



TOURNAMENT RULES 2017

Administration

1. The Tournament Director reserves the right to combine divisions, cancel a division or add a division dependent on the entries.
2. Participants must be under the age division entered as of 31st December 2017.
3. The Bendigo Basketball Association denies any liability for any injury sustained during this tournament.
4. Teams withdrawing after the closure date for entries will forfeit their entry fee as described in the information sent out prior to the Tournament.
5. Team Lists must be submitted online at least 48 hours to the Tournament.
 - Team Lists to be reviewed and updated on Stadium Scoring (or Score Sheets where applicable) 5 minutes prior to the commencement of each game. This includes updating of player numbers and the addition or removal of players from the team.
6. It is the responsibility of each team to check the notice board at the Bendigo Stadium [main stadium] for any late draw changes and other important messages throughout the weekend.
7. The notice board at the Bendigo Stadium (main Stadium) will display all progressive results and the website will be updated as soon as possible (www.bendigoclassic.sportingpulse.net)
8. The Classic will be conducted under the official FIBA Basketball rules, except for the specific tournament rules as listed.
9. All players must wear the registered uniform of their team.
10. Each team must have an alternate uniform. In the event of a clash of uniform colours the first named team on the fixture (left side of Stadium Scoring) will be required to wear alternate uniform.
11. Each team must supply a competent scorer or timekeeper (&/or shot clock operator in U16 & U18 A Grade divisions).
12. Teams must supply their own warm up basketballs. A team basketball will be used as a match ball upon request.
13. Teams cannot commence a game with less than five (5) players.
14. To be eligible for finals, a player must have taken part in two (2) round robin games.
15. Players are only permitted to play in one team.
16. The Basketball Victoria Country Heat Policy – Once the temperature is over 35c inside the stadium, the management will notify all venues of the compulsory time out at 10 minute mark of each half (closet dead ball). Once the temperature is over 38c inside the stadium, the management will notify all venues of the reduced timing rules (18min halves).
17. First Aid is available from the Bendigo Stadium and Flora Hill Stadium. Ice is available at all venues. Teams shall be responsible for their own first aid at venues outside the Bendigo Stadium and Flora Hill Stadium.

Game Play

18. Twelve players are permitted to play each game.
19. Points allocations: Win – 3pts, Draw – 2pts, Loss – 1pt, Forfeit – 0
20. Ties for position will be decided by head to head calculations. Head to Head means that it is calculated on the results between the teams who are tied.
21. Size 6 basketballs will be used for all girls' matches as well as the Under 12, and Under 14 boy's games. Size 7 basketballs will be used for Under 16, 18 and 20 Boys divisions.

22. The three-point line used is the outside (furthest) 3pt line for Under 14 and above competitions. Under 12 competitions will use the inside (closest) 3pt line. Where a venue has only one line marked that will be the line used.
23. The three-point basket will count for all competitions (including Under 12 competitions).
24. For each minute a team is late, their opponent will be awarded two (2) points, up to the ten-minute mark, when the game is forfeited.
25. All protests must be in writing and lodged with the Tournament Director, accompanied by a \$100.00 bond within one (1) hour of the conclusion of the game. If the complaint is found to be frivolous, the bond will be forfeited.
26. The following competitions will compete for prize money:
 - Under 12 Girls Classic (A Division) - \$500.00
 - Under 12 Boys Classic (A Division) - \$500.00
 - Under 14 Girls Classic (A Division) - \$500.00
 - Under 14 Boys Classic (A Division) - \$500.00
 - Under 16 Girls Classic (A Division) - \$500.00
 - Under 16 Boys Classic (A Division) - \$500.00
 - Under 18 Girls Classic (A Division) - \$750.00
 - Under 18 Boys Classic (A Division) - \$750.00

The prize money will be given to the Association of the winning divisions.

Timing Rules

2 x 20 minute periods (50 minutes has been allowed for each game time slot)

Warm Up	2 minutes (or agreed upon)
1 st Period	<p>Clock stops in the last (1) minute on all whistles</p> <p><u>No time outs allowed inside the last minute of the first half.</u></p> <p><i>Note: If a Time Out is taken late in the First Half all players must start to re-enter court with 1:10 remaining on the clock and be in position to commence play at 1:00 remaining.</i></p> <p><i>(For example if you call a Time Out with 1:40 remaining, you will only get a 30 second Time Out before players are asked to return to the court)</i></p>
Break	2 minutes
2 nd Period	Clock stops in the last (1) minute on all whistles

- ✓ There will be only two (2) time outs **per half** per team.
- ✓ The clock does not stop for Time Outs unless in the last minute of the second half.
- ✓ **Drawn Games in Finals:** In the case of a drawn game the extra period will be of three (3) minutes and each team will be allowed one (1) time out for every extra period. The clock will stop on every whistle in the last one (1) minute. The clock will not stop for a Time Out in extra time unless the Time Out is taken in the last one (1) minute of the extra time period.
- ✓ **Grand Finals:** the clock stops on every whistle in the last one (1) minute of the first half and the last two (2) minutes of the second half.



27. Code of Conduct

All participants are expected to abide by the Basketball Victoria Player, Coach, Spectator Codes of Conduct.

Penalty Rule: Technical Fouls penalty will be 1 shot and possession.

NOTE: Game referees are required to instantly penalize any obvious form of dissent, such as disputing calls, critical comments towards Referees or their calls & bad language with a technical Foul. A second similar offence results in the player being disqualified from the game. (A similar offence involves more criticism, dissent etc. resulting in a technical Foul).

Note: Zone Rule Technical Fouls do not apply.

28. Spectator and Parent Behaviour:

Poor behaviour will not be tolerated at this tournament. Court Supervisors have been given permission to remove any persons who show inappropriate behaviour towards players, coaches, referees or officials. Basketball Victoria Code of Conduct is being used at this tournament and can be found at www.bendigobasketball.com.au

29. Unusual Situations: Should any matter arise from provision has not been specifically made in these competition rules, the Bendigo Classic shall take such action as in necessary to protect the interests of the tournament.

30. Zone Defense Policy:

Zone defense is not permitted in the following age groups:

- a) Under 12
- b) Under 14

This is a policy in which Basketball Australia, Basketball Victoria and Basketball Victoria Country have in place. The following steps will be used during this tournament:

Step 1: Team Manager or Coach to raise the issue of defense with the Venue Supervisor.

Step 2: If it is deemed to be a zone defense a warning is to be issued to the coach.

Step 3: If zone defense continues after a warning a technical foul shall be issued on the coach (Sin Bin rule not enforced on Zone Policy).

For more information on Zone Defense go to www.bendigoclassic.sportingpulse.net