



BUNBURY BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

COMPETITION BY-LAWS

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Bunbury Basketball domestic competition is to have fun, exercise, improve skills, learn, play in a team environment and encourage a love / passion for the game. Accordingly, BBA has modified some rules to achieve this purpose.

BACKGROUND

Bunbury Basketball Association Inc (BBA) was established in 1956 and incorporated in 1960. BBA's continued growing domestic competition boasts a membership base from the Bunbury, Greater Bunbury and South West community. It has robust networks and relationships with many local businesses, schools, sporting bodies, community groups and individual families throughout the South West Region.

History shows that whilst BBA has always supported the peak body's rules, it has also showed innovation and decisive planning that has complimented current local basketball demands and development.

This document is designed to provide information and clarification to our members as a guideline to assist in ensuring we can achieve our Association objectives, visions and values – Encouragement, Respect, Teamwork and Fun.

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1) Competition Rules

- (a) All competitions or games conducted by the Association shall be conducted in accordance with the Official Rules of Basketball as adopted by Basketball Australia.
- (b) Local rules to suit any particular set of circumstances not in the Official Rules are covered by these By-Laws.
- (c) The Board must approve variations to the By-law, in accordance with the constitution.

2) Team Nominations and Fees

- (a) Teams participating in any competition conducted by the Association shall complete the registration process as prescribed by The Board or as otherwise determined.
- (b) Fees shall be paid as prescribed by the Association
- (c) The Board may accept late nominations.
- (d) Clubs will provide a Full refund of fees (minus PlayHQ processing fee) prior to the first game of the season.
- (e) Full refund minus \$10 / week will be paid up to 3 round of fixtures (this is inclusive of any grading). All refund requests must be submitted to their club delegate in writing prior to commencement of week 4 fixtures for consideration.

3) Registration of Players, Coaches, Team Managers, Referees & Volunteers

- (a) Players shall be registered to a Team that is aligned to a Club before any player is eligible to play in a competition conducted by the Association.
- (b) Players are only permitted to register and play for 1 club unless in the circumstances of section 9 (c) and (d)*
- (c) The Association shall maintain a register of all registered players via **PlayHQ**.
- (d) Coaches and Team Managers listed to a team shall be registered as Members of the Association. Teams that nominate a coach that is aged Under 18 must ensure to provide an adult team representative present on the bench for every fixtured game.
- (e) Referees who are appointed by the Board to officiate in fixtures will be registered as Members of the Association.
- (f) All coaches, team managers, referees & volunteers must be compliant with Working with Children checks prior to any participation.

4) Transfers

The Board discourages Transfers between Clubs unless there is no other possible solution. The following rules apply:

- (a) An official on-line transfer is to be completed by all concerned parties.
- (b) Clubs shall be responsible for the processing of Transfer Applications within 5 days.
- (c) If a Club fails to process the Transfer Application within 5 days, the player may refer the matter to the Board for a decision.
- (d) Clubs may only refuse to grant the Transfers due to:
 - The player is not financial with the Club
 - The player is in possession of Club property.
 - The Player has registered and played in the current season.
- (e) Where a player has not competed for the Club with which they are registered for a period exceeding 12 months, it shall not be necessary for the player to apply for a clearance.
- (f) In the event of a Club disbanding the registered players shall be free to transfer to any other Club.
- (g) Players with a pending transfer may participate in grading series
- (h) The Board may consider transfer applications outside the above criteria at its discretion.

5) Eligible Players

- (a) All players must be financial / registered in accordance with Rule 3 of these bylaws.
- (b) If a team(s) play an unfinancial / unregistered player, that game will be deemed a forfeit. The premiership points will be awarded to the non-forfeiting team with a score line of 20-0, no fines will be applicable.
- (c) Players will be considered to have participated when the players' name is entered on the scoresheet, is physically present prior to half time and in the correct approved uniform ready to play.
- (d) Players must be under the grade age as outlined on the nomination forms.
- (e) Participation of an ineligible player in a competition game must be reported in writing to The Board within forty-eight (48) hours and dealt with prior to the next scheduled fixture. Premiership points will be forfeited as per 5 (b).
- (f) It shall be the responsibility of clubs to ensure that ineligible players do not participate in competition games.
- (g) No players can be added to the scoresheet on gameday.

