



# 2025 CBL Rules of Operations



# Amendments

Amended by League Manager from Version 3 to Version 4 on 7.07.2025.

## Updated – 3.4.5 Uniforms Placement of CBL Logo

Wording adjusted: Playing uniforms are not required to display the official CBL Logo, if displaying the logo it must be placed in accordance with the Style Guide (appendix 3).

## Updated – 4.1.1 Player Points Allocation

Wording Updated:

Points Category

1. Any player who has a season average of 8 minutes or more and played a minimum of 7 games in any NBL1 competition in the most recent season.

Any player who has competed in a national competition in any one of the countries listed below, within the last 12 months.

Argentina, Canada (excluding college programs), China, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, New Zealand, Poland, Puerto Rico, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey, USA (excluding college programs).

2. Any player who has a season average below 8 minutes in a minimum of 7 games in any NBL1 competition and/or or who has averaged 8 or more minutes in a minimum of 7 games of the Big V Championship (Senior) competition in the most recent season.

## Updated – 4.1.2 Team Points Allocation

Updated:

Number of Players	Maximum Points
5	16
6	18
7	20
8	22
9	24
10	28
11	30
12	32

## Updated – 4.1.3 Special Dispensation

Wording Added:

- b) A 50% reduction if the player has played in 3 or more seasons of CBL for the same association and has played 12 or more games across the 3 seasons.

## Updated – 6.1.1 Scheduling Responsibility

Wording adjusted:

- c) CBL games should not commence, without the express permission and approval from the League Manager, all games will be fixture to AEST/AEDT.

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## Definitions and Interpretations

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In these Rules of Operation, unless the context requires otherwise, the following words and expressions have the following meanings.

**Association:** the Association, which has been granted membership as per the Basketball Victoria Constitution

**Association Compliance Penalties:** by which Associations are penalised to ensure compliance for breaches of the Rules of Operation

**Basketball Australia (BA):** Basketball Australia Incorporated

**Basketball Victoria (BV):** means the Basketball Victoria Incorporated

**CBL:** a Senior Basketball Competition, which is managed by Basketball Victoria appointed staff

**CBL Fixture:** a basketball game, which is part of the CBL competition

**CBL Official:** the person who holds the position of BV Referee Appointment Officer, Referee and/or Referee Coach

**Coach:** any person who is appointed to coach a CBL team for any season or part thereof

**Conference:** a grade of competition within the overall CBL competition structure

**Country Commission:** as elected at the Annual Commission Meeting or appointed by the Basketball Victoria Board in accordance with the Country Commission Charter

**Court Announcer:** a person appointed by the home Association to make public announcements in relation to the presentation of a game and be responsible for playing music and where appropriate other audio recordings

**Delegate:** the person appointed by a CBL Association to be the central contact person for receiving all league communications

**Finals:** the series of games as determined by CBL played at the completion of the regular CBL season by the Associations to determine the championship team of each conference for that season

**Game Commissioner:** the person appointed by the home Association to ensure a fixture game is conducted in accordance with the Rules of Operation

**Game Day Form:** a document with format specified by CBL which records relevant information regarding conduct of each game

**Home Association:** an Association which is entitled or obliged to stage a CBL game

**Home Game:** a CBL fixture, which an Association is entitled or obliged to stage at its approved home venue

**Home Team:** a team which is named first in a CBL fixture

**League:** the CBL Basketball competition

**League Manager:** the person who is appointed by Basketball Victoria to manage the CBL league

**MVP Voting Form:** a League provided document which allows each team Coach to record votes for the purpose of determining a competition's Most Valuable Player (MVP) or other relevant League awards

**NBL1:** the state's highest level elite senior league

**Player:** a player of a CBL team



**Referee Appointment Officer:** a person appointed by Basketball Victoria to manage matters relating to the appointment of Referees on its behalf

**Regular Season Game:** any CBL game played in the regular home and away season

**Season:** the period in each year when the CBL competition is played

**Style Guide:** a document issued which prescribes how the League's logo is to be used on Association uniforms, other attire and documentation

**Team:** a team of an Association which participates in the CBL competition

**Technical Official:** any person acting as a score table official, statistician, Referee or Referee coach at any CBL fixture

**Technical Officials Commission (TOC):** the Commission responsible for the conduct of its members and assisting and ensuring officials are trained, developed, managed, supported and accredited. Determines the yearly Basketball Victoria leagues Rules of Variation to FIBA where required.

**Venue Audit:** a checklist issued by the League indicating minimum venue requirements and providing a means for Associations to indicate compliance

**Visiting Team:** a team which is named second in a CBL fixture

**Welcome Note:** a document sent from the home Association to the visiting Association to inform them of particular arrangements for their upcoming game

## Section 1: Introduction

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### 1.1 BACKGROUND

In 1987, The Country Victorian Invitation Basketball League (CVIBL) was introduced for Women's teams from Country Victorian Associations. The CVIBL was the brainchild 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 Basketball. However, In 1991 control of the CVIBL was shifted from Basketball Victoria Country and run by a separate body.

The competition continued to grow and is now known 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 Country Basketball League, without altering Bruce McDonald's original concept, is now played in 4 Conferences with both Men's & Women's Competitions offered.

The Conferences are defined by geographic location and known as Gippsland, North East, North West & South West.

