



**GEELONG UNITED BASKETBALL  
COMMUNITY COMPETITION  
BY-LAWS**



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## 1.0 EXPLANATION OF TERMS

- 1.1 The word 'They' / 'Their' / 'Them' has been used to represent all genders and sexualities.
- 1.2 The "Association" means Geelong United Basketball (also referred to as GUB in this document).
- 1.3 Stadium means any venue where games are controlled by Geelong United Basketball.
- 1.4 Season refers to Summer or Winter
- 1.5 A competition is a group of teams who play against each other for a season. This is generally defined by gender, age group and division. For example, Division 1 Men, under-12 Girls Division 2, etc.

## 2.0 INTERPRETATION OF RULES

- 2.1 Geelong United Basketball shall determine the interpretation of the by-laws, which will be enforced by venue supervisors, referee supervisors and referees where appropriate.
- 2.2 Geelong United Basketball has the right to rule on matters not specifically covered in the By-laws in the best interest of the sport and Geelong United Basketball.
- 2.3 If the by-laws are proven to be intentionally breached, an appropriate penalty will be imposed by Geelong United Basketball.

## 3.0 LAWS

- 3.1 The laws of Geelong United Basketball shall be those adopted by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA), or as modified by Basketball Australia or Basketball Victoria, with the following by-laws being substituted wherever necessary. Geelong United Basketball reserves the right to alter and amend its by-laws and its operations manual as it sees fit for the benefit of Geelong United Basketball and its competitions. Where practicable, changes will be made at the beginning of the season and in consultation with Club Delegates/Community Clubs.

## 4.0 CLUB OFFICIALS RECOGNISED BY GEELONG UNITED BASKETBALL

- 4.1 Any nominated official from each club will be recognised Geelong United Basketball. All official Geelong United Basketball matters will be dealt with through those officials or a nominated proxy if those officials are unable to fulfill their duties.
- 4.2 In social leagues the team official is the team contact as nominated on the online team Entry form.

## 5.0 OBLIGATIONS OF CLUBS

- 5.1 It is the obligation of each club to provide a representative at official Geelong United Basketball meetings.
- 5.2 It is the obligation of each club to nominate a suitable person to sit on a Geelong United Basketball-appointed sub-committee when required.

## 6.0 TEAM ENTRIES



- 6.1 Teams will be accepted into competitions based on the entry criteria. **(Refer to Operations Manual for current entry criteria)**
- 6.2 Each new club shall pay to Geelong United Basketball a guarantee fee. This fee will act as a safeguard against clubs who fail to pay accounts during the season. If all accounts are paid, the guarantee will carry over from season to season. The guarantee fee will be refunded to clubs if they withdraw from all Geelong United Basketball competitions, provided all accounts are paid in full. **(Refer to Operations Manual for current list of fees and charges)**
- 6.3 Prior to each season Geelong United Basketball will invite social teams, and clubs to enter teams into the nominated competitions proposed for the season. Geelong United Basketball may, at their discretion and in consultation with the clubs/teams, merge or split competitions, or place teams in a competition other than that in which a team has been entered by the club/team. **(Refer to Operations Manual for current team entry process)**
- 6.4 During the season Geelong United Basketball may, at their discretion and in consultation with the clubs/teams, merge or split competitions, or allow a team to change the competition in which it is playing. This can be done through a formal grading process or, in extenuating circumstances, may occur at any time during the season. **(Refer to Operations Manual for current grading process)**
- 6.5 Clubs or Social Teams causing alterations to the fixture after it has been completed may be charged an administration fee **(Refer to Operations Manual for a current list of fees and charges)**.
- 6.6 A Club shall be considered disbanded when it has not taken part in Geelong United Basketball matches for twelve (12) months or when notification of disbanding has been given by the delegated officer of said Club, in writing, to the Competition Manager.
- 6.7 Where a player's Club amalgamates with another Club, the player shall automatically become a member of the combined club.
- 6.8 No club/team with outstanding accounts will be allowed to amalgamate.

## 7.0 PLAYER REGISTRATION

- 7.1 All players will be required to pay a seasonal membership fee with Geelong United Basketball via an online form. This payment contains a proportion of money for Geelong United Basketball registration and Basketball Victoria insurance.
- 7.2 Registration of junior players is subject to being asked for proof of age. Acceptable documents are a birth certificate, birth extract, or passport.
- 7.3 All players must pay the prescribed membership fee before their first game of the new registration period. Failure to comply will result in the forfeiture of any games played while unregistered.

