



MURRAY BRIDGE
BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION INC.
BYLAWS

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AIM: To promote and encourage the game of basketball as played under the rules of Basketball Australia.

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A DEFINITIONS

1 MBBA

- 1.1 The Murray Bridge Basketball Association may be referred to as the MBBA, the Association or Management Committee throughout this document.

2 GOVERNING BODIES

* Affiliation is renewed annually with SA Country Basketball Corporation Inc (SACBCI)

* SACBCI is governed by Basketball SA

* Basketball SA is governed by Basketball Australia

All policies, by-laws, rulings, directives issued by SACBCI must be adopted by MBBA as a minimum. Where SACBCI are following those of a higher Governing Body, MBBA must also follow. Policies, procedures and by-laws of MBBA may be made so as to reflect the specific venue and competition requirement of the MBBA but shall not alter the initial intent.

3 CLUBS

- 3.1 The Association must be notified in writing of the intention to form a new club. Such notification must be given prior to the start of any season and must include the name of the club, a description of proposed uniform, Constitution, Office Bearers, and Certificate of Incorporation (or intent to obtain).

- 3.2 The Association must be notified within seven (7) days of any changes to office bearers within any club.

- 3.3 The Association must be supplied with Club Minutes of AGM, including Financial Report and any Constitutional changes annually.

- 3.4 For a Club to join the Association at the junior level, it shall consist of the amalgamation of a minimum of three (3) junior female and three (3) junior male teams of any grade. Senior competition must have a minimum of four (4) teams. Once established, numbers of teams can drop below four (4). If no teams are nominated for two (2) seasons the Club will be viewed as folded and will need to re-apply to enter MBBA.

4 TEAMS

- 4.1 Team nominations will only be accepted from registered clubs.



- 4.2 MBBA Team Nominations must be completed in the manner communicated by the MBBA Management Committee and by such date as set down by the MBBA Management Committee.
Team nominations must include Coaches and Team Managers.
- 4.3 Life Members will pay registration fees but will have free admittance into the Stadium for all basketball related events including game payments.

5 REGISTRATION

- 5.1 All required player, Association and Governing Body registration fees must be paid in full before any player is eligible to play. Refer Illegal Player.
Players are considered Playing Members of the Association once registration fees are paid in full and all personal details required for Registration have been received.
- 5.2 A person is deemed to be a registered player of the Association from the time they register in one season to the time registration falls due for the following season.
- 5.3 A person who does not re-register when registrations fall due is deemed to be unfinancial and is no longer a player of the Association until they re-register.
- 5.4 Incorrect or incomplete Player Registration Forms will not be accepted.
- 5.5 Coaches, Team Managers, and Umpires are considered Playing Members of the Association once their registration has been completed.
- 5.6 All fees will be determined at the Annual General Meeting and recorded in the Memorandum of Fees.

6 ILLEGAL PLAYERS

- 6.1 An illegal player is any player who plays and is not cleared by previous club, is unregistered, unfinancial, has been suspended, has played under an assumed name, or is in violation of any of the MBBA Bylaws.
- 6.2 The Association shall notify the club concerned in writing the instant it becomes aware of an-illegal player having played in any game.



- 6.3 The penalty for playing an illegal player shall be imposed for the first occurrence and for all repeated occurrences after notification has been given.

PENALTY: A team playing an illegal player shall lose all the teams points scored, umpires votes awarded to any players and any premiership points for that game.

The opposition team shall retain their match score and umpire votes, and they shall be awarded the maximum of three premiership points for that game.

7 JUNIORS

- 7.1 A junior shall be any person under the age of eighteen (18) years as at 31st December the year the season finishes.
- 7.2 To be eligible to compete in any of the junior grades a player must be under the designated age as at 31st December of the year the season finishes.
- 7.3 Any player requesting a Junior playing payment must show identification if requested.
- 7.4 No junior can play "B" grade unless written permission is given by the Management Committee.
- 7.5 Exemptions for junior players, to play below their correct age group, will only be considered by Management Committee with a written letter and medical certificate.

B GAME RULES

8 RULES

- 8.1 The rules of the game shall be those of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA), except where the Governing bodies or the Association shall determine otherwise.

9 UNIFORMS

- 9.1 Complete details of uniforms, or any uniform changes must be in writing and are to be approved by the Management Committee. Uniform details submitted are to include what the Club deems to be acceptable colours and types of undergarments for their Uniform.



9.2 Legal numbers: 00-99.

9.3 All players are required to have correct uniforms by the commencement of the fourth (4th) week of the season, or as determined by the Management Committee. Any player in incorrect uniform after the third (3rd) week of the season will have a foul recorded against their name and two (2) points awarded to the opposition. If a Club has difficulty sourcing their uniform they can apply in writing to the Management Committee for an extension.

