Traralgon Amateur Basketball Association Inc.


## Domestic Competition Playing Regulations

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## 1. COMPETITION INTRODUCTION

1.1 The TABA Inc. will offer both senior and junior competitions.
1.2 All junior competitions will be structured on age guidelines in accordance with BV.
1.3 Nights of competition are at the discretion of TABA Inc. Match Committee in conjunction with

Stadium management and are subject to change for any season.
1.4 All competitions will be managed in accordance with the current FIBA Official Basketball Rules.
1.4.1 Except where modified in these playing regulations and all previous playing rules are

Revoked.
1.5 The TABA Inc. Match Committee reserves the right to grade or regrade any team entry to ensure a fair competition.
1.6 The TABA Inc. Match Committee reserves the right to reject any team name deemed to be Offensive, Racist or Against the philosophy of the TABA Inc.
1.7 All Registration fees are at the discretion of the TABA Inc. Board of Management and will be published prior to the availability of team entry for each season.
1.7.1 Refunds of registration fees are at the discretion of the TABA Inc Board of Management.

## 2. REGISTRATION

### 2.1 TEAM ENTRY

### 2.1.1 Any person seeking to enter a team or teams in a TABA Inc domestic competition shall make application by lodging their nomination online by the stipulated date.

2.1.2. The TABA Inc Match Committee reserves the right to refuse any application for entry as it sees Fit or for teams/players which:
i) Have outstanding fees/fines.
ii) Have proven unreliable in previous seasons.
iii) Have previously withdrawn from a fixtured competition
iv) A team that does not contain six (6) registered players prior to round 1
2.1.3 As a condition of entry each team/player agrees to abide by the Laws of the game and the

Playing Regulations as written and interpreted by the TABA Inc Match Committee.

### 2.2 LATE ENTRY

2.2.1 Acceptance of entry nominations received after the stipulated date will be dependent upon a Decision by the TABA Inc Match Committee.
2.2.2 Late entries which are not accepted shall be placed on a waiting list and be considered for entry.
2.3 TEAM GRADING
2.3.1 Teams can be promoted or relegated at the discretion of the TABA Inc Match Committee.

FEES
2.5.1 Players must register and pay the prescribed registration fee for all teams with whom they play.
2.5.2 All players must pay the annual BVC affiliation fee IN FULL PRIOR TO TAKING THE COURT.
2.5.3 All registered players become members of the TABA Inc, subject to the rules of the TABA Inc, Constitution and playing regulations.
2.5.4 All Squad/Representative Teams playing up and competing in the Domestic Competition will pay the prescribed fee as set by the Match Committee.
2.2.5 Forfeit Fees are as follows: $1^{\text {st }}$ game $\$ 30.00,2^{\text {nd }}$ and subsequent games $\$ 50.00$

## PLAYER RESTRICTIONS

## SENIORS

Players who compete in any Big V or higher competition must register with teams entered in the A grade competition. Players classed as a Big V player are:
a) Those who have participated in any such competition within the previous twelve (12) months upon commencement of the current TABA season.

No more than two (2) Big V or higher players can be registered in a single team. Match Committee can determine the number of players that may be in any given team.

To be eligible for CBL Representative registration and/or selection, an athlete must register and play in the upcoming TABA Summer A Grade domestic season that the CBL Season will be held in. This includes meeting and fulfilling the finals qualification requirements for that Summer season.
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v) This will exclude any athlete who now permanently resides in Traralgon, whom has relocated from another region or state or those TABA athletes who have moved from Traralgon for University and or work, in line with BV CBL Exemption Rules.

Any junior athlete playing representative basketball for another association, and not Traralgon, at junior representative level is deemed ineligible to participate for Traralgon in the CBL program. This is a pathway for Traralgon athletes.

### 2.6.2 JUNIORS

An athlete is considered to be a Representative athlete if they are announced as an official member of the TABA representative program, play Rep for another Association, play in the VJBL competition or are selected as part of the BV Representative program.

