



## HISTORY



In 1987 a competition called the Country Victorian Invitation Basketball League (CVIBL) was introduced for Women's teams from Country Victorian Associations. The CVIBL was the brain child of Bruce McDonald from Swan Hill, one of our truly creative administrators. For many years the League was conducted in an outstanding manner under the direction of Isobel and Frank Smith (also from Swan Hill).

In 1989 a Men's Division of CVIBL was introduced and again was conducted in a professional manner by a number of different Administrators.

The CVIBL was extremely well conducted and very successful, and had soon grown to include many Metropolitan teams becoming one of the true success stories of Australian Competition Basketball.

In 1991 control of the CVIBL was shifted from the BV Country Council and run by a separate body.

The competition continued to grow and is now know as the Big V.

Never one to quit, Bruce McDonald conceived and introduced yet another competition, the Country Basketball Conferences (CBC) for the smaller Associations in Country Basketball. To quote Bruce, the CBC was introduced;

*"To provide a quality, enjoyable competition conducted solely for the benefit of Country Victorian Basketball Associations, in a professional manner and at an affordable cost"*

The CBC has now been conducted in a successful manner by the BV Country Council Office mainly for Gippsland Associations but in 2004 another Conference; the North East, was introduced.

### **The time came for yet another change from CBC to CBL.**

Without altering Bruce McDonalds original concept the competition will be known as the Country Basketball League and will be played in Conferences throughout the State.

<b>MEN'S COUNTRY BASKETBALL CONFERENCE (CBC)</b>		
1993	MILDURA STEELERS d Swan Hill Flyers	Mildura
1994	WARRAGUL WARRIORS d Wodonga Wolves	Ararat
1995	WODONGA WOLVES d Pakenham Warriors	Maryborough
1996	WODONGA WOLVES d Sale Sonics	Wodonga
1997	TRARALGON T-BIRDS d Maryborough Blazers	Pakenham
1998	WESTERNPORT STEELERS d Mildura Steelers	Sommerville
1999	WESTERNPORT STEELERS d Korumburra Wildcats	Traralgon
2000	WARRAGUL WARRIORS d Westernport Steelers	Warragul
2001/02	KORUMBURRA WILDCATS d Traralgon T-Birds	Korumburra
2002/03	MORWELL MAGIC d Traralgon T-Birds	Traralgon

<b>MENS COUNTRY BASKETBALL LEAGUE NORTH EAST</b>		
2003	BENDIGO Young BRAVES def Seymour Blasters	Wangaratta
2004	WANGARATTA WARRIORS def Seymour Blasters	Wangaratta
2005	SEYMOUR BLASTERS def Wangaratta Warriors	Wangaratta
2006	SEYMOUR BLASTERS def Wodonga Wolves	Bendigo
2007/08	ALBURY COUGARS def Wodonga Wolves	Wangaratta
2008/09	SEYMOUR BLASTERS defeated Albury Cougars	Wangaratta
2009/10	CB BARWON BULLETS defeated Seymour Blasters	Albury/Wodonga

<b>WOMEN'S COUNTRY BASKETBALL CONFERENCE (CBC)</b>		
1995	HEYFIELD LOGGERS d Sale Sonics	Heyfield
1996	SALE SONICS d Terang Tornadoes	Sale
1997	CHURCHILL BLUE DEVILS d Moe Meteors	Moe
1998	BAIRNSDALE BULLETS d Maffra Eagles	Bairnsdale
1999	CHURCHILL BLUE DEVILS d Maffra Eagles	Traralgon
2000	KORUMBURRA WILDCATS d Moe Meteors	Warragul
2001/02	TRARALGON T-BIRDS d Maffra Eagles	Korumburra
2002/03	TRARALGON T-BIRDS d Heyfield Loggers	Traralgon

<b>WOMEN'S COUNTRY BASKETBALL LEAGUE NORTH EAST</b>		
2003	BENDIGO Lady BRAVES def Wodonga Wolves	Wangaratta
2004	WODONGA WOLVES def Albury Cougars	Wangaratta
2005	BENDIGO Lady BRAVES def Albury Lady Cougars	Wangaratta
2006	SEYMOUR BLASTERS def Bendigo Young Lady Braves	Bendigo
2007/08	SEYMOUR BLASTERS def Swan Hill Flyers	Wangaratta
2008/09	ALBURY COUGARS defeated Bendigo Braves	Wangaratta
2009/10	SEYMOUR BLASTERS defeated Wodonga Lady Wolves	Albury/Wodonga

## **2010/2011 Season**

The 2010/11 season will tip-off on the weekend of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October 2010. Unofficial Final dates look to be: 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> February 2011 (Semi Finals), 12<sup>th</sup> February 2011 (Conference Final) and 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> (State Final) 2011. Please Note: The Season length & Finals dates will depend on the number of teams entered.