(a) The penalties are to be recorded during the half time break and before the third quarter commences.

(b) This does not apply to the Under 10 Competition.

10 TIMING

10.1 The Officials shall start the clock at the scheduled starting time, or if delayed by the previous game running late, three minutes after the previous match finishes.

10.2 Half time interval shall be two (2) minutes. Quarter (1/4) time and three quarter (3/4) time intervals shall be one (1) minute.

10.3 MINOR ROUND GAMES: The clock shall only be stopped in the last two (2) minutes of the fourth (4th) quarter on every whistle if the margin is less than ten (10) points. EXCEPTION: Under 10 Competition the clock shall not stop throughout the game.

(a) No time outs allowed in the last two (2) minutes of the first (1st), second (2nd) and third (3rd) quarters.

(b) Each team is allowed two (2) time outs per half

(c) There shall be no play off for a drawn game in the minor games.

10.4 SEMI FINALS: The clock shall not stop except in the last two (2) minutes of the fourth quarter if the margin is less than twenty (20) points.

(a) Under 12 to Seniors the clock stops on all whistles.

(b) No time outs are allowed in the last two (2) minutes of the first (1st), second (2nd) and third (3rd) quarters.

(c) Two (2) time outs per half for each team.



- 10.5 PRELIMINARY AND GRAND FINALS: The clock shall be stopped for all charged or official time outs for the duration of the game. Plus, in the last two (2) minutes of the fourth (4th) quarter, the clock shall be stopped on every whistle.
- 10.6 In the event of a draw, all finals shall play an extra five (5) minutes to affect a result.
- (I) The clock shall stop at all time outs, plus all whistles in the last two (2) minutes.
 - (II) Each team is allowed one (1) time out.
 - (III) The foul count will continue.
 - (IV) In all extra periods the team shall continue to play towards the same basket as in the fourth (4th) quarter. (As per F.I.B.A. rules).

11 TRIBUNAL

- 11.1 We abide by SA Country Member Protection Policy, Codes of Behaviour, and Tribunal Policy.
- 11.2 Removal of Disruptive Spectators. The Court Supervisor has the power to request disruptive spectators remove themselves from the facility.
- 11.3 In any Stadium controlled by MBBA, game officials and any MBBA Committee member, or staff member who has been so empowered by MBBA, shall be entitled to report any person, team or club which, in the opinion of the official, has committed an offence as referred to in the SA Country Basketball Tribunal policy.
- 11.4 The Tribunal of three (3) persons plus a Minute Secretary shall deal with all such disciplinary penalties/suspensions, as it deems necessary.
- 11.5 A player who is reported and found guilty of any charge is ineligible for the “Fairest and Most Valuable Player Award” in all grades played by that player.

12 GAME COMMENCEMENT

- 12.1 A team must have at least four (4) players present in order to play.
- 12.2 If either team has less than four (4) players present at the starting time, the game clock shall be started but the game shall not commence.
- If after 10 minutes have elapsed:
- (a) Both teams still have less than 4 players present the game shall be declared a double forfeit and the score recorded as 0-0.



(b) Only one (1) of the teams has less than four (4) players present the game shall be declared an un-notified forfeit by that team.

13 FORFEITS

13.1 A forfeit in "A" grade shall be classified as an un-notified forfeit.

13.2 Forfeits should be notified to the Stadium Manager, for juniors at the latest by 2pm on the day of the match, and for seniors at the latest by 4pm on the day of the match. Stadium Manager to inform opposing teams and Referee in Charge.

13.3 A forfeit in finals shall be notified at least 24 hours before the final concerned.

13.4 Any team forfeiting three (3) matches per season will result in a Delegate being called before the MBBA Management Committee.

PENALTY: At the discretion of the Management Committee.

13.5 For all games not played as a result of an unnotified forfeit, all players shall have their game payment refunded providing a scratch match has not been played.

Notified forfeit score shall be recorded as 20-0.

13.6 PENALTIES FINES: Refer Memorandum of Fees.

13.7 The Stadium Manager shall issue invoices for the game penalties, and if not paid in full, two (2) weeks prior to the end of the Minor Rounds, will make that team ineligible for finals.

13.8 Should there be an un-notified forfeit and the player's present request a scratch match, then the rostered umpires must umpire the scratch match to receive their match payment. Players will forfeit their game payment.

13.9 School Camps/Events - The Stadium Manager is to be notified five (5) days prior to camp/event if less than five (5) players are available for a team because of it. There will be no forfeit fine for School Camps/Events if the above notification is given.