### 1.2 COMPETITION STRUCTURE

The CBL competition is broken up into geographical conferences. These conferences are known as Gippsland, North East, North West and South West.

Associations who enter the CBL competition can express which conference they would prefer to participate in, information of which the League Manager will take with due consideration.

## Section 2: League Administration

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### 2.1 RULES OF OPERATION

#### 2.1.1 Establishment

These Rules of Operation are provided to each Association and have been developed to ensure the efficient operation of the CBL competition during the CBL season. The Rules of Operation may change from season to season.

Association delegates should acquaint themselves of all responsibilities contained in this document and ensure that relevant Association personnel are aware of their individual responsibilities and rights.

#### 2.1.2 Management and Appeal

The League Manager shall in the first instance interpret and apply the Rules of Operation and make decisions based on them. The League Manager at their discretion can also refer to the Country Commission, for guidance on any Rules of Operation. The Country Commission shall act as a point of appeal for decisions made by the League Manager in relation to the Rules of Operation. (Refer to Rule 2.2.7 for appeals)

#### 2.1.3 Items not provided for

The League Manager shall have the discretion to decide on any questions not provided for in the Rules of Operation.

### 2.2 PENALTIES

#### 2.2.1 League Penalties

The League Manager may impose penalties upon individual players, Associations, members of Associations or technical officials at their discretion. Penalties may be in the form or combination of compliance fees, forfeit, suspension or disqualification from CBL fixtures or any other penalty deemed appropriate by the League Manager from time to time. The League Manager will notify all penalties in writing to Associations. The League Manager is empowered to impose penalties for non-compliance with the Rules of Operation and as specified below in Rule 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.2.4 and 2.2.5.

#### 2.2.2 Association Compliance Penalties

The Association compliance penalties are a mechanism for the League Manager to maintain league standards and ensure compliance by Associations with a view to meeting the requirements of these Rules of Operation. Where the League Manager detects a breach of these Rules of Operation, they may apply the appropriate penalty for that breach. As an Association accumulates offences they shall be dealt with in accordance with the level of penalty. (Refer to Appendix 1- Offences and Penalties) Where an Association incurs a penalty the League Manager will inform the Association of the penalty and they will have the right to appeal to the Country Commission in accordance with Rule 2.2.7. Should an Association exceed three offences in a given season the League Manager will investigate the Association performance and may at their discretion decide on an appropriate additional penalty having regard to the nature of the ongoing offences.

### 2.2.3 Administrative and Procedural Fines

- a) Failure to respond to any administrative requests within timeline provided.
- b) Failure by an Association representative to attend any CBL meeting requiring compulsory attendance.
- c) Per person for any breach of the team bench dress code.

### 2.2.4 Fines for Game Forfeits

A fine will be issued in the event of a game being forfeited through non-attendance. In the event that a forfeit does occur the League Manager will investigate the circumstances, and this may affect a future season's acceptance of teams for that Association.

### 2.2.5 Changes to Venue/Fixture

- a) An Association must secure approval for a fixture change (date, time, and/or venue) from the League prior to contacting the opposition; the opposition may decline the request for a change.
- b) An administrative fee (penalty) per change after the final fixture is published on the CBL web site may be applied unless the change is made under extenuating circumstances.

### 2.2.6 Payment of Fines

All penalties and charges incurred must be paid within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of account, except when a required date of payment is otherwise advised on the fine notification or agreed. If after a reasonable time period, payment remains outstanding the Association will be declared un-financial, with the League Manager empowered to take the following action:

- a) Prior to the entry closing date or the competition commencing, the Association shall be ineligible for entry, participation or progression in the competition;
- b) If the Association becomes unfinancial during the competition, its team(s) shall cease to earn results until the matter is resolved. When the matter is resolved, at the discretion of the League Manager this may include the points lost in the unfinancial period not being able to be regained.

### 2.2.7 Appeals

#### a) **Appeals on decisions made by the League Manager**

Appeals relating to decisions made by the League Manager shall be referred to the Country Commission for a decision. There shall be no further appeal to the Country Commission decision. Note: There are no provisions for other types of appeals e.g. appeals on the outcome of game due to possible score bench or referee errors.

Associations may lodge an appeal in writing through the League Manager, within seven (7) days of the decision being notified with a bond of \$200. The Appeals bond of \$200 will only be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

#### b) **Appeal submission timelines**

In the event an earlier pending decision is required (e.g., finals) the Country Commission may determine at their own discretion the time duration cut off for the acceptance of an appeal and all other timings to the appeal. Note: No Appeals can be considered post the stated deadline by the league on decisions made by the League Manager.

c) **Appeal process**

An appellant seeking to appeal a determination made by the League Manager must submit in writing with the full details of the matter and the decision including:

- (i) Ground (s) on which the appeal is made; and
- (ii) Reason (s) or circumstances supporting the ground (s) of appeal;

Upon receipt the League Manager will forward the submission to the Chair of the Country Commission. The Country Commission will determine within seven (7) days of appointment if the Appeal should proceed. The appellant shall be advised within fourteen (14) days after receipt of the appeal whether the Country Commission will grant the appeal. The appellant has the opportunity to be present at the hearing and must notify the league within 48 hours, otherwise the Country Commission will deal with matter/s on written submission only. If the appeal proceeds the Country Commission shall determine the manner in which the appeal shall be heard:

- (i) By way of a full hearing.
- (ii) By way of a partial hearing of limited issues only.