### **Cost of entry**

#### **Team entry fee - \$500 per team**

A **\$250** non-refundable deposit for each team is required to be sent with the Nomination Form. A further **\$250** for each team will be required as soon as the fixture is completed.

NB - The above **\$500** remains the same as last season of CBL and does not include the Referee Fee.

### **Referee fee**

A Referee Fee cannot be determined until the fixture is completed. The Referee Administrator will invoice you as soon as a fee is known. If you have any questions, concerns regarding this matter, please contact Helen Pawsey on 0409 184 548 or email [hpawsey@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hpawsey@bigpond.net.au). This fee will cover the cost of Referee travel and evaluations for the season.

### **Game payments – Home & Away season games**

Referee game payments of **\$35.00** per referee per game must be made by the host team straight after the game.

### **Game payments – Conference Final games**

Each team participating in the Final must pay 1 referee per game they play in with the following amount; Grand Finals: \$45.00. Please note: Semi Finals are paid by the host team and are \$35.00 per referee per game.

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## 1. 24 – SECOND CLOCK

As per FIBA rules

## 2. BLOOD POLICY

During a CBL game, the Official shall order any player who is bleeding or has an open wound, to leave the playing court.

This player must be substituted unless a timeout is called and bleeding player is attended to and cleaned up.

Should this happen the player may return to the court, before the player is allowed back into the game, the wound should be treated (No further bleeding) and securely covered.

All blood on the floor or surrounding areas must be cleaned.

If there is any blood on the uniform, the player must change.

It will be necessary to carry a spare number uniform for this purpose.

Blood on the basketball – replace the basketball.

### ***Suggested contents of Blood Kit:***

- 1 packet of paper hand towels
- 1 packet of disposable latex surgical gloves
- 1 packet of medium size reseal able plastic bags
- 1 1500ml spray bottle with **0.5% bleach and 2% detergent mixed with water** (bleach is the key ingredient. Standard household bleach is acceptable, but it must not be used past its use by date)

## 3. BVCC to PROVIDE

- Club Operation Manual – including, score sheets, results sheets etc
- Weekly results – these will only be emailed to Members and Media
- Colour program covers
- Title Winner awards
- M.V.P for Grand Final
- Results on the web ([www.bvcc.net.au](http://www.bvcc.net.au))

## 4. BY-LAWS

- ❖ Forfeit Fee is \$250 per game
- ❖ Two forfeits by any Association for any reason may result in all teams from that Association being immediately removed from the competition.
- ❖ Drawn game: Five (5) minutes duration will be played until a result has been achieved. Clock stops on ALL whistles during this extra period. One (1) time-out per team per extra period
- ❖ Once the official fixture has been released associations should only change games if both teams / officials agree and it is run past the event manager or commissioner.
- ❖ Points allocated:      Win = 3 points    Loss = 1 point      Forfeit = 0
- ❖ Ties for position will be decided as follows:-
  - 3 Way Tie = percentage on matches BETWEEN the team's equal on points.
  - 2 Way Tie = result of match between the two teams concerned.
  - 4 or more tie for position will be determined by the final percentage on all matches during the season.

- ❖ Should a Delegate or representative of a competing team not be in attendance at CBL Meetings the team will be fined \$500.00
- ❖ Heat Policy: The Heat policy – will be determined mid week (by BVC Office) and all games during that weekend will have the policy in place regardless of air-conditioning in stadiums.

## **5. CBL AWARDS**

- Bruce McDonald Shield - Men's Title Winner
- Isabel Smith Shield - Women's Title Winner
- Shane William's Memorial Men's MVP Award
- Frank Smith Women's MVP Award
- Administrator of the year
  - Will be decided upon by the Events Manager and will take into account many items including; punctuality of results and forms correctly filled out and sent in.
- Media of the year
  - Will be decided upon by the Events Manager and will take into account the number of articles, notes and photos sent in from an association.
- Men's highest point scorer
- Women's highest point scorer
- Grand Final Referees plaque

## **6. CLEARANCES**

Clearances must be completed by any player who;

- changes from one club to another

The clearance must be submitted no later than three weeks prior to the players first game with his/her new CBL team

## **7. COMMISSIONER**

The Commissioner is the first point of contact for CBL Delegates.

The Commissioner may;

- help the score bench when they see that the score bench require assistance or is asked
- help an Association on game nights where the Commissioner sees fit
- attend games for free
- help with the smooth running of the CBL season

The Commissioner is not limited to the above roles

## **8. COMPETITION RULES**

1. Four (4) x ten (10) minute quarters (fully timed) for Women and Men.
  - (The clock must stop on a made basket in the last two (2) minutes of the last quarter)
2. Bonus shots will be taken on the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) team foul per quarter. The team foul count is reset to zero at the end of each quarter, except in the case of extra periods in which case the foul totals in the fourth quarter are counted.
3. Acceptable playing numbers: as per FIBA rules
4. Each player will be permitted five (5) personal fouls for Men and Women. After the fifth foul that player will no longer be allowed to continue playing (fouled out).