6) BBA Representative & Discretionary Player System

(a) Representative Player

A representative player is any player who has been selected in the past 2 seasons / competition for, in a:

- The top 2 divisions of any Western Australian Basketball League (WABL age group)
- State Basketball League (SBL or WSBL) Team
- State Basketball Team (Country or Metro)
- Southern Cross Challenge
- Equivalent to any of the above; or
- a player identified by the board with representative standard talent

Teams

“A” Division teams not to exceed 4 Representative players per team

“B” Division teams not to exceed 2 Representative players

No Representative players are permitted to participate in C or lower grades.

A Representative player playing up an age group (not division) will not be recognised as a representative player, however only a maximum of 2 under aged representative players will be permitted to play up in anyone team.

It must be understood that although the intent of the representative player system is to prevent teams from dominating, the final decision on team placement (regardless of number of representative players) will be at the boards discretion.

7) Club Uniform

(a) Uniform standards shall be as prescribed by the board.

- i. Playing shorts must be the same team dominant colour & pattern 7(d) ruling will apply for all non-conforming players. Playing shorts must be without pockets, any player wearing shorts with pockets will not be permitted to take the court.
- ii. Mouth guards are compulsory, medical certified exemptions are accepted (colour variations are permitted)
- iii. T-shirts under playing jerseys are not permitted.
- iv. Compression wear is permitted - colours must be black, white, skin toned or match the playing uniform
- v. Players shall not wear equipment (objects) that may cause injury to other players.
The following are not permitted:

- Finger, hand, wrist, elbow or forearm guards, helmets, casts or braces made of leather, plastic, pliable (soft) plastic, metal or any other hard substance, even if covered with soft padding.
- Objects that could cut or cause abrasions (fingernails must be closely cut).
- Hair accessories and jewellery.

The following are permitted:

- Shoulder, upper arm, thigh or lower leg protective equipment if sufficiently padded.
 - Arm and leg compression sleeves.
 - Headgear. It shall not cover any part of the face entirely or partially (eyes, nose, lips etc.) and shall not be dangerous to the player wearing it and/or to other players. The headgear shall not have opening/closing elements around the face and/or neck and shall not have any parts extruding from its surface.
 - Knee braces
 - Protector for an injured nose, even if made of a hard material
 - Spectacles, if they do not pose a danger to other players.
 - Ankle braces.
- (b) Each club shall select a shirt and shorts of distinctive colour and design as their uniform to be submitted to the Board for approval.
- (c) Each player's singlet shall be numbered on the front and back with numbers as prescribed in the Official Rules of Basketball.
- (d) A-Grade players out of uniform will not be permitted to play. In all other divisions (grades) players have three (3) playing dates from the commencement of the first competition fixture to be in full uniform. After this time a four (4) game point penalty awarded to the opposing team for each player out of uniform.
- (e) Clubs with multiple teams in a grade shall submit to the Board variations to the approved uniform.
- (f) The Board may consider written applications outside the above criteria at its discretion.

8) Grading

- (a) All competitions conducted by the Association shall be conducted on a grade basis.

(b) Junior Grades shall be:

- Under 7 (Year 1)
- Under 8 (Year 2)
- Under 9 (Year 3)
- Under 10 (Year 4)
- Under 11 (Year 5)
- Under 12 (Year 6)
- Under 13 (Year 7)
- Under 15 (Year 8 & 9)
- Under 17 (Year 10 & 11)

Senior Grades shall be:

- A-Grade
- B-Grade

- (c) School year grading is determined by school year at the commencement of the competition.
- (d) The Board shall have the power to alter or amend a team grading from time to time.
- (e) It shall be the responsibility of The Board to determine the relative merits of teams and to allocate to the relevant grades.
- (f) The Board shall have the power to call for such evidence as it may require for the purpose of allocating teams to grades and may conduct a series of trial games.
- (g) The decision of the Board shall be final with regard to the grading of teams and/or individuals.
- (h) Any other situation arising to the above shall be at the board's discretion.