The Country Commission may deal with the matter/s by phone, video conferencing, email or such other means as required. The Country Commission shall have the power to:

- Dismiss the appeal.
- Uphold the appeal.
- Impose any penalties in accordance with these Rules of Operation.
- Reduce, increase or otherwise vary any penalty of the initial decision of the League Manager in such a manner as it thinks fit.

The Country Commission will provide the League Manager in writing an outcome of the decision of the appeal on the league template, which will be forwarded to the Association.

## 2.3 MEMBER CONDUCT

Any Association, coach, player, Association support staff, spectator or technical official that behaves in a manner that adversely, or is likely to, adversely affect the CBL in either its promotion or operation may be referred to the Basketball Victoria Tribunal. This will include:

a) **Unsportsmanlike behaviour**

Any Association, coach, player, Association support staff (including cheerleaders and courtside announcers), spectator or technical official that acts in an unsportsmanlike manner may be referred to the Basketball Victoria Tribunal.

b) **Disorders**

The behaviour of players, coaches, management, spectators and technical officials can have a major effect on crowd behaviour. Any misconduct by such a person or persons that stimulates or encourages crowd disorder, may be referred to the Basketball Victoria Tribunal.

c) **Criticism of the CBL, Associations, coaches, players or technical officials is a matter of concern for the League.**

Any Association member or other participant, including coaches, players and management who publicly criticise any of the above persons or bodies will be deemed to have acted in a manner detrimental and prejudicial to the CBL and will be liable to penalty and may be referred to the Basketball Victoria Tribunal. Furthermore, any Association member or other participants including a spectator who is found by the League Manager to have pursued

and/or harassed technical officials before, during, or after a game will be subject to similar penalties and may be referred to the Basketball Victoria Tribunal. Associations will support BV in dealing with any adverse media or public comments of all their members or other participants by way of the public address system, game program, multimedia, in a public place or through any forum or media outlet including any form of social media where the association has some direct control over the person. The League Manager is empowered to impose a penalty or recommend expulsion, in the event that any adverse media comment is reported, and after investigation is proven. The League Manager has the discretion with respect to the amount of fine to be imposed. (Refer to Appendix 1- Offences and Penalties);

d) **Bribery and tampering**

Any person who directly or indirectly entices, induces, persuades, or attempts to entice, induce or persuade any player, coach or technical official, management or other person associated with an Association to alter the natural outcome of a CBL game will be deemed to have engaged in conduct detrimental to the CBL may be referred to the Basketball Australia National Integrity Unit, Basketball Victoria Tribunal.

e) **Language**

Coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, players and technical officials (including public announcers) and spectators must refrain from any profane or objectionable language or music which might be heard by spectators, technical officials or picked up by broadcast microphones in the vicinity of the benches and/or playing court may be liable to penalty from the Basketball Victoria Tribunal.

f) **Code of conduct**

Each player, coach, administrator, supporter and technical official is required to comply with the relevant Basketball Victoria Code of Conduct and relevant Basketball Australia integrity requirements on a continuing basis including any pre-season match.

## 2.4 LEAGUE FINANCE

### 2.4.1 Annual League Entry Fee Structure

An Association entry fee per team will be charged each season. The fee will be displayed on team nomination forms and the fee covers the administration costs of the league and is payable with your team nomination. Team entry will not be accepted without this payment.

### 2.4.2 Annual Referee Levy Fee Structure

A referee levy fee per team will be charged each season. This fee may vary from conference to conference and will be calculated once team nominations have closed and the fixture structure has been confirmed. This fee is used to cover referee game payment and travel expenses for the league.

### 2.4.3 Timelines and Penalties for Withdrawal of Teams

- a) If an Association withdraws a team after team nominations closing, an Association is liable for a minimum of 50% of the entry fee per team.
- b) If an Association withdraws a team once informed the league has begun the fixturing process, that Association will be liable for full payment of that team entry.
- c) If an Association withdraws a team after the final fixture has been released, they are still liable for full payment of the entry fee for that team and will also be fined.

## 2.5 SPONSORSHIP AND CBL PROPERTY

### 2.5.1 Sponsorship

- a) Subject to this clause, each Association may arrange with a person (for the purposes of this clause the “Association sponsor”) its own corporate or other sponsorship and will be entitled to retain for its own use all moneys paid by an Association sponsor.
- b) Subject to clause (c), an Association may not enter into or be a party to a sponsorship agreement with an Association sponsor whose business is in direct competition with the business of a sponsor of CBL or Basketball Victoria. The League Manager will notify all Associations annually who the major sponsors are.
- c) Where prior to notification of the CBL and Basketball Victoria major sponsors, an Association has entered into a sponsorship agreement with an Association sponsor whose business is in direct competition with CBL or Basketball Victoria major sponsor(s), that Association will not be obliged to terminate the sponsorship agreement. Where such a sponsor involves advertising at CBL endorsed events including but not limited to games, training, presentations, the Association will not enter into a new sponsorship agreement to renew the existing sponsorship agreement involving CBL or Basketball Victoria endorsed events including but not limited to games, training and presentations.
- d) CBL may arrange sponsorship on behalf of the Associations generally. If the CBL arranges sponsorship on behalf of the Associations, the sponsorship moneys will be distributed to the Associations in a manner determined by Basketball Victoria.
- e) CBL may arrange its own sponsorship.
- f) League sponsorship funds shall be applied:
  - (i) To reduce the administrative overheads of the league.
  - (ii) To subsidise the cost of member Associations’ expenses.
  - (iii) To service the sponsorship.
  - (iv) For such other purposes as approved by Basketball Victoria.
- e) An Association shall display such signage as directed by the League Manager in support of the CBL major sponsor(s). (Refer to Rule 3.3.2 (b)).
- f) Penalty for non-compliance, if proven, shall be such penalty as deemed appropriate by the League Manager.