5. Fifteen (15) minutes must be set aside for team warm-ups before the start of the match. Half time is ten (10) minutes but there must be a minimum of five (5) minutes for player warm-up. Quarter time and three quarter time shall be two (2) minutes.
6. The host team must provide the referee's with the match ball fifteen (15) minutes before the match for evaluation.
7. Women will play with a size 6 basketball while men will play with a size 7 basketball.
8. Five (5) charged time outs may be granted to each team per match, however a maximum of two (2) time-outs only may be granted in the first half of the match. Unused time outs may not be carried over to any extra period but each team may be granted one (1) time out for each extra period.
9. Time-outs and substitutions may only be requested through the score table in the manner prescribed by FIBA rules.
10. For all games, the first team named in the program (home team) shall have the team bench and its team's own basket on the left side of the scorer's table, facing the playing court. However, if the two teams agree, they may interchange the team benches and/or baskets.
11. The referee's shall closely police dunking the ball during warm-ups. After warning the whole team once, the referee's shall penalize by a bench technical foul; any player who snaps the basket release or attacks the ring in a manner that suggests damage may be done.
12. The 'alternating possession' rule will be played in all CBL matches.
13. It is recommended that stand alone games on Saturday will be played at 7:00pm and double headers will be played at 6:00pm and 8:00pm with the Women playing before the Men. Games on Sunday are recommended to be played at 12:00noon and 2:00pm for double headers and 1:00pm for stand alone games.

## **9. DISPUTES/PROTESTS**

- (a) Match – Incident during match
  - (1) Noted on score sheet at time of incident by team coach
  - (2) Lodged in writing via email to BVCC Events Officer no later than the Tuesday (4pm) following the match.
  - (3) Heard by an independent panel of three, appointed by Chair BV Country (Decision Final)
- (b) Player
  - (1) Referee report  
Host Association must contact BVC Events Officer to arrange a Tribunal Hearing. All Report details must be forwarded to BVC Events Officer;  
Nathan Williams  
Box 463 BENDIGO 3502, Phone 03.5440 6303 or Mobile 0438 566 973
- C) General
  - (1) To be lodged in writing to BV.CC Chair.  
C/- P.O. Box 463 Bendigo Vic. 3552
  - (2) Heard by an independent panel of three, appointed by Chair BV.  
Country Council (Decision Final)

NOTE: ALL Complaints, Disputes and Protests, before a match, during a match, at the end of a match or between matches WILL be dealt with in the above manner.

## 10. ELIGIBILITY – PLAYERS

1. To be eligible a player must be a registered, financial, and current competing member of that Association in regular domestic competition.

**Currently competing:** playing at least 50% of domestic games. The BV Country Council Competitions Manager has the right to ask to sight score sheets to prove eligibility

**NB:** If a student who resides in your town moves away for University, they are still eligible to play without participating in 50% of domestic games.

2. Finals Eligibility – half the games in the season plus 1
3. In addition to the already existing player eligibility guidelines;  
A Club may use a player from a nearby Association subject to the following guidelines;
  - A. the player must be a current competing and affiliated member of their home Association.
  - B. If the player is from an Association that has not had a CBL team, no permit is required.
  - C. if the player is from an Association that is currently, or has previously been, involved in the CBL, then:
    - A permit must be obtained from the home Association.
    - Where the player is from a current or past CBL club, the permit will be for one year.
    - No more than two players with permits can be used in any season per team.
  - d. In the event of an Association entering CBL, players will be expected to represent their Home association, unless a new permit is granted.
4. “Import” (Sponsored) players are not eligible to compete.
5. Where an association considers that the above Player Eligibility rules do not apply to a specific circumstance or in the spirit of the rule as intended, the BVCC Eligibility Committee will consider a written request for an exemption, on the merits of the case, without regard to precedent, providing that the BV Country Council Office receives the request three weeks prior to the players first game.

All requests must be in writing and forwarded to the BVCC Eligibility Committee at:

BVCC Eligibility Committee  
C/O BVCC Events Manager  
PO Box 463  
Bendigo, 3552

- Late or verbal requests will not be considered.
- A decision will be made on each written request within 14 days of receipt, except in the case of exceptional circumstances.
- The penalty for breaking the above Player Eligibility rule is that the Association concerned will be placed on suspension and their future involvement in CBL at all levels will be reviewed.