## 8.0 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY



- 8.1 Junior players competing in underage competitions must be under the age requirement of the division as of December 31 of each year. **(Refer to Operations Manual for list of cut off dates for competitions.)**
- 8.2 Any player who wishes to change clubs must be granted a clearance from their current club to the new club before playing any games for their new club. **(Refer to Operations Manual for Clearance procedure.)**
- 8.3 Any player who has their clearance denied may appeal the decision by following the appeals guidelines. **(Refer to Operations Manual for Appeals procedure.)**
- 8.4 A player may be granted a loan to play with another club providing their club does not have a team competing in the same junior or senior division. The only exception is Senior Championship (winter and summer) where players will be granted a loan to a club even if their club has a team in that competition. Their preferred club must lodge an online Loan Player transfer request and follow the loan player procedures. **(Refer to Operations Manual for Loan Player procedure.)**
- 8.5 All Players must adhere to the Player Points Valuation System (juniors) and Senior Championship Point System. Players that do not adhere to the policy are ineligible and will leave that team liable for penalty. **(Refer to Operations Manual for PPVS Juniors & Senior Points system.)**
- 8.6 Any junior who is aged under 15 years must have an indemnity form signed by their parent/guardian allowing them to play in senior competition. This must be submitted to Geelong United Basketball prior to playing their first game.
- 8.7 Clubs having more than one team in any one division may transfer players only once between teams during any season.
  - 8.7.1 A player may only play for one team in any division.
  - 8.7.2 A player transferring must attain qualification with new team to be eligible for finals. If the reason for the transfer was due to the team folding the games played will be counted towards finals eligibility.
- 8.8 Players are allowed to fill in for other teams if that team is in a higher or equal grade.
- 8.9 A fill in player can be described as someone who participates with a team but will not exceed the number of games needed to qualify for finals.
- 8.10 Any fill in player must have paid their player registration prior to taking the court.
- 8.11 Club Teams are allowed to use a fill in player if they are from the same club (i.e. Sharks filling in for another Sharks team), and the team is from an equal or lower division or age group
- 8.12 Social teams are allowed to use a fill-in player if the player is registered for that season and they play on another night of competition or play in a lower or equal division on their night of competition.
- 8.13 All Junior Pathways players (i.e., VJBL) are expected to play in the Geelong United Basketball Community Competition. **(Refer to Operations Manual for current ruling on Representative players playing in Geelong United Basketball League)**



- 8.14 To be eligible to play in a Geelong United Basketball final of a particular division, a player must compete (i.e., be on the bench in uniform and pay for the game) in at least one half of the scheduled rounds in the fixture of that division. **(Refer to Operations Manual for full current ruling)**
- 8.15 A player registered in any particular division, upon playing the number of games or more required to qualify in a particular higher senior division final series, shall be deemed to be a player of such higher senior division. That player is no longer eligible to play in the lower divisions. If a junior player plays more than the qualified games in a higher division within their age level, that player is no longer eligible to play in the lower division.
- 8.16 Clubs have the opportunity to use players who have not qualified in a particular final as a replacement player **(Refer to Operations Manual for full current ruling)**
- 8.17 Geelong United Basketball may consider granting special consideration for finals eligibility in exceptional circumstances to players impacted by long-term injury. **(Refer to Operations Manual for full current ruling)**

## 9.0 INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- 9.1 Any team found to have played an ineligible player shall forfeit all ladder points accumulated for the games in which the player participated. Teams they have played against when fielding an ineligible player will not be awarded additional ladder points.
- 9.2 In games where an unregistered player participates, only the ineligible player will not be credited for finals.
- 9.3 Clubs will be notified if an ineligible player has played for a club/team.
- 9.4 Clubs, after being notified of playing an ineligible player, may be fined if they continue to play the ineligible player.
- 9.5 A player will be deemed ineligible if any of his given name (or initial), surname or number is not written legibly and accurately into stadium scoring.
- 9.6 Players must notify Geelong United Basketball of a change of name. Notification must be given before using their new name on stadium scoring. Otherwise, the player will be deemed to be ineligible.

## 10.0 UNIFORMS

- 10.1 When teams have uniforms of the same colour, **or near colour**, the first named team on the score sheet shall be required to wear alternative-coloured singlets (or tops) for that match. The referee/s of the game shall determine whether a clash occurs.
- 10.2 It is the responsibility of each club or social team to ensure that its teams/players have alternative uniforms available if required. If two teams from the same club are playing each other, or a team that has uniforms of the same or near colour, then it is the responsibility of the first named team to wear an alternative uniform.