9) Interchange of Players Between Grades

(a) Players may play in the following:

Juniors:

- Players may play in any age group for which they are eligible during the same week of fixtures.
- Any player wanting to play in 2 or more age groups will need to pay registration fees for each competition. Any requests for reduced / discounted fees should be directed to the clubs to process at their discretion.
- Players cannot register to play the season in different divisions within the same age group. (I.e. A & B Grade)
- **Fill-in Players**

Fill-in players can only be sourced from a lower age group and/or division currently participating in the BBA season. Each play-up fill-in can play a maximum of 4 games per season, after that full registration fees apply. A team may only use a fill-in player(s) to make a full compliment of six (6) players for that fixture. Representative player system compliance applies to all fill-in players. Team managers must advise BBA Administrator fill-in player(s) names a minimum 24 hrs prior to game time

Seniors:

- **Fill-in Players**

There is no restriction on Fill-in players who can play in the Senior Competition, notwithstanding rule 9(c). Fill-in players can participate in unlimited games and qualify for finals if they meet the final qualifying restrictions.

Note: While there is no capping on the number of Fill-in players or restrictions on sourcing players from outside of the BBA, the Board reserves the right to both endorse and deny these occurrences in the interests of fair play.

All new players are required to register a minimum 24 hrs prior to first playing date and pay the prescribed BWA affiliation fee

- (b) In any instance where two teams from one club are included in the same grade, there shall be no interchange of players between teams.
- (c) Where a junior player wishes to play in both junior and senior competitions, they must play for the club that aligns with their junior team. There shall be no interchange of players between clubs. If the junior club does not have a senior team the players can choose to play with any club.
- (d) If a junior player identifies themselves with a Regional senior team ie Busselton, Dunsborough or Eaton due to residential location &/or prior junior representative participation they may choose to align with that senior club.
- (e) B Grade - A maximum of six (6) B Grade players can play A-Grade in the same fixtured round. Any player playing in A Grade first five will not be permitted to play B Grade in the following week. Any A Grade player not registered at season start in the B Grade competition, clubs must request board approval no less than 48hrs prior to fixtured game time. In the event of a club having two or more A Grade teams. B Grade players will only be permitted to play for one (1) of the A Grade sides for the duration of the season

10) Competition Fixtures

- (a) The Board shall be responsible for the compilation and publication of an official fixture list to cover all grades of any competition conducted by The Association.
- (b) Official fixtures once approved shall not be altered or amended except by The Board or the nominated Fixturing Administrator at their discretion.
- (c) Where any team because of extreme circumstances, requires to reschedule a fixture, application in writing must be made to the Board. This application must fulfil the BBA game change policy and the Board may approve the change providing the following:
 - Requesting team is required to contact all teams involved to organize the fixture change.
 - BBA Administrator must be notified of the change a minimum of one week prior to the game time.
 - No late changes will be accepted
- (d) Teams unable to commence at the scheduled starting time of the fixture shall be penalised two points for each minute that they are late. This rule is to be read in conjunction with Rule 13 (a) & (f).

11) Competition Points

- (a) Competition points shall be allocated for each game as listed below:

Seniors:

- Win 2 points
- Draw 1 point
- Loss 0 points

Juniors:

- Win 3 points
- Draw 2 points
- Loss 1 points
- Forfeit Loss 1 point
- Bye 0 points

- (b) In the event of two or more teams being level on points at the end of the qualifying rounds, eligibility to compete in the final series shall be determined on a basis and in order of:
 - The greater number of winning games between the teams.
 - The highest win/loss ratio of the games between the two teams involved will be used to determine the placing.
 - Overall percentage for the qualifying games.

12) Game Rules

(a)

Match Ball	Size 5 for U7, 8,9, 10 & 11 Male & Female Size 6 for U12, U13 Males & U12, U13, U15, U17 & Senior Females Size 7 for U14 Males & above
Ring Height	The ring height shall be lowered to 2.60m above floor for U7, U8 & U9 age groups
Junior Games	
Game Time	2 x 20 minute halves. Running clock
Half Time	3 Minutes
Game Interval	7 Minutes
Time Outs	2 time outs per half. No timeouts permitted in the last 3 minutes of the second half
Time Out Duration	50 Seconds with a 10 second warning. Both teams ready to play after 1 minute
Extra Time	No extra time will be played during the normal season. Games will be drawn if scores are level at full time.
Zone Defence	No zone defence is permitted in grades U14 & below
Finals	Stop Clock rules apply for last 3 min of game
Senior Games	
A Grade	
Game Time	4 x 10 minute fully timed quarters
Warm up	3 mins
Quarter and Half Time	2 mins between quarters, 3 mins half-time
Time outs	3 time outs per half. (Max - 2 time outs per quarter)
Time Out Duration	50 Seconds with a 10 second warning. Both teams ready to play after 1 minute
Extra Time (Drawn Game)	5 mins
B Grade	
Game Time	4 x 8 minute fully timed quarters
Warm up	3 mins
Quarter and Half Time	2 mins between quarters, 3 mins half-time
Time outs	3 time outs per half. (Max - 2 time outs per quarter)
Time Out Duration	50 Seconds with a 10 second warning. Both teams ready to play after 1 minute
Extra Time (Drawn Game)	3 mins