### 2.5.2 CBL Logo

- a) CBL shall have an official logo.
- b) Unless otherwise advised, Associations must use the logo in accordance with the Style Guide. (Appendix 3 – Uniform Style Guide)
- c) An Association must use the CBL logo including the major sponsor’s name and logo on all match programs and promotions as advised.

### 2.5.3 Broadcast Control

The league has the exclusive right to market all recordings or broadcasts of games involving CBL teams by way of any technology. As a result, no Association is permitted to sell recordings or broadcasts of its games either domestically or internationally for any purpose without the written agreement of the League Manager, which will not be unreasonably withheld. An Association may, produce highlights for promotional non-commercial purposes only.

## Section 3: Association Administration

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### 3.1 MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

Only Associations affiliated with Basketball Victoria in the country area as defined by the Basketball Victoria High Performance Boundary are eligible to be considered for approval by the League Manager to compete in the CBL competition.

The League Manager may also accept nominations from interstate country Associations. To be considered, the interstate country Association must be an affiliated member of their state body.

### 3.2 CBL ASSOCIATION CONTACTS

- a) Each Association is required to appoint a CBL Delegate and CBL administrator, who may be the same person and notify the league. All official CBL communication will be directed from the League to these persons only.
- b) Association Contacts will be published on the CBL website under "Association contacts" for other Associations to access for communication through the season with other Associations in meeting administration requirements between Associations. E.g., Welcome Notes and any other matter.

It is the responsibility of the Association to ensure it communicates to the league of any changes required throughout the season, after initial submission of contact persons details.

### 3.3 VENUE

#### 3.3.1 Venue Requirements

- b) It shall be the responsibility of the home Association to ensure that all satisfactory equipment necessary for the correct and safe conduct of the game is supplied.
- c) Reports of Associations providing less than satisfactory venue equipment and services shall be submitted by an Association or technical official to the League Manager. This may result in fines or re-fixturing away from the venue of the offending Association.
- d) Satisfactory venue equipment and services as referred to in (a) and (b) of this clause shall include, but not be limited to:
  - (i) Properly surfaced floors.
  - (ii) Backboards in good repair, affixed with standard, protective padding and preferably constructed of a transparent material.
  - (iii) Properly secured rings with nets in good condition attached.
  - (iv) Adequate seating for team members, officials and spectators.
  - (v) Time clocks, including 24 second clocks with a 14 second re-set and a score board visible to all persons participating in the game.
  - (vi) A score bench to seat a minimum of three technical officials, with possession arrow and foul lights affixed (Refer to Rule 6.5.12).
  - (vii) A game ball and a spare 'blood' ball (Refer to Rule 6.5.6).
  - (viii) Change room facilities for visiting teams and Referees (Refer to Rule 6.5.2 & 5.3.3).
  - (ix) A courtside announcer for each home game (Refer to Rule 6.5.11).
  - (x) Floor wipers (Refer to Rule 6.5.10).
  - (xi) Any other reasonable equipment requested in writing by the League Manager.

- e) Nominated Association venues for that competition year must have gained approval from Basketball Victoria, meeting all specified requirements outlined by Basketball Victoria for the league. Associations are required to nominate the venue which has Basketball Victoria approval with their annual team application.

### 3.3.2 Venue Signage and National Flag

- a) Each CBL venue on game day shall display prominently signage carrying the CBL logo as provided by and in a manner requested by the League Manager.
- b) Each CBL venue on game day shall display signage in respect of CBL sponsors as provided by and in a manner requested by the League Manager.
- c) Each CBL venue on game day shall align with the displaying of flags requirements determined by Basketball Victoria for the league and ensuring they are clearly visible during all games.

## 3.4 ASSOCIATION UNIFORMS AND ATTIRE

### 3.4.1 Uniforms

Associations shall have two uniform sets available for each team; one of which shall be predominantly light while the other shall be of a predominantly dark colour. An association that changes design of a uniform requires prior approval by the League Manager, and design must be in accordance with the League Style Guide.

### 3.4.2 Home Team Uniform

Both Associations share the responsibility to achieve an acceptable contrast. The visiting team has the primary responsibility to ensure it is aware of the home team's uniform and make the necessary changes to achieve the necessary contrast.

### 3.4.3 Uniform Numbers

Numbers used on uniforms must be one of the following 0, 00, 1 -99. The number marking must ensure all technical officials can clearly identify a player's number from both front and behind during on court action.

### 3.4.4 Player Names

It is acceptable for Associations to have the player's surname (or suitable nickname) affixed to the back of the player's uniform.

