: 128 108 016,

Reference: (Membership Number & Name OR Association Name)

Please Circle Payment Method Below:

Cheque / Money Order / Direct Transfer



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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!



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**Nomination Form
2016 Committee Positions**

Please accept my nomination for the position of:

- Convenor** (2 year appointment)
- Treasurer** (2 year appointment)
- Committee Member** (3 positions)

Full Name of Candidate: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Membership Number: _____

Proposer:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Member Number: _____

Seconder:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Member Number: _____

We know the above candidate personally and we believe this person to be a suitable person to be elected to the position nominated for.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE: Friday, 22ND January, 2016

Annual General Meeting: Sunday 28TH February

2016 Venue: To Be Confirmed

Registration: To Be Confirmed