- 10.3 Any team that fails to wear an alternative uniform or provide a legitimate, valid and agreed upon alternative when directed by a Geelong United Basketball staff member shall forfeit the match.
- 10.4 Any team that has a player out of the official club uniform will be penalised 5 (five) points per indiscretion. The penalty points will be applied to the team by the referee by the end of half time. The club will be notified if the player continues to be out of uniform. In case of a flagrant breach, the club will receive a further penalty.
- 10.5 A social team that has a player partaking in any match with an incorrect uniform may be penalised 2 (two) points per indiscretion. This will be applied at the referee/s discretion in consultation with the CSO. The penalty points will be applied by the referee with the CSO or referee educator, which will be awarded to the team, by the end of half time. These points can be waived if the opposing team agrees for them to be waived. The social team contact will be notified if the player/s continue to be out of uniform. In case of a flagrant breach, the social team will receive further penalty.
- 10.6 T-shirts/skins worn underneath playing singlets must be plain coloured, neutral, black, white or the same colour as the predominant colour of the playing singlet.
- 10.7 Singlets must carry legal numbers that are sublimated or of cloth, plastic, or other acceptable fabric and permanently attached. Chalked, taped, or inked numbers will not be permitted, unless under exceptional circumstances and approved by the customer service officer. The customer service staff will pass this information onto the competition's administration for follow-up. Teams that continue to use non-permitted numbers may receive a further penalty.
- 10.8 Legal numbers are 1-99. The size of the numbers on uniforms must not be less than 20cm on the back and no less than 10cm on the front of the playing singlet. **(Refer to operations manual for full and current specifications)**
- 10.9 Faded or damaged playing singlets and/or shorts must be replaced once the club or social team has been notified.

## 11.0 GAME REGULATIONS

All matches will be conducted under the official basketball rules of Basketball Australia with the following modifications: **(Refer to Operations Manual for Geelong United Basketball League Game timing regulations).**

- 11.1 A minimum of 5 (five) players per team are required for Senior Championship division before a game may commence.
- 11.2 For all other divisions a team may take the court with 4 (four) players.
- 11.3 Players' names and numbers may be entered on PlayHQ E-scoring at any time during the game but must be entered before the player takes the court.
- 11.4 A penalty of 2 (two) points for each minute or part thereof a team is late to commence a game will be awarded to the opposing team. Scorers must record the start time of the game for penalty purposes.
- 11.5 Referees shall notify both teams of all penalty points and award the points appropriately on PlayHQ E-scoring. i.e., late start.



- 11.6 In the event of a team not being ready to play 10 (ten) minutes after the scheduled starting time, a walkover will be awarded to the opposing team with a score of 20-0. If both teams decide to play the remainder of the game, the game will still be forfeited to the team that arrived on time.
- 11.7 Any team or club that has a team giving three walkovers in any one season will be contacted by Geelong United Basketball to discuss the possible withdrawal of that team from the competition.
- 11.8 If teams are equal on points at the end of the regulation time the game will be recognised as a draw. Overtime will not be played during the regular season.

11.9 Premiership points will be allocated as follows:

11.9.1	Win	3 points
11.9.2	Draw	2 points
11.9.3	Loss	1 points
11.9.4	Forfeit Given	0 points
11.9.5	Forfeit Received	3 points
11.9.6	Byes	3 points

- 12.0 If two teams are equal on premiership points on the ladder at the end of the regular season, the team with the higher percentage of the drawn teams will be used to determine the placings.
- 12.1 If a game is abandoned as a result of the referee deeming a team's conduct warrants a cancellation, the following shall occur;
- 12.1.1 If the team responsible for such actions is currently leading on points, the opposing team will be awarded three (3) premiership points and a score of 20-0 shall be recorded for percentage purposes. The team responsible for the forfeit shall receive zero (0) premiership points.
- 12.1.2 If the team responsible for such actions is currently trailing on points, the winning team's score at that time of cancellation shall stand, and the team will be awarded three (3) premiership points. The team responsible for the forfeit shall receive zero (0) premiership points.
- 12.1.3 If both teams are the cause of the issue, then neither team will receive premiership points and the score recorded as 0-0. This game will be listed as disqualified, and both teams will receive zero (0) premiership points.
- 12.1.4 The referee must note the team/s at fault to the customer service officer for inclusion in nightly reporting.
- 12.2 Cancellation Of Games
- Where games are cancelled due to extenuating circumstances, e.g., power failure, weather-related, etc., the complete round will be cancelled if all teams in that division are affected. However, if not all teams in the division are affected, those who have had their games cancelled





will be awarded two (2) premiership points each and the bye team will be awarded three (3) premiership points. All players registered at that date will be deemed to have played the game and will be awarded a game towards finals eligibility. After half-time, the game result stands.

