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# **Senior League Local Rules**

#### **UNIFORMS**

Shirts: All players must have the same coloured uniform tops and same colour shorts. Numbered front and back, not taped. Short sleeved T-shirts and undershorts above the knees may be worn but must be the same colour as the predominant colour of the uniform that it is being worn under. All players wearing an incorrect uniform will be told by the referees that they cannot take the court.

#### **NO EXCEPTIONS**

#### **DEFAULTS**

Game clock will start on time. Game can start with 3 players taking the court, once 5 minutes of game clock time is up and there is not 5 registered players on the court, the game is then deemed as a default. No clock stops during this 5 minutes.

# **PENALTIES**

- Upon first offence a warning letter will be sent out, outlining consequences for further infringements. As indicated below.
- If a team defaults a game without a minimum 24 hours notification they are issued with a formal written warning. If they default another game then 3 points \$50.00 will be deducted automatically from team bond.

### **DUTY TEAMS**

Duty teams must be ready for duty when game starts. Duty teams for premier grades will comprise of 3 bench and 2 referees. For social grades duty teams will comprise of 2 bench and 2 referees. No phones are to be used while the game is in progress.

# **PENALTIES**

 Upon first offence a warning letter will be sent out, out lining consequences for further infringements. As indicated below.

If they miss another duty then the team will be deducted by 1 point and \$25.00 from team bond. Duty teams must write names on scoresheets.

## PLAYER ELIGIBILITY FOR CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF GAMES

Players must have played a minimum of 6 competition games to qualify in the championship play-offs which excludes semi and finals.

#### **RESCHEDULED GAMES**

NPBA must be notified in writing of any game rescheduling by the team wishing to change at least 7 days prior to the schedule date. If games are rescheduled teams must organise own venue, referees and scorebench at their cost. Games must be played before the end of the competition and results must be forwarded to NPBA otherwise points will not be allocated.

Rescheduling of games must be approved by senior league committee. All requests to reschedule games must include details of the referees, venue and date of the proposed game.

#### **DISPENSATIONS**

A player must apply in writing during the season to Senior League committee for any form of dispensation. All committee decisions will be final. Medical dispensations shell be supported by a medical certificate.

## **TEAMS**

- All teams must have a nominated coach on the scoresheet.
- Lower grade players may play up a grade (for their own club) only for 2 games, the 3<sup>rd</sup> game will be deemed as the new grade for this player. The committee will only consider written applications for regarding. A players name must be written on the back of the scoresheet before the game starts. If a player is required for a representative team a player from a lower grade may replace them without incurring a penalty.
- No player can play at a lower grade without the written approval from the committee.
- School players can only play for 1 team in the senior league.
- Clubs with 2 teams in the same grade may not transfer players between teams without written consent.
- Teams are restricted to 2 NBL players per team from the identified top 10 NBL team.
- Teams are restricted to 3 WNBL players per team from the identified top 10 WNBL team.
- Any abuse of officials by any member of NPBA may result in that member being cited for
  disciplinary action according to NPBA constitution. The League Controller has the right to
  remove spectators and players on the request from the referees, from the benches and in the
  stadium. They are to leave the stadium.

## **PLAYERS**

- 2 technical fouls incurred in a game then the player must leave the stadium floor for the rest of the game and will automatically receive a 1 week stand down.
- 2 unsportsmanlike fouls incurred in a game then the player must leave the stadium floor for the rest of the game and will automatically receive a 1 week stand down.
- Disqualifying foul must leave the stadium floor. The player or players go before the disciplinary committee, meeting must be held within 1 week.

- A player receiving 3 technical fouls during the season will receive a warning letter. On their next technical foul that player will be required to attend a disciplinary hearing.
- A player receiving 3 unsportsmanlike fouls during the season will receive a warning letter. On their next technical foul that player will be required to attend a disciplinary hearing.
- For safety reasons players will be checked before the game for appropriate finger-nail length and jewellery removal.

## **COACH**

• 2 technical fouls incurred in one season the coach will go before the disciplinary committee within 1 week.

## **MOUTH GUARDS**

- Mouth guards are compulsory to all players under the age of 19 year of age.
- If a player enters the court the referee has the right to request that player either put their mouth guard in or be immediately substituted. The player may not re-enter the game until they have a mouth guard in place.
- Players are not to share mouth guard.

# **SCORESHEETS**

• Scoresheets must be completed 5 minutes before the game. These will be on the front counter and must be filled in prior to the start of the game including the designated coach and captain.