14 SCORERS, TIMEKEEPERS, MANAGERS

14.1 Scorers/Timekeepers must be supplied by teams in all grades. Senior players may fill either position. Junior players cannot fill either position in their Junior game.



PENALTY: If only one team supplies either scorer/timekeeper they must notify the Umpire before start of the game. If opposing team's scorer/timekeeper has not arrived within ten (10) minutes of the game, the first team will be awarded 10 points, or one (1) point for every minute or part thereof until the 10 minute mark (maximum 10 points). Game clock must start even though there may be only one (1) score person on the bench.

14.2 Digital scoring format:

Players must be marked into the game prior to the scheduled starting time of the match with player names and correct singlet numbers. The Coach and Captain shall be identified.

EXCEPTION: Players who were present before the commencement of the game and their names have been omitted, may be added to the playing list.

- 14.3 Each team in the junior competition must have in attendance a coach and an adult team manager. The team manager is obliged to organise a scorer or timekeeper. A junior is not permitted to be a playing coach.

15 BASKETBALLS

15.1 Size 5: Under 10 Girls & Boys

Size 6: Under 12 & Under 14 Boys

Size 6: Under 12 Girls through to Senior Women

Size 7: Under 16 Boys through to Senior Men

MBBA will supply match basketballs.

16 MODIFIED RULES FOR JUNIORS

16.1 Players named on the score sheet in the Under 10, Under 12 & Under 14 Competition.

(a) Players must receive a minimum of ten (10) minutes game time each half in all minor round matches.

(b) Players must receive a minimum of two (2) minutes game time each quarter in all final's matches.

16.2 JUNIOR FOUL SHOOTING LINE.



(a) Under 10 shall take foul shots from the front of the circle.

(b) Under 12 shall take foul shots from the twelve foot (12') line.

16.3 UNDER 10 COMPETITION.

(a) There shall be no umpire votes.

(b) No premiership tables will be published.

(c) There shall be no finals.

(d) Once a team is ten (10) points ahead they must go back behind the halfway line.
This will be initiated by the umpires refereeing the game.

(e) Each Under 10 Player can only score a maximum of ten (10) points each half.
(Successful baskets after the ten points are not counted).

(f) The clock does not stop in Under 10 Competition
PENALTY: Bench Technical Foul.

(g) No Zone Defence is allowed in Under 10 Competition.

(h) Three (3) point shots shall be classed as two (2) points.

16.4 UNDER 12 & UNDER 14 COMPETITION

(a) For Under 12 Competition: Once a team is ten (10) points ahead they must go back behind the halfway line. This will be initiated by the umpires refereeing the game.

(b) For Under 14 Competition: Once a team is twenty (20) points ahead they must go back behind the halfway line. This will be enforced by the umpires refereeing the game.

(c) The twenty (20) and ten (10) point rule 15.4, does not apply in the finals.

(d) No Zone defence is allowed in Under 12 and Under 14 Competition.

(e) Three (3) point shots shall be classed as two (2) points in Under 12 Competition.
Three (3) point shots shall count for all Under 14 grades and above.



- 16.5 Junior Disqualification: Player to take no further part in the game but MUST sit with the COACH for the remainder of the game.

C GRADING

17 GRADING COMMITTEE

- 17.1 The elected Grading Committee and/or the Executive Committee of the Association shall have the power to grade any team or player when nominated or registered.

18 BEST FIVE LIST

- 18.1 Each club entering a team in the “A” Grade Competition must provide the Association Secretary with a list of players competing in the “A” Grade and “A Reserve” Grade Competition by the fourth (4th) week.
- 18.2 The Grading Committee and/or Executive Committee shall review the player lists and determine the “Best Five” players plus one (1) reserve player from each club, and Stadium Manager is to display this list on the notice board.
- 18.3 The Reserve player will be included in the “Best Five” in finals, if one (1) of the original “Best Five” players fails to qualify for the finals.
- 18.4 The Grading Committee and/or the Executive Committee shall review the “Best Five” list whenever a new player registers or when a player on the “Best Five” list stops playing.

19 “A” GRADE PLAYERS

- 19.1 An “A” Grade player is a player named in the “Best Five” list.
- 19.2 Senior “A” Grade players may only compete in the “A” Grade Competition.
- 19.3 Junior “A” Grade players may play “A” Grade and their Junior Grade Competition.
- 19.4 No “A” Grade player may register in “B” Grade or lower prior to the elapse of two (2) seasons (1 year).