### 3.4.5 Uniforms Placement of CBL Logo

Playing uniforms are not required to display the official CBL Logo, if displaying the logo it must be placed in accordance with the Style Guide (appendix 3).

### 3.4.6 Association Logos

Where applied to playing uniforms or Association apparel, Association and/or Association sponsor's logos must be placed in accordance with the Style Guide.

## 3.4.7 Team Bench Dress Code

### Overall standards

All team players and non - playing officials shall be required to dress in a way that clearly distinguishes them as part of the team and from other game officials.

The best description of the standard for non-playing officials would be neat casual. The best description for players would be playing uniform. The requirements are:

### Coaches and Assistant Coaches

Coaches must wear a collared shirt. If this is a polo shirt, then it must be an Association branded polo. During colder weather it is understandable that this will be covered by an association branded jacket, jumper, hoodie or other jacket that fits the general description of neat casual wear. Shoes must be clean and tidy. Open toed footwear is not permitted.

### Team managers

We recognise team managers have different responsibilities and therefore the bench dress code standard can be modified slightly. Team managers should be dressed appropriately and neatly in association branded clothing. Open toed footwear is not permitted.

### Other team staff

Other team staff: physiotherapists, doctors etc. must comply with the dress bench code standard for team managers. Any non-playing individuals wishing to be part of the team bench must dress to these standards. If they do not comply with the requirements, they should be seated with spectators, not on the team bench. Open toed footwear is not permitted.

## 3.5 Seating

### 3.5.1 League Officials

Each Association must provide seats for all League officials when advised of their attendance in advance. The home team can allocate preferential seating for its members and must make every attempt to accommodate the visiting team with suitable seating.

### 3.5.2 Crowd Attendance

The official attendance number must be entered on the game day form and submitted to the league office in accordance with the timeline advised.

## Section 4: Player Eligibility and Administration Requirements

### 4.1 TEAM CONTENT

#### 4.1.1 Player Points Allocation

Player points for each player will be calculated in accordance with the following table and will be determined by the players' situation during the year of the commencement of the season:

Category	Points
<p>1. Any player who has a season average of 8 minutes or more and played a minimum of 7 games in any NBL1 competition in the most recent season.</p> <p>Any player who has competed in a national competition in any one of the countries listed below, within the last 12 months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Argentina</li> <li>• Canada (excluding college programs)</li> <li>• China</li> <li>• Croatia</li> <li>• Czech Republic</li> <li>• France</li> <li>• Germany</li> <li>• Great Britain</li> <li>• Greece</li> <li>• Hungary</li> <li>• Israel</li> <li>• Italy</li> <li>• Japan</li> <li>• Lithuania</li> <li>• New Zealand</li> <li>• Poland</li> <li>• Puerto Rico</li> <li>• Russia</li> <li>• Serbia</li> <li>• Slovakia</li> <li>• Spain</li> <li>• Turkey</li> <li>• USA (excluding college programs)</li> </ul>	8
<p>2. Any player who has a season average below 8 minutes in a minimum of 7 games in any NBL1 competition and/or or who has averaged 8 or more minutes in a minimum of 7 games of the Big V Championship (Senior) competition in the most recent season.</p>	6
<p>3. Any player who does not meet any of the above criteria but has represented another Country Association at Junior Country Championships and/or in the CBL competition in the past 2 years/seasons.</p>	4
<p>4. Any player who does not meet any of the above criteria</p>	2

#### 4.1.2 Team Points Allocation

The maximum points that a team may have per game is dependent on the total number of players participating in a game using the following table:

Number of Players	Maximum Points
5	16
6	18
7	20
8	22
9	24
10	28
11	30
12	32

### 4.1.3 Special Dispensations

Special Dispensation can be applied for any individual player that is considered a Category 1, 2 or 3 player subject to the following:

- a) A 50% reduction if the player has played at a Junior Country Championships with the CBL association they are registering with. The nominating association must produce evidence that supports this dispensation to the league for approval.
- b) A 50% reduction if the player has played in 3 or more seasons of CBL for the same association and has played 12 or more games across the 3 seasons.
- c) Associations may lodge to the league for a player to receive special dispensation along with a valid reason which will be reviewed by the league for approval.

### 4.1.4 Management

Participating Associations will be responsible for determining the category/points applicable for each player which must be entered via PlayHQ.

Participating Associations may reach out to the League Manager for assistance/guidance, but this in no way diminishes the responsibility of the Participating Association to ensure that the points for their teams are accurate.

For the sake of transparency, individual player points for all CBL players will be displayed in each game on PlayHQ.

### 4.1.5 Penalties for Teams Breaching the Maximum Points

If a team has been found to have been in breach of the rules by fielding a team that is more than the maximum points available, the game will be considered a forfeit. Refer to 6.8 d) for determining final scores.

The Association in breach of the maximum points will receive a warning for first offence and any further offences throughout the season may result in a fine.

### 4.1.6 Contesting Player Points of another CBL Team

If a Participating Association wishes to contest the points classification of player/s of another CBL Team, this must be lodged in writing to the League Manager within three (3) days of the game the player participated in.

All applications to contest the points of each player in an opposing team will incur a fee.

This fee will be refunded if it is found that the contesting Association has made an incorrect assessment.