### 12.3 Misconduct

In all divisions, the Basketball Victoria 'Sin Bin' policy will apply. A player receiving a technical foul will be penalised in the normal manner, with the added penalty of the player being disqualified from the court for a period of five (5) playing minutes. The scorer will record the time the penalty was imposed on stadium scoring and advise the player's coach when the player is able to return to the court. Any player who receives two (2) technical fouls in a game will be disqualified.

- 12.3.1 Referees who eject players from a stadium will notify customer service staff or the referee educator of the players and team. The customer service officers will include this information in nightly reporting. Where applicable, this information will be passed onto the club contact/delegate.
- 12.3.2 Geelong United Basketball's Zero-Tolerance Policy (**refer to the Operations manual for specific rules and responsibilities**) will override all misconduct procedures.

### 12.4 Junior Development Rules

Geelong United Basketball has introduced a number of rules for junior divisions to assist in the development of all players. (**Refer to Operations Manual for Junior Development Rules**).

### 12.5 Score Table Representatives

- 12.5.1 Each team must provide a competent person for the score table. Both score table officials must complete stadium scoring team information at the beginning of the game. The referee/s will confirm the game and its players at half-time and full time of every game.
- 12.5.2 A 24-second shot clock will operate in Men's and Women's Championship Division games in Winter Season only.
- 12.5.3 In games played with a 24-second clock, the score table will be manned by three scorers – one each from the competing teams and one provided by Geelong United Basketball.
- 12.5.4 Where only one scorer is available, the game shall start on time and the offending team fined. A notation will be made on the appropriate scoring system (includes 24-second clock operator for Senior Championship Division games). If neither team supplies a scorer, the clock shall be started on time and after the expiration of ten (10) minutes, if no scorer is provided, both teams shall forfeit the game.

## 13.0 DISPUTES/APPEALS COMMITTEE

- 13.1 All disputes and appeals of any decisions are to be presented in writing from a Club Delegate or team official to Geelong United Basketball within seven (7) days.



- 13.2 Disputes and appeals shall be resolved by the Disputes by the Geelong United Basketball Board or their delegated authority within 14 (fourteen) days,
- 13.3 The resolutions of the Geelong United Basketball Board or their delegated authority shall be reported to the relevant clubs or team official within seven (7) days.

## 14.0 AWARDS

- 14.1 Championship - Winter Season
- 14.1.1 A perpetual trophy entitled *Geelong United Basketball Club of the Year* will be presented annually to the most successful club during the Winter Championship Season. For each win, points will be awarded as follows:
- 14.1.1.1 Seniors (Championship Division only) – 10 points
- 14.1.1.2 Juniors (Championship Division only) – 6 points
- 14.1.2 The club gaining the highest number of points during the regular season shall be declared the winner.
- 14.1.3 In the case of a club having more than one team in any division, points will only be awarded for the team finishing highest on the ladder.
- 14.1.4 Best Player Awards.
- 14.1.4.1 The best player in the Senior Men's and Women's Championship Division shall be awarded the *Winter Championship MVP*.
- 14.1.4.2 The above awards will be awarded based on votes cast by the respective coaches in each game of the Winter Season on a 3-2-1 basis.

## 15.0 RIGHT OF ENTRY / CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER – VENUE SUPERVISORS

- 15.1 Geelong United Basketball reserves the right to refuse admission to and eject from the stadium any person at any time.
- 15.2 It is the duty of each player, referee, official and spectator to obey the directions given by a Geelong United Basketball official appointed to take charge of the stadium.
- 15.3 All players, referees, officials and spectators are required to adhere to the Codes of Conduct as displayed in the stadium. **(Refer to Operations Manual for current Codes of Conduct).**
- 15.4 The Board of Geelong United Basketball may discipline any person who is proven guilty of any breach of good conduct in any stadium controlled by Geelong United Basketball.

## 16.0 FINES

- 16.1 Geelong United Basketball Commission reserves the right to penalise clubs or individuals for offences against these by-laws **(Refer to Operations Manual for a current list of fees and charges).**



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