20 "A" RESERVE PLAYER

- 20.1 Any player who plays "A" Grade but is not named in the "Best Five" list is deemed to be an "A Reserve" player.
- 20.2 Senior "A Reserve" players may play in both the "A" Grade and "A Reserve" Grade teams of that club in each round of competition.

21 "B" GRADE

- 21.1 "B" Grade players may play in "A Reserve" Grade.
- 21.2 No junior player can play in B Grade unless written permission is given by the MBBA Management Committee.

22 DOWN GRADING

- 22.1 After playing enough games in a Grade to qualify for finals, senior players must apply for permission to play in a lower Grade.
EXCEPTION: "A Reserve" players playing "A" Grade.

23 PLAYING REGULATIONS

23.1 JUNIORS

(a) A team may bring up any three (3) players each week.

EXCEPTION: "A" Grade may bring up any number of junior players.

(b) No player competing in the Under 14 Competition and below may play in the senior competition.

(c) Junior players in UNDER 10's must be a minimum of eight (8) years of age to be eligible to play up into UNDER 12's.

(d) No player eligible for UNDER 10's shall play in any grade higher than UNDER 12's.

23.2 GENERAL

(a) No player may play for more than one (1) team in a particular grade.

EXCEPTION: Unless playing in the Association Team.



(b) Players must pay for every game played.

EXCEPTION: Life members (Refer to Teams 4.3)

(c) To be eligible to play for an Association team a player must play enough games for a local team, within the current season, to qualify for the finals.

EXCEPTION: A player whose family resides in the local area but boards outside of the area can also be eligible for an Association team selection

(d) Any player given permission to play in a lower grade can only compete in this grade. This decision can be reviewed during the season by the Management Committee.

24 ELIGIBILITY FOR FINALS

24.1 (a) Players shall not compete in the finals of a series unless they have played in at least one third plus one games ($1/3$ plus 1) of the minor round matches for that team.

EXCEPTION: Teams may play another player from a lower grade in their Club providing that player has qualified for finals in their own grade and has not already played for another team in that grade.

(b) A player may apply in writing to the Management Committee for an exemption due to illness or injury only. The player must provide a current written medical certificate/clearance.

24.2 For eligibility for finals, games cancelled by the MBBA will be classed as a game played. To gain credit for the game, a player must have registered and played the game before or the game after the cancelled game.

24.3 For eligibility for finals a bye is classed as a game played providing the player was registered before the bye and played the game before or the game after the bye.

24.4 Association Teams are not eligible to compete in finals unless there are less than four (4) other teams in that grade.

24.5 The Statistician (Stadium coordinator) shall supply, four (4) weeks before the Semi-Finals, names of players in all grades not yet qualified for the finals and state how many games still to play to be eligible. The lists are to be displayed prominently in the Stadium, and the Clubs and teams are responsible to check their players.

25 CLEARANCES



- 25.1 Clearances from one club to another club within the Association must be:
- Requested by the Club receiving the player
 - Allowed by their old Club
 - Authorised by the Stadium Manager before they can play for their new Club.
- 25.2 Any player from a club which has disbanded does not require a clearance-
- 25.3 Internal club clearances will not be granted after the third (3) week of a season to any player who has competed in any match during that season.
- 25.4 Once a registered player has started playing for a club, no external clearance will be granted during that season. However, the MBBA Management Committee has the discretion to allow this if a team pulls out of a competition leaving players without a team to play in.

D **REFEREES**

26 **NOMINATED UMPIRES**

- 26.1 The responsibility of the Education and Management of Referees for MBBA lies predominantly with the Management Committee and the Referee In Charge. Clubs are not required to nominate referees for Under 16 competitions and below. The Referees for these competitions will be managed by the Referee in Charge. However, Clubs should encourage their members to take up this role.
- 26.2 Each team in the Under 18 grade and above must nominate a reliable Referee for that team. This Referee will be expected to Referee one game a week on their playing night. If a Referee is nominated for more than one team, they will be expected to referee the number of games equivalent to the number of teams they are nominated against – this cannot exceed 3 on the one night.
- 26.3 The nominated Referees must attend scheduled Referee information nights and respectfully abide by requests of the Referee in Charge.
- 26.4 Referees nominated in point 3 above should find their own replacement if they are unable to referee their rostered spot. Failure to supply a Referee when rostered will result in their team losing two (2) premiership points. This approach puts the management and the responsibility on the individual teams.