(b) Modified Game Rules Under 7 & 8 (FIBA rules apply with the following exceptions/amendments)

- No back court violation.
- No zones – man to man defense only.
- Players allowed five seconds in the keyway.
- Once a team obtains possession of the ball in their back half the opposition must retreat to the blue line marked on the court.
- Once a player has stopped dribbling and picked up the ball, no defensive player can grab or slap the ball out of the offensive player’s hands. An offensive player who has stopped dribbling and picked up the ball has only 5 seconds to pass or shoot the ball.
- On all throw-ins, the defensive player must be a least one metre from the line (hands and feet)
- No blind (back) screens to be set.
- No double teaming on defense.
- Free throws – shooters can move one metre towards basket to shoot.
- Three point field goals will only count as two points.
- Substitutions may be called on any referee whistle. No player shall sit on the bench as a substitute for more than the duration of one period, unless they are injured or have committed five fouls.
- Defence can only be played behind the Blue line marked on the court. There shall be no double teaming and if a player has stopped dribbling and picked up the ball the defence cannot grab or slap the ball from offense player’s hands.

(c) Mercy Rule – applicable for U7 – U15 age groups only

- i. Any team that has a lead of twenty (20) points or more MUST retreat beyond the half court line on defence until the opposition has brought the ball into their offensive front court.
- ii. If the score difference becomes 12 pts the winning team can then play defence with no restrictions until lead gets to 20 points again
- iii. It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure that his/her team adheres to this rule.
- iv. Failure to retreat beyond the half court line may result in a warning and then a technical foul being charged against the coach.

- v. For grades U11 and below excessive score variances will be requested not to be displayed on the stadium scoreboard at the request / discretion of the Court Manager.

13) Fixtures Not Completed

- (a) If any team is unable to commence play within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time for a fixture the game will be declared a forfeit.
- (b) Scoresheets shall be completed for all forfeited fixtures. The non-forfeiting team is deemed to have played a qualifying game, the forfeiting team has not.
- (c) In the event of a forfeit by any team, the score for the fixture will be 20 points awarded to the team present to 0 points for the forfeiting team. All votes and competition points shall be removed from the records.
- (d) Forfeit Penalties
 - Teams 1st Forfeit request for the season will incur a warning
 - Teams 2nd Forfeit request for the season will incur a \$50 penalty from BBA via the clubs
 - Teams 3rd Forfeit request for the season teams will be disqualified from the competition. Penalties may be reviewed at the discretion of the board
- (e) In the event of a team being disqualified:
 - All games in which the disqualified team has, or would have, participated in shall be deleted from the competition.
 - All votes and competition points shall be removed from the records.
 - The Board may consider restructuring the competition.
- (f) Incomplete fixtures shall be reported by the Court Manager and action confirmed at the discretion of the Board prior to the next fixture.

14) Final Series

- (a) The final series shall be played as follows:

A Grade

- 1st Semi Final: Teams 3 & 4 on the points table
- 2nd Semi Final: Teams 1 & 2 on the points table
- Preliminary Final: Winner 1st Semi Final versus the loser 2nd Semi Final
- Grand Final: Winner 2nd Semi Final versus winner Preliminary Final.

B Grade

- Confirm the decision
- Refer the appeal to the P & D Panel
- Refer the appeal to the Basketball WA.

18) Referees and Umpires

- (a) It shall be the responsibility of The Board to determine the method of appointment of all referees and umpires.
- (b) The Board may roster Clubs to officiate at competition games conducted by the Association.
- (c) Referees who are appointed to officiate at competition games conducted by the Association shall carry out those duties and responsibilities within the rules of the Official Rules of Basketball, BBA By-Laws and Codes of Conduct.
- (d) It shall be the responsibility of the referee to take and return the game ball to the court and also fully complete the online stadium scoring at the completion of the game, if not fully completed no payment will be issued for that game.