Athletes are deemed to be Representative athletes for both the Summer and Winter seasons for that Representative year.
a) Junior Representative athletes from Under 10's to Under 18's must be registered for, and play, in the A Grade division of the age group they are eligible to represent.
b) The only exception to 2.6 .2 (a) will be athletes participating in a recognised BVC elite program and or a TABA organised age group program
c) Based on the TABA Representative program selections, the following restrictions will apply to the maximum number of representative athletes a team may register for the upcoming season.
i) Where the total number of TABA Representative athletes selected in an age group is 18 or less, teams are permitted to have up to three (3) Representative athletes registered to their team.
ii) Where the total number of TABA Representative athletes selected in an age group is 19 or more, teams are permitted to have up to four (4) Representative athletes registered to their team. However, should your team have four (4) Representative athletes, a minimum of one (1) of these athletes MUST be a bottom-age representative player.

Any Representative athlete that is approved to play out of age will count towards this cap.
Any team found to be in breach of this rule must rectify the situation immediately.
(Representative Teams which are approved and competing in a higher age group in the TABA domestic competition are exempt from this rule)
d) Any Under 16 or Under 18 Representative athlete approved by the TABA Match committee to play In the TABA Senior domestic competition must play in the A Grade competition. Non-Compliance will result in the athlete being deemed ineligible and subject to rule 5.5.6 unless the athlete is a fill-in and has paid the appropriate fees.
e) A Junior athlete MUST register in their respective age group based on the advertised years on the TABA registration form
f) Any junior athlete wishing to compete in a higher age group MUST submit an out of age application, and receive approval from the TABA Match Committee prior to registering for the higher age team. This form is to be submitted via the athletes parent or guardian.
g) Athletes will only be considered to be eligible to play out of age in a higher age group if they are a top age representative player. The athlete will only be approved to play in the A grade competition one up from their own age group. Match Committee will not approve an athlete to play up if the team they are seeking to play out of age in already has seven (7) registered players.

Representative Teams which are playing up and competing in the domestic competition are exempt from this rule.
h) Under 8's \& 10's will not be permitted to play in a higher age division in any circumstances.
i) Under 16 athletes will be given consideration to participate in the TABA Senior domestic competition. The TABA Match Committee will seek approval from the applicable TABA Coaching Director prior to approving the out of age request form.
j) Any Under 18 athlete will be permitted to play in the TABA Senior domestic competition without the need for approval by the TABA Match Committee, but must firstly be registered and play in the TABA Under 18 Junior domestic competition with the exception of a TABA organised and sanctioned age group (ie if an athlete classified as Under 18 is participating in the TABA Under 17 Girls Competition they do not need to seek approval however an athlete classified as Under 16 needs to seek approval as per rule 2.6 .2 (i) .
k) Athletes who are approved to play out of age are to play with their own age group as their priority. In the event of a fixture clash between the two teams, athletes must play in their own age group unless it is to avoid a forfeit situation.

## Representative Eligibility -

To be eligible for Representative registration and/or selection, an athlete must have played for one (1) FULL Winter and one (1) Full Summer TABA domestic season preceding into the up-and-coming representative season, including meeting finals qualification requirements for both preceding seasons.

Note:

## Exceptions to this Representative eligibility rule are:

Any athlete who permanently resides in Traralgon, whom has relocated from another region or state
and any TABA Under 10 representative athlete

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2.7.3 A fill-in player may fill-in twice in a higher grade or older age group than their registered grade of age group. Upon payment of a fill-in fee. If they play a third game in the higher grade or age group, they must pay the Balance of the registration fee. Players must gain approval from TABA Match Committee to become a Permanent player of a team in a higher grade (permission to play in two competitions in the one season). Or older age group (out of age request).
2.7.4 Players who play in a higher grade or division as part of a Rep., team are exempt from this rule.
2.7.5 Teams are permitted to have fill-ins to make five players in all grades excluding U8, U10 and U12's who can make up to six (6) players. No fill-ins in the last three (3) rounds.
2.7.6 Fill in players may only fill-in for a higher grade than the one they are registered with. Refer to 2.7.1
2.7.7 All games played as a fill-in will count towards finals qualification once fully registered and insured.
2.7.8 No fill ins are permitted within the final three (3) weeks of the competition for all grades, except to stop a Forfeit and with "Special Permission from the Match Committee".
i) U8's is exempt from this rule.
2.7.9 LONG TERM INJURY - The TABA Match Committee will consider a request from players to fill-in in a Grade higher than their primary age group to replace a player with an ongoing injury, i.e., broken hand. The fill in player must be top age and a representative player. The fill in player will not be considered for Finals and will pay the fee prescribed by the TABA Board.