27 **VOTING**



- 27.1 Referees shall select “Fairest and Most Valuable Players”.
- 1st – 3 points
 - 2nd – 2 points
 - 3rd – 1 point
- 27.2 Every legal player competing in a game is to be considered as a candidate for allocation of votes.
- (a) This includes players competing in Association Teams.
 - (b) Players playing in both club and Association teams in the same grade will be treated as separate players.
- 27.3 Trophies shall be allocated at the discretion of the MBBA Management Committee.
- 27.4 In the event of more than one (1) player finishing first with the same number of votes, then a “Fairest and Most Valuable” Trophy shall be awarded to each player and a Runner Up Trophy will be awarded.
- 27.5 In the event of more than one (1) player finishing second with the same number of votes, then a Runner Up Trophy shall be awarded to each player.

28 FINALS

- 28.1 Referees for the finals shall be determined by the Referee in Charge and approved by the MBBA Management Committee.

E GENERAL

29 PREMIERSHIP POINTS

- 29.1 Premiership points shall be allocated in the following manner:

RESULTS	POINTS
Win	3
Draw	2
Bye	2
Loss	1
Forfeit Given	0
Forfeit Received	3
Washout/Cancellation	2

30 PROGRAMMING



- 30.1 Playing times, dates and venues shall be arranged by the stadium coordinator and approved by the management committee.
The above are subject to change at short notice.

31 CLUB DELEGATES

- 31.1 All clubs are to provide one (1) Club Delegate to all MBBA Delegate Meetings. Non supply of a Club Delegate will result in the club being fined for each occurrence. This includes a Delegate from the Junior Development Committee. The Club Delegate cannot be an Officer of or part of the Management Committee.

Refer to Memorandum of Fees for fines.

32 FEES

- 32.1 All charges/penalties/fines and manner of payment, are to be determined by the Management Committee and are to be declared annually at the Annual General Meeting.
- 32.2 Any charges/penalties/fines that are not paid within 14 days will incur Administration fees at the discretion of the Management Committee.
- 32.3 Any Club with charges/penalties/fines overdue two weeks prior to the finals will be ineligible to participate in the finals.

33 RECORDS

- 33.1 An Honour Roll will be kept for the lifetime of the Association.
- 33.2 All Association Minutes and Business Documents to be kept in the Stadium coordinators office for a period as determined by the MBBA Management Committee and Legislative requirements.

34 BYLAWS

- 34.1 Violation of any of the MBBA Bylaws may incur a fine or penalty at the discretion of the Management Committee.



34.2 GENERAL EXEMPTION CLAUSE

Clubs faced with a situation where compliance with any of the above Bylaws is impossible due to exceptional circumstances, may apply for exemption from that Bylaw in writing to the Management Committee explaining the situation and giving full details of the circumstances involved.

34.3 Any alteration/additions to these Bylaws shall not take effect until such time as written notification has been given to all Clubs and Committee Members. Such notification must contain exact wording of the new/altered Bylaw(s) and the date that the change(s) will come into operation.

34.4 Any decision by the Management Committee can be reviewed during the season.

35 LIFE MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

Nominees for Life Membership must have:

35.1 Participated as a member of the Murray Bridge Basketball Association Management Committee or Sub Committee or Staff member for a minimum of 10/15 years.

or Participated as a volunteer for the Murray Bridge Basketball Association for a period of 10/15 years. When considering volunteers, the roles and contribution during the period of their service will be considered.

or Contributed significantly to Murray Bridge Basketball Association as a sponsor for a minimum of 15 years.

35.2 Nominees must display an attitude and values that reflect a dedication to the Murray Bridge Basketball Association and a commitment to the principles of fair play and good sportsmanship. Any nominee who has been suspended from any association for twenty six weeks (26) or more shall be deemed as ineligible for Life Membership.

35.3 The nominee will have provided valued leadership and/or been an outstanding role model in general.

35.4 Nominees may be considered if their service to Murray Bridge Basketball Association consists of a number of these criteria all of which in combination meet the exceptional service standards required for life membership.

35.5 The award including plaque and badge of office shall be presented the AGM.



35.6 PLAYING LIFE MEMEBERSHIP CRITERIA

Fifteen years' service as MBBA affiliated club player at A grade or at the highest senior MBBA grade possible at the time.

Refer MBBA Constitution.

36 A.G.M.

Refer MBBA Constitution.



APPENDIX:

POLICIES:

Bridge Hoops Hot Weather
Covid Safe – Infection Avoidance Policy
Cyber Bullying Policy
Grievance Policy – SA Country
Health Policy and Guidelines
Hot Weather Policy
Member Protection Policy – Basketball Australia
Picking up Dropping off Children
Smoking Management Policy
Social Media Policy
Tribunal Procedure – SA Country
Referee of the Year Award Policy
Video and Photography

GUIDELINES:

Interacting with Children
Pregnancy & Basketball

CODES OF BEHAVIOUR:

Coaches
Parents
Players
Referees
Spectators