## 4.2 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

### 4.2.1 Player Eligibility

For players to be eligible to compete in the CBL they must satisfy the following criteria:

- a) The player must reside at a "Country" domicile address as defined by the Basketball Victoria High Performance Boundary.

Any player that is financially remunerated directly or indirectly to play CBL for an association is ineligible to participate in the CBL competition.

## 4.2.2 Junior Representative Exemption

Players that have represented the Association at a junior level (Junior Country Championships Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 and/or Under 18) may be exempt from the player eligibility criteria (rule 4.2.1) and can represent the Association in CBL without living in the country area of Victoria. An exemption request must be completed using the online form and signed by the association and approval received in writing from the League Manager prior to the player taking the court.

## 4.2.3 Restricted Players

A player who was born outside the Asia/Oceania region and is not an Australian citizen, Permanent Resident or Refugee is not permitted to play in the CBL competition.

A player who is contracted to a NBL or WNBL club throughout the year of the commencement of the CBL season is not permitted to play in the CBL competition.

## 4.3 REGISTRATION

It is the Association's responsibility to ensure the correct registration procedure (online system) is followed and completed (and a confirmation email is received) before playing a player:

- a) Before any player, of any Association team is eligible to participate in the CBL they must be registered via the online system by no later than 12pm Friday prior to that scheduled weekend round. **A team that plays an ineligible player who is not registered will forfeit the game and be fined.**
- b) Registration does not mean the player is automatically eligible, and the player and Association are responsible for ensuring the player has received approval if required for clearances, exemption requests and/or Basketball Australia approval before being considered eligible.
- c) A player's league registration will remain in force from the date of registration in that competition year until 7 days after the conference grand final.
- d) A player must turn at least 14 years of age during the season in which the player seeks to register. Any teams that play an underage player will automatically forfeit the match and be fined.
- e) In addition to registration by the player, a parent of a player who is seventeen (17) years of age or younger at the commencement of the season must complete and sign in the presence of the Association delegate, an indemnification form provided by the league in recognition that the CBL is a senior competition.
- f) All head coaches, assistant coaches and team managers must register for each competition year. Head coaches must have a minimum Club coach accreditation level and assistant coaches must have a minimum Community coach accreditation level.

## 4.4 CLEARANCES

### 4.4.1 Player Clearances

A Clearance is required for any player transferring from one representative club/Association to another representative club/Association within the Country Basketball League.

### 4.4.2 Clearance Process

The process for obtaining a clearance varies depending on when the player last participated with the previous association.

a) **Clearance via PlayHQ**

For a player who has participated with their previous association since the transition to PlayHQ (2020/2021 Season) the clearance (known as transfer in PlayHQ) need to be submitted electronically via PlayHQ.

b) **Clearance via Electronic Form**

If the player participated with their previous association prior to the transition to PlayHQ (2022/2021 Season) the clearance needs to be completed via the electronic clearance form found on CBL website.

**Clearance processes for Associations and players are:**

- 1) Destination Association submits clearance online, irrespective of the time period that has lapsed since the player last registered.
- 2) Players prior Association has 7 days to respond with approval/denial.
- 3) In the event a response has not been received after 7 days, the clearance will automatically be approved from the players previous association.
- 4) The League will then approve/deny the clearance within 7 days.

## 4.5 FINALS QUALIFICATION

- a) To be eligible to play in the finals a player must have played at least 40% of games for the Association's respective team in that season.
- b) When calculating a player's games played, the player's name must have been selected as active on the electronic scoring software and the player in playing uniform either seated on the team bench or on the court to be credited with a game played.
- c) When calculating players games played percentage and where the number is not a whole number, the percentage number will be rounded up to the next whole number. e.g. 19.1 goes to 20.
- d) A player, who due to injury/illness fails to quality for the CBL finals under Rule 4.5 may apply in writing to the league manager at least seven (7) days prior to the start of the finals for that conference for permission to play in the finals. Applications subsequent to that timeline may only request consideration of injury/illness, which has occurred within the seven (7) day period prior to the start of that conference finals.

**For all/any applications received and to be considered for approval for finals eligibility, players are required to have played 2 matches during the home and away season.**

Note- If a player has still not played the required 2 matches for their application to be considered at the stated closure deadline application time but is intending to play over the final weeks of the season to meet the required minimum 2 matches, they must submit their application by the stated league deadline for it to be eligible to be considered for approval.

In considering any application the League Manager shall have regard only to two criteria:

- 1) Whether the player is a bona-fide player for the team as indicated by the player being registered and assigned to the team prior to the date of injury/illness or commencement of the season.
- 2) The validity of the injury or illness preventing the player from otherwise qualifying to play as indicated by submission of a medical certificate with dates the player was medically unfit to play from a suitably qualified medical practitioner.

- e) If an Association is found to have played an ineligible player in any finals game that team will immediately forfeit that game. The matter will be referred to the League Manager for further action as may be determined appropriate in circumstances, including but not limited to a fine, penalty, or forfeit final series.
- f) Where a game is unable to be played (cancelled) and not rescheduled, all registered players of the scheduled participating teams will be credited with one (1) game played towards their final's qualification.
  - e.g. Due to COVID restrictions imposed by the Victorian or any Government.

## Section 5: Administration of Referees and Judiciary

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### 5.1 REFEREE ADMINISTRATION

Basketball Victoria shall appoint a Referees Appointment Officer and Development Officers to supervise the scheduling, administration and development of Referees.