## 3. CLEARANCES

3.1 All registered players are affiliated to the teams in which they are registered and additionally the clubs To which those teams are affiliated for that current season.
3.2 Once a season has commenced, all players registered in a team require a clearance if they wish to move to another team in the same competition irrespective of the club to which the team belongs.
3.3 Once a season has commenced, all players registered with a club require a clearance if they wish to move to another club. All players paying an annual membership fee to a club are affiliated to that club until the End of the final TABA Inc season for the calendar year for which the membership fee was paid. A clearance may be denied until all outstanding monies are paid in full and all uniforms returned in Good condition.
3.5 If a team withdraws or is otherwise removed from the competition, all players registered with that team become free agents for the first round after the last game the team played.
3.6 At the end of every season a player may transfer to any team upon giving notice to their current team.
3.7 Poaching is deemed as taking a player from another team or club or speaking to them Prior to the end Of the season without the expressed permission of the team Coach, Contact or Club President/Secretary. This will not be tolerated by the TABA Inc., Penalties will apply to any person found guilty of poaching.
3.8 The team coach/contact or club President/Secretary is required to approve or deny clearance requests Within seven (7) of receiving them, otherwise they will be automatically approved.

If a player is denied a clearance from a team or club, they may appeal this decision by lodging a
Clearance Appeal form. Representatives from the TABA Inc Board who are not involved with the player, Either team or club concerned will hear the appeal within seven (7) days of lodgement of the appeal With all parties present.

## 4. UNIFORMS AND ACCESSORIES

4.1 Each team must register the colours of their uniform when entering the competition.
4.2 The registered uniform of the players must comply with the following.
4.2.1 Basketball singlets of the same dominant colour front and back.
4.2.2 Teams must wear Basketball shorts of the same colour but not necessarily of the same colour as the basketball singlets. Shorts with pockets including zips are not permitted.
4.3 Team basketball singlets are to be numbered in accordance with the Official FIBA Basketball Rules:
4.3.1 Basketball singlets numbered on the front and back with plain numbers of the same colour

Contrasting with the colour of the basketball singlet.
4.3.2 TABA Inc permits the following numbers for use 1-99 No Taped Numbers will be allowed.
4.4 All registered team players must wear the same registered uniform basketball singlet and same Coloured basketball shorts at the commencement of round three (3). Otherwise, the following will apply.
4.4.1 A player may not take the court in any match with an incorrect playing singlet.
4.4.2 A player may be permitted to take part in any match with basketball shorts of an incorrect Colour at a cost of twenty (20) points for each item that is incorrect uniform.
4.5 In the case of a clash of uniform colours between two teams and the referees request a change, the first Named team on the stadium scoring must change into alternate basketball singlets, which are available and can be obtained from the TABA Inc Basketball Office.
4.6 All items of jewellery must be removed with the exceptions of flat wedding bands. Items of jewellery that Cannot be removed must be adequately covered and padded so as to pose no danger to other players.

The referee shall be responsible for deciding if the item has been adequately covered and padded. If it is not adequate, the player may not take the court. The decision of the referee will be final.
4.7 All players are required and expected to have closely cut fingernails prior to taking the court.