19) Timekeepers and Scorers

- (a) It shall be the duty of each team participating in any game conducted by the Association to provide one scorer or timekeeper.
- (b) If a team fails to supply a scorer or timekeeper, then one of the substitutes shall be appointed to fulfil the position.
- (c) If a team cannot fulfil the position, then penalties in rule 10(d) will apply. A two-point penalty for each minute they are late starting the set of fixtures.

20) Fixtures, Scoresheets and Equipment

- (a) Gameday Scoring will be provided by the Association. The team player lists are to be completed by the team managers immediately prior to the scheduled commencement time of the fixture.
- (b) It shall be the responsibility of the Association to provide the necessary court equipment as specified in the Official Basketball Rules for all games conducted by the Association.
- (c) For grades under 9 years of age:
 - The backboards shall be lowered to a height of 2.59 metres.

21) Supply of Basketballs

- (a) The Association shall provide two (2) warm up and one (1) game basketballs of the correct size in accordance to the recommendations of the Basketball WA for all fixtures. No outside or additional balls shall be permitted court side during fixtured competition times.

22) Duty Teams

- (a) The Board shall be empowered to allocate duties to any club or team.
- (b) Any club or team not carrying out the duties as prescribed by The Board shall be subject to such penalties as decided by The Board.

23) Code of Conduct

- (a) All players, coaches, spectators, officials and administrators must abide by the BWA Code of Conduct. These detailed rules will be made available for download and viewing from the BBA / BWA websites. Attendance or participation in any and all BBA activities will be deemed as your consent to abide by these rules.
- (b) Players and Coaches will be automatically suspended for (one) 1 week if during the game they receive two of any below listed fouls:
- 2 of both / either a Technical / Unsportsmanlike foul
 - Disqualifying foul
- (unless the foul is received for a technical infringement e.g. crossing the sideline)
- 2ND offence - (two) 2 weeks per breach from all association activities
- 3RD offence – banned for the remainder of the season.
- (c) If under section 23, a further report is made (incidents of severe verbal or any physical aggression) to the Umpire, then the Board will convene to determine whether a suspension is warranted beyond that outlined in 23 (a). Players have the right to appeal, refer to section 24 of the By-Laws.
- (d) Any damage to property of the Bunbury Basketball Association will require restitution by the offending parties.
- (e) The following guidelines are to be adhered to for mutual respect between players, coaches and officials: -
- Court captain is the only player able to ask reasonable questions of the umpire.
 - Inappropriate questioning by non-court captain will result in a technical foul recorded against the offending party.

- It is the umpire's responsibility to ensure that the scoresheet is filled out correctly and they are aware of who the court captain is.
 - Coaches are able to communicate with umpires at appropriate times in an appropriate manner.
- (f) Players receiving a suspension after having received two (2) technical fouls or two (2) unsportsmanlike fouls or being disqualified will be advised verbally after the game. The Club will then receive notification in writing prior to the next fixtured game.

24) Protests and Disputes

- (a) All members of the Association have the right to lodge a report in writing to the Board on any matter within seventy-two (72) hours of the incident or decision.
- (b) The detailed report shall be submitted in writing with relation to the matter of concern.
- (c) Upon receipt of any report the Board shall:
- Deal with the report and make a decision / or
 - Refer the Report to the P & D Panel for a decision / or
 - Refer the Report to Basketball WA for a decision
- (d) The Board shall deal with reports as a matter of urgency. (Generally, prior to the next fixtured game)
- (e) Reports by the referees shall be handled as follows:
- The Member(s) being reported shall be verbally notified at the time of the incident where possible
 - Official report form shall be completed within 24 hours of the conclusion of the game.
 - The Board shall provide a copy of the Report to all Member(s) involved in the incident and the Club within seventy-two (72) hours.
 - The Board may refer the Report to the P & D Panel.

25) Protests and Disputes Panel

- (a) The Board shall appoint a P & D Panel prior to the start of the season.
- (b) The Panel shall consist of at least three members of which one will act as chairperson.
- (c) Panel shall meet as required and shall conduct hearings of all reports, protests or disputes as referred to it by the Board.
- (d) A representative of the Board shall act as convenor for all meetings of the Panel.