### 5.2 OBLIGATION OF REFEREES

#### 5.2.1 Behaviour and Performance of Referees

Referees shall conduct themselves in a manner befitting their position at all times. Associations can submit feedback to the Technical Officials Department and the league via the designated online league system, regarding any concerns on the behaviour or performance of a Referee.

These submissions will be reviewed by the Technical Officials Department and the league, and if determined necessary feedback will be given and/or the matter investigated.

#### 5.2.2 Referee Obligations

- a) CBL Referees will enforce the FIBA playing rules and CBL Rules of Operation.
- b) Referees are required to check the scores, confirm/end the game via electronic scoring software and then return it to the score table officials within 10 minutes of the completion of the game.
- c) Referees are to report to the Technical Officials Department and the league any activity associated with the fixture in which they officiate which they may deem as unsportsmanlike or unprofessional within 48 hours of conclusion of the game.  
But the failure to lodge the report within 48 hours will not in any way affect the validity of the report.

#### 5.2.3 Equipment Check

Prior to the start of a game, Referees shall inspect all equipment including the court, basketballs, baskets, backboards and the scorers' and timers' equipment.

Any unsatisfactory game equipment should be reported to the Game Commissioner and to the League Manager.

### 5.3 HOME ASSOCIATION OBLIGATION OF REFEREES

#### 5.3.1 Referee Liaison Officer

Associations are to provide a liaison officer (can be doubled with the Game Commissioner role) at every game that will look after the reasonable needs of the referees. They are also responsible for the security of the referees at all times. This includes the entry at the start of the game, departing and entry at half time, departing at full time, and departure from the venue, if necessary.

### 5.3.2 Arrival

Referees and Referee coaches are required to sign in at the venue or otherwise make their arrival known to the Game Commissioner or similar. Associations should expect Referees to arrive at least one (1) hour prior to game time.

### 5.3.3 Referee Change Room

- a) Home venues shall provide Referees with their own lockable change room or equivalent which should include where possible a shower with exhaust provisions, seating, lockers, or clothes hooks.

As a minimum, a lockable cabinet or equivalent must be provided for Referees storage.

- b) A key or code to the Referee dressing room should be readily available to avoid Referees having to stand in corridors.
- c) Only Referees and CBL officials are permitted in the Referees' dressing room. No other person, including Association officials and persons associated with Associations are permitted in the dressing room without permission of the Referees.

### 5.3.4 Refreshments for Referees

It is the responsibility of the home Association to ensure that adequate refreshments are made available for the Referees during a game.

### 5.3.5 Amenities

Each Referee or Referee coach and a partner are to be provided free entry, seats and car parking (if required) for games in which they are officiating.

## 5.4 REFEREE PAYMENTS

The League via the Basketball Victoria Referee Appointment Officer is responsible for match and travel expense payments. These payments will be as approved by Basketball Victoria in formulating the budget.

## 5.5 REPORTS AND TRIBUNAL

- a) It is the duty of Referees in any match to report any person or player who misconduct's themselves within 48 hours of the conclusion of the game. It is expected that in normal circumstances this would be no later than 48 hours after the incident leading to the report, but the failure to lodge the report within 48 hours does not in any way affect the validity of the report.
- b) An independent tribunal endorsed by Basketball Victoria shall deal with the report.
- c) All protests and complaints shall be referred in the first instance to the League Manager.
- d) Basketball Victoria Tribunal procedures will be used in all cases and circumstances.
- e) All players and/or team staff must be clear of any penalties imposed by any basketball authority directly or indirectly affiliated with Basketball Australia.
- f) Any reports received by the league from any non-fixtured matches involving a CBL Association will be investigated and league sanctions may be issued and/or be referred to the BV Tribunal. (Refer to BV Tribunal By Law Rule 2.3)

## Section 6: Game Operations

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### 6.1 FIXTURING

#### 6.1.1 Scheduling Responsibility

- a) The League Manager will determine the fixtures for the regular season and for finals that will be as fair, both competitively and economically, as possible. Double headers will be fixtured where possible.
- b) Strong preference of the League is for regular season games to be scheduled on weekends. Associations may make requests for midweek and/or Friday evening games to the League Manager in which the visiting team has the overall right of refusal.
- c) CBL games should not commence, without the express permission and approval from the League Manager, all games will be fixture to AEST/AEDT:

**On a Saturday earlier than 3:00pm, nor commence later than 8:00pm.**

**On a Sunday earlier than 11:00am, nor commence later than 3:00pm.**

Such permission shall not unreasonably be withheld where venue availability and travel permit.

#### 6.1.2 Fixturing Requests

Each Association shall submit fixture request and venue availability information in a format and at a time specified by the League Manager to allow fixturing to commence.

#### 6.1.3 Draft Fixtures

Draft fixtures will be issued to Associations at the earliest possible time and will incorporate changes proposed by Associations where possible and where such changes would not significantly adversely impact other Associations.

#### 6.1.4 Official Fixtures

At least four weeks prior to the season's start, the League Manager will attempt to issue to Associations a copy of the official fixtures for the season.