Any player found with long nails will be asked to cut and file their nails or wear approved gloves.
Taping of the nails is not permitted.
5. GAME ADMINISTRATION AND SPECIFIC RULES
5.1 GENERAL RULES
5.1 All matches will be conducted in accordance with the current official FIBA Basketball Manual. Except where modified by these playing regulations.
5.2 TIMING RULES
5.2.1 Unless otherwise provided for, all competition games shall consist of two (2) twenty (20) Minute halves.
5.2.2 Unless otherwise advised or noted, two (2) time outs, each of one (1) minute duration will Be allowed per team per half.
5.2.3 There shall be a half-time interval of two (2) minutes.
5.2.4 The game clock only stops when directed to do so by the Match Committee.
5.3 PLAYING REQUIREMENTS
5.3.1 A team must have four (4) players on the court before a game can commence.
5.3.2 A minimum of two (2) players per team is required on court for the game to continue.
5.3.3 All players names must be on Stadium Scoring. If a name is missing, that player must attend The TABA Office prior to taking the court.
5.4.1 Each team shall supply a competent person to act as a score table official for all matches.
5.4.2 If a team fails to supply such a person, then a player must act as their score table official

And can remain a substitute for their team during the match but only if the

The score table is also a competent person.
5.4.3 In the case of a team only having five (5) players present and no competent person to act as Score table official, rule 5.4 .2 will apply and the team must play with four (4) players.
5.4.4 In the case of a team having only four (4) players and no competent person to act as Score Table official the opposing team shall perform the function of both score table official

Best of their ability.
5.4.5 Teams which fail to provide a score table official have no avenue for complaint if they are not Satisfied with the manner in which the game is either scored or timed.
5.4.6 Where possible the TABA Inc will provide scorers for the Finals.
5.5 FORFEITS

For each minute or part thereof the game is delayed, the opposing team's score is to be increased By two (2) points.
5.5.2 If a team is more than ten (10) minutes late the match will be called a forfeit.
5.5.3 A team which gives a forfeit by failing to take the court within ten (10) minutes of the

Scheduled commencement time, must pay the prescribed forfeit fee BEFORE Playing
their

## Next scheduled game.

5.5.4 Teams which provide a notified forfeit no later than twenty-four (24) hours before the Scheduled match commencement time may avoid the prescribed forfeit fee.

A forfeit occurs as follows:

A match is abandoned by the referees due to the actions of either/both teams and or Players spectators.
ii) Unregistered or ineligible players/has participated in the match.
5.5.7 The result of the match will be $20-0$ if the forfeit is caused by the team winning at the time the Match was abandoned. The score of the match will stand if the action is caused by the team losing At the time the match was abandoned.

## CANCELLATIONS

5.6.1 If due to circumstances beyond the control of the TABA Inc, an entire round is cancelled the matches Will not be rescheduled.
5.6.2 Premiership points will not be awarded for a cancelled round.
5.6.3 The cancelled round of matches will be deleted from the fixture and finals qualifications will be adjusted.

### 5.7 FINALS QUALIFICATIONS

5.7.1 To qualify for finals a player is required to play half the number of available games played in that Competition, plus one during any given season.
i) Byes do not count as available games.
5.7.2 Players of a team giving a forfeit will not be credited with having played that game.
5.7.3 Where a forfeit has been notified the team receiving the forfeit will be granted a credit towards Finals qualification for all the players fully registered up to the time of the forfeit game.
5.7.4 All game qualifications are transferable.

POINTS ALLOCATION
5.8.1 Premiership points will be allocated as follows:
i) $\quad$ Win $=3$ points
ii) Loss = 1 point
iii) Draw $=2$ points
iv) $\quad$ Bye $=0$ points
v) Forfeit (Given) $=0$ points
vi) $\quad$ Forfeit (received) $=3$ points (Score 20-0)
5.8.2 Premiership points transferrals are subject to a ruling by the TABA Inc. Match Committee and will be Considered on an individual basis.
5.8.3 TABA uses the 'Points Average' ladder model for its domestic competitions to determine final ladder positions.

## INCOMPLETE MATCH

5.9.1 If a match is unable to continue within the time scheduled for that match for reasons beyond the control Of either team (including circumstances where it is unsafe for the match to proceed) the following shall Apply.
i) Prior to half time -the match shall be deemed to be drawn and the scores of the teams at the time the match was interrupted shall be used in calculating the percentage of each team.
ii) Half time and beyond - The scores of the teams at the time the match was interrupted shall be deemed to be the final scores of the match. The team with the highest score shall be deemed the winner of the match and the scores shall be used in calculating the percentage of each team.
5.10.1 A team is in a team fouls penalty situation when it has committed eight (8) personal fouls in a half.