## 11. FINALS FORMAT

CBL Finals will be played no later than a fortnight after the conclusion of the ‘Home & Away’ matches. The host venue will be:

**Semi Finals:** Highest placed team’s venue. (1<sup>st</sup> host’s 4<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> host’s 3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Conference Final:** Tender

A state CBL Finals series will take place with the top two teams from each league (North East and Gippsland) playing off in a championship style final four weekend. North East will host the weekend in 2010/11.

## 12. MATCH ENTRY

Passes will not be used. Instead a 'sign in' sheet will be produced. Host Associations are to list the 12 players, Head Coach, Assistant Coach and Team Manager on this sheet.

## 13. DELEGATE AWARD

Year	Title game	Venue
2007/08	Sharon Denham	Swan Hill
2008/09	Wendy Jeffrey	Wodonga
2009/10	John Arthur	Deniliquin

## 14. REFEREES

Two qualified Referees and a Referee Coach will be supplied for all CBL matches by the BV.CC Referees Committee Administrator. Each competing Association will be charged a referee fee by the BV.CC Referees Committee to cover the cost of supplying the Referees and Referee Coach to games. It will be the responsibility of the host team to pay each Referee \$35.00 per game during the 'Home & Away' season.

All matters regarding Referees can be directed to the BVCC Referees Administrator.

BV.CC Referees Committee Administrator:

Helen Pawsey.

(03)9740 4246

0409 184 548

Email: [hpawsey@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hpawsey@bigpond.net.au)

NOTE: Any affiliated, suitably qualified referee who wishes to officiate on the CBL Panel must contact the BV.CC Referees Committee Administrator.

## 15. REGISTRATION - PLAYERS

1. Associations must nominate their initial squad on the official Registration Statutory Declaration. This form is to be completed and forwarded to the CBL Office NO LATER than 3 weeks prior to the Associations first match.
2. Individual registrations may be made by faxing a Registration Form to the CBL Office.  
**For a Saturday match:** registration must be received by 4:00pm Wednesday before the match. **For a Sunday match:** registration must be received by 4:00pm Thursday before the match.
3. Failure to correctly register a player **will** result in the match or matches in which that player took part being forfeited. (Note: Forfeit Fee is \$250 per match, no warning will be given)

## 16. REQUIREMENTS – HOST ASSOCIATION

- Produce a match program that must contain team lists, current standings, previous round results and preview of current match.
- Pay Referees and Court Hire
- Set door fee. Maximum of \$4 per person for a Double Header and \$3 per person for a single game, where a CBL game is the only game on the program.
- Fax to CBL Office "Match Result Form" By 10.00am Monday Morning following the match. Failure to comply will result in a **\$100.00** fine.
  - (Forms **MUST** be received in time to enable Office to meet Media deadlines)
- **Post** to CBL Office by Wednesday following the match: -
  - Copy of Match Program
  - Original of Score sheet
  - Any photos / newspapers articles

- Provide light refreshments after each game. It is a requirement of the CBL that the visiting players and officials attend.
- Provide area for visiting players and referees to get ready for game
- Provide a “Liaison Officer” to :-
  - Welcome referees and visiting team,
  - Show referees and visiting team to their change rooms.
  - Escort referees off the court after the game.
  - Be responsible for crowd control.
- Provide floor wipers
- Display the Australian Flag.
- Play National Anthem
- Introduce players and referees
- Play warm-up music
- Provide a warm-up court.
- Provide local newspaper with a preview and review of each match.
- Fines for non-adherence to above requirements where a fee is not listed:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Offence - \$50 fine
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Offence - \$100 fine
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Offence - \$200 fine & review of further participation

## **17. REQUIREMENTS – VISITING ASSOCIATION**

- Supply a team list to host team by **Wednesday 4pm** prior to match
- Host Association will provide light refreshments after each game. It is a requirement of the CBL that the visiting players and officials attend.
- Provide local newspaper with a preview and review of each match.
- Fines for non-adherence to above requirements where a fee is not listed:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Offence - \$50 fine    2<sup>nd</sup> Offence - \$100 fine    3<sup>rd</sup> Offence - \$200 fine & review of further participation

## **18. SCORE SHEETS – COMPILATION**

- Players taking the court are to be signified with a cross.
- 12 players may be credited with being in the team for a game.
- FULL names to be used and must be legible.
- Score sheets must be filled in correctly with all score table officials and referees legibly signing the score sheet

## **19. SCORE TABLE OFFICIALS**

- Teams should have at least one (1) person on their score table who is qualified and accredited, we recommend that teams encourage the development of score table officials

## **20. STATISTICS**

Match Statistics are **NOT REQUIRED**

## **21. UNIFORMS**

- Each team will have two sets of good quality uniforms in contrasting colours.
- In the case of a “*clash of colours*”, the home team has the right to wear their regular colours.
- Team officials are expected to wear neat casual dress.