- (e) The Panel shall have power to inquire into all reports as referred to it and notify the Board of the decision.
- (f) No penalty should be imposed without the member, or club being given a reasonable opportunity of appearing before the Panel. Should circumstances preclude the attendance then a nominated advocate may attend.
- (g) The member or club involved in a report, protest or dispute may be accompanied by an advocate, but participation shall be at the discretion of the Panel.
- (h) Any member or club that has incurred penalty as a result of the Panels' decision shall be entitled to the right of appeal. The appeal shall be:
 - In writing and delivered to the Board within 72 hours of the decision.
 - Addressed to the Panel.
 - Shall contain full details of new or additional evidence
- (i) The Panel shall examine the appeal and determine whether a new hearing shall be scheduled,
- (j) Any member or Club has the right to appeal to Basketball WA.
- (k) Any Member receiving a suspension as a result of a Panel hearing shall be rendered ineligible to receive any Association awards during the playing season in which the offence occurred.
- (l) Members shall not be permitted to participate in any capacity of the competition during the term of suspension.
- (m) The Panel shall advise the Board of the decision and a register kept of all penalties,
- (n) The Association shall advise Basketball WA of all penalties imposed by the Panel.

26) Trophies and Awards

The Board shall:

- Allocate trophies to all grades that participate for competition points.
- No trophies shall be awarded to under 7, 8, 9 & 10 competitions.
- Present awards for meritorious performances or service to the Association.

27) Jurisdiction

- (a) Members are considered to be within the jurisdiction of the Association whilst they are in the precincts of any court or building being hired or used by the Association for the purpose of conducting any match or competition or any other business of the Association.
- (b) Members of any representative team are deemed to within the jurisdiction of the Association from the time that the team departs Bunbury until the time all members return to Bunbury.

28) Infringements

The Board shall have power to impose penalties for any infringement of the By-Laws.

29) Amendments:

The Board has the power to amend the By-Laws in accordance with the Constitution

30) Club Delegates:

- (a) All affiliated clubs shall supply two (2) active delegates to each of the Junior and Senior committees with a minimum of one (1) must attend all designated meetings.
- (b) Failure to supply delegates may result in all teams within that club not being permitted to receive competition points.

31) Representative teams:

- (a) Coaches of Association representative teams are required to supply the Board with a copy of a working with children clearance at their own expense prior to their departure. Any person(s) or member(s) in an official capacity with a representative team must obtain a working with children clearance.
- (b) Players must play in their own age group; however, they may play in a higher grade if numbers permit, at the Boards discretion.
- (c) Any property damage occurred whilst representing the Bunbury Basketball Association will require restitution by the offending parties.
- (d) Maximum of ten players per representative team unless approved otherwise at the discretion of the Board.
- (e) Persons acting as coach, manager or referee for the Bunbury Basketball Association will have their accommodation nominated / paid for by the Association.
- (f) Only one accommodation will be nominated to any one individual regardless of number of positions held.
- (g) Coaches and Managers of representative teams for Country Championships must be of the age of eighteen (18) unless approved otherwise at the discretion of the Board.

32) Club Colours/Designs as approved by the Board:

Aces	1. Sky Blue (C096) 2. White (C140) 3. Navy (C198) 4. Teal (3272Q)	Busselton	1. Blue (TBC) 2. Red (TBC) 3. White (TBC)
Bulls	1. Maroon (C148) 2. Gold (C066) 3. Orange (C070)	Dunsborough	1. Blue (TBC) 2. White (TBC)
Tornadoes	1. Red (C118) 2. Black 3. Grey (C005)	Eaton	1. Blue (C237) 2. Teal (C191) 3. Orange (C067)
Grammar	1. Royal Blue (PMS2735) 2. Gold (PMS1375)	MTC	1. Green (TBC) 2. Navy Blue (TBC)

33) Dispensations

All dispensation requests from these Bylaws must be requested in writing, addressed from the Club to the Board. Any approved dispensations will be granted under a 4-week competition probation / trial period. After this review period the board may / can opt to revoke the request if deemed that it not in the best interest of the competition, all though every effort is made to avoid this at the time of granting the request

34) Items Not Provided For:

Any matter not covered by the By-Laws, provided that it comes within the Objects of the Association shall be dealt with by the Board at their discretion.