### 5.11 PERSONAL FOULS

5.11.1 A player who commits five (5) fouls personal and or technical, shall be informed by the match official and Must leave the game immediately.

### 5.12 TIME OUTS

5.12.1 No time outs are permitted in the last one (1) minute of the first half. Where a time out is in progress prior

To the one-minute point, that time out will cease at the one-minute point and play will resume.
5.12.2. No time outs are permitted in the last three (3) minutes of the second half. Where a time out is in progress prior to the three-minute point, that time out will cease at the three-minute point and play will resume immediately.

### 5.13 SUBSTITUTIONS

5.13.1 Substitutions will not be permitted in the last one (1) minute of either the first or second halves.
5.13.2 Compulsory substitutions are exempt.

### 5.14 JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT RULES

5.14.1 TABA Committee has introduced a number of rules to the junior division to assist in the well rounded Development of all players. See Appendix 1 for the full listing of junior development rules.

### 5.15 RESULTS AND LADDERS

5.15.1 At the completion of each fixtured season a finals series will be conducted as notified by the TABA Match

Committee except for U8's and U10's
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FINALS
6.1 ELIGIBILITY
6.1.1 Only players who have played the pre-determined number of games qualify to participate in finals
6.1.2 Where circumstances exist, any player may apply to the TABA Inc Match Committee for

Exemption to rule 5.7 .1 by completing a "Request for Special Permission to Qualify Finals" form.
6.1.3 "Request for Special Permission to Qualify for Finals forms must be received by the TABA Inc

Match Committee by NO LATER THAN TWO (2) WEEKS Prior to the commencement of
finals.
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## FORMAT

6.2.1 The TABA Match committee shall reserve the right to structure the Finals series as circumstances require.

### 6.3 TIMING RULES

6.3.1 For all final's games played to a 50-minute schedule shall be timed as in 5.2.1 to 5.2.4 inclusive.
6.3.2 For all final's games played to a 60-minute schedule the following will apply.
i) The clock will stop on all whistles in the last one (1) minute of the first half and the last three (3) minutes of the second half.
ii) Substitutions and time outs will be permitted in the last one (1) minute of the first half and the last three (3) minutes of the second half.
iii) The clock will stop for all whistles during any extra period.
iv)

### 6.4 EXTRA PERIOD

6.4.1 All finals matches must conclude with a result. If in the event that a drawn game is produced, Extra periods will be required as follows
i) Three minutes for all junior finals and
ii) Five minutes for all senior finals.
iii) The clock will stop for all whistles during any extra period.
6.4.2 In the event that a result has not been determined after two (2) extra periods a third extra period will commence and the first team to score either a field goal or free throw will be declared the winner.

## 7. DISPUTES AND RESOLUTIONS

### 7.1 COMPLAINTS

7.1.1 Any team wishing to complain about any matter relating to the TABA Inc domestic competition may do so in writing to the TABA Match Committee (domestic@traralgon basketball.net.au)
7.1.2 Complaints will only be recognised if they are signed by the team contact/manager.
$7.2 \quad$ PROTESTS
7.2.1 Any team desiring to lodge a formal protest in respect to any game must endorse the appropriate "Intention to Protest Form", available from the TABA Office to that effect in the presence of the officiating Referee, notifying the intention to Protest. The Intention to Protest must be signed by the team Coach/Manager/Contact and their names printed clearly with their signatures.
7.2.2 The official Protest must be lodged in writing with the TABA Inc Match Committee within forty-eight (48) hours of the completion of the match.
7.2.3 Any protest is to be heard by the TABA Inc Match Committee within seven (7) days of receipt of the official protest.
7.3 APPEALS
7.3.1 The decision of the TABA Inc Match Committee may be appealed to the TABA Inc Board of Management, whose decision will be final.
7.3.2 The Team Coach/Manager/Contact must sign all correspondence regarding an appeal.

## 8. SCHEDULE OF FEES, FINES AND PENALTIES

### 8.1 FEES

8.1.1 Player registration fees will be reviewed prior to entry forms being available and will be published.
8.2 FINES
8.2.1 Forfeit fines will be determined each season by the TABA Inc Board of Management and will be advertised prior to the commencement of each season.
8.3 PENALTIES
8.3.1 All game infringements must be brought to the attention of the team coach prior to the penalty
being applied.
8.3.2 All score penalties must be added to stadium scoring at the time the infringement is first noticed.
8.3.3 Late start points must be added to stadium scoring before the game commences.
8.3.4 Points for incorrect uniform must be added when the player first enters the match.

## 9. PLAYING REGULATION AMENDMENTS

9.1 The TABA Inc Match Committee may review and amend these playing regulations to facilitate the

Running of the competition. This should preferably be conducted prior to October each year but may occur at any time with notification being published on the website and attached to the noticeboards.
10. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES/PROVISIONS
10.1 Where this playing regulation is silent, a decision can be made that ensures the integrity of the TABA Inc is always maintained. The Match committee may in using its reasonable discretion in exceptional and extenuating circumstances, alter, vary or waive the requirement set out in these playing regulations relating to the TABA Inc.
11. MISCELLANEOUS
11.1 CODES OF CONDUCT. The TABA Inc employs the current Codes of Conduct policies prescribed by Basketball Victoria.
11.2 PARTICIPANTS PROTECTION BY-LAW: As prescribed by Basketball Victoria
11.2.1 Climate Policy - As per Participants protection by-law, Basketball Victoria
11.2.2 Pregnancy - As per Participants protection by-law, Basketball Victoria
11.2.3 Infectious Diseases - As per Participants protection by-law, Basketball Victoria
11.2.4 General Safety - As per Participants protection by-law, Basketball Victoria
11.3 Drug Policy - As per the current Drugs in Basketball Policy, Basketball Victoria
11.4 Blood Policy - As per the current Basketball Australia Blood Policy
11.5 Social Media Policy - As per the current Basketball Australia Social Media Policy

## APPENDIX 1: JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT RULES.

THE FOLLOWING MODIFIED RULES APPLY TO JUNIOR DOMESTIC COMPETITION

## TIMING RULES

- All Junior competition games shall consist of two (2) twenty (20) minute halves, except for U8's


## OFFENCE

- The three (3) seconds violation in the restricted area (keyway) is increased to five (5) seconds for U8 and U10 Competitions.
- Players may score a maximum of ten (10) points each in the Under 8 and U10 competitions. If a player has scored ten (10) points and is awarded free throws, the coach will nominate another player to shoot the free throws.

TABA Inc strongly encourages and even spread of court time irrespective of any players abilities. All junior competition is about participation and development, along with encouraging children to enjoy the sport and to progress further at their own pace as they move through the age groups of the competition

## THE FOLLOWING MODIFIED RULES APPLY TO ALL UNDER 8, UNDER 10 AND UNDER 12'S COMPETITIONS

## 3 POINT FIELD GOALS

- 3 Point field goals will not count in any U8, U10, or U12 competition match and shall be recognised as a two (2) point field goal.


## FREE THROW LINE

- All free throw attempts in any U8, U10 or U12 competition matches shall be advanced to the U12 line.


## THE FOLLOWING MODIFIED RULES APPLY TO ALL JUNIOR DOMESTIC COMPETITIONS

- If a team is 20 points or more ahead ( 10 points or more for U 8 and U 10 competitions) the following rules apply to their defensive arrangement.

All defensive players will need to return behind the three-point line and remain there until the offensive team moves the ball past the line. If the referee feels that they are not making an effort to enter the three-point zone after a reasonable time (20-30) seconds they will be able to allow the defensive team to come out and extend their defence.

While TABA encourages man to man defence, a full court press in the U8 competition is not allowed.

## TABA INC. STRONGLY ENCOURAGES MAN TO MAN DEFENCE.

MAN TO MAN DEFENCE IS COMPULSORY IN THE U12 AND U14 A GRADE COMPETITION. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN A FIRST WARNING TO COACH AND A SECOND INFRINGEMENT WILL RESULT IN A BENCH TECH.