#### 6.1.5 Amendment to Fixtures

As a general rule, once released the official fixtures will not be amended. Should an Association require a game to be re fixtured the League Manager may apply a penalty in the form of a fine. (Refer to Appendix 1- Offences and Penalties)

#### 6.1.6 Game Abandonment

- a) If the match has not commenced the Association requesting the match to be abandoned must contact the CBL League Manager to submit any game abandonment review request to the league. (Refer to Rule 6.7.1 (b))  
The league in conjunction with the referees will reference a Guideline List to assist in its decision making. (Refer to Appendix 2). The Guideline List is simply a reference point and the league will have the authority to make decisions outside this Guidelines List in its final determinations of whether the game is abandoned or proceeds, which **cannot be protested** by either Association. In the event the League Manager cannot be contacted, the final decision rests with the game referees.
- b) The following criteria will be used to determine the result for a game that has commenced but cannot be completed:

- (i) If a game is abandoned before it commences or before or at half time and cannot be rescheduled it will be counted as abandoned game and no points will be issues.
- (ii) If a game is abandoned after half time, the game score stands as the final result.
- c) If a game official calls off a game because of bad behaviour of one or both teams, it shall be deemed a forfeit and a report must be lodged to the league. If the behaviour is, in the opinion of the game officials, primarily that of one team, that team shall be deemed to have forfeited the game. If the behaviour is, in the opinion of the game officials, that of both teams, both teams shall be deemed to have forfeited the game.

### 6.1.7 Team Withdrawal

Should a team withdraw from the competition prior to the completion of the regular season the League Manager shall determine the fairest way to adjust the competition to enable teams that have played or are yet to play the absent team are not disadvantaged.

## 6.2 DOOR CHARGES & FINALS TICKETING

### 6.2.1 Door Charges

Each Association has the right to set its own door price for its own regular season home games, exhibition, pre-season & semi-final games. The league has set a maximum single adult ticket price of \$10.

- a) **Where the Home Association elects to presell tickets, it must:**
  - (i) Notify the visiting Association of ticketing arrangements and ticket price list a minimum of 24 hours prior to going live with ticket sales using online systems such as Try booking, etc. and/or at the specified physical ticket selling location(s).
  - (ii) Allocate at least 30% of total tickets available to the visiting Associations for their members to be able to attend the match. 48 hours prior to the match start time, in the event the visiting Association has not used their full allocation of tickets, the home Association may then make available any leftover tickets to their members for purchase.
- b) **Where the Home Association elects to not presell tickets, it must:**
  - (i) Notify the visiting Association on the welcome note the ticket price and when ticket sales will commence at the match venue.
  - (ii) Sell tickets at the match venue on a first come, first served basis with no preference to home Association members.

### 6.2.2 Ticketing Arrangements for Conference Finals

The League in conjunction with the host association will set the finals ticketing prices with a maximum single adult ticket price of \$15.

- a) **Where the League/Host Association elects to presell tickets, it must:**
  - (i) Notify the competing Association of ticketing arrangements and ticket price list a minimum of 24 hours prior to going live with ticket sales using online systems such as Try booking, etc. and/or at the specified physical ticket selling location(s).
  - (ii) Allocate at least 20% of total tickets available to the completing Associations for their members to be able to attend the match. 48 hours prior to the match start time, in the event the visiting Association has not used their full allocation of tickets, the league/host Association may then make available any leftover tickets.

- b) **Where the League/Host Association elects to not presell tickets, it must:**
- (i) Notify the competing Association on the welcome note the ticket price and when ticket sales will commence at the match venue.
  - (ii) Sell tickets at the match venue on a first come, first served basis with no preference to home Association members.

## 6.3 GAME DAY TIMING

### 6.3.1 Warm Up Period

There shall be a warmup period of no less than twenty (20) minutes on the playing court prior to the game.

### 6.3.2 Pre-Game Announcements

- a) When the warmup clock reaches five (5) minutes it shall be stopped and both teams shall return to their respective benches. The Court Announcer will introduce the players and other team officials individually, starting with the visiting team and then the home team and then finally announcing the Referees, together with any special guests.
- b) When all players, team officials and Referees have been announced, prior to all final's games and games where the home association chooses to do so, a welcome to country script and the Australia national anthem will be played by the Court Announcer or sung by a performer. All players and officials shall maintain a dignified position during the national anthem.
- c) On completion of the introductions the clock shall be restarted and the teams may recommence their warmup.
- d) Any modification to this pregame procedure by the home Association must have prior approval from the League Manager and be communicated by the home Association to the visiting team.
- e) Both teams and all team officials must be present on court eight (8) minutes prior to tipoff for the introductions and to complete score sheet formalities.
- f) Any team failing to appear as requested by the Game Commissioner will be subject to penalty or further action that may be appropriate in such circumstances including but not limited to a fine, or loss of game.

### 6.3.3 Game Timing

- a) All CBL matches will consist of four (4) quarters of ten (10) minutes each which shall be fully timed.
- b) There shall be a break of two (2) minutes duration between the first and the second quarters, and between the third and the fourth quarters. A half time interval of ten (10) minutes shall apply to all CBL games unless otherwise directed by the League Manager. Five (5) minutes of the half time interval must be available to teams for warmups.
- c) If the scores are tied at full time, a further five (5) minutes of extra time will be played to decide a winner. If scores remain tied after this period of extra time, another five (5) minutes is to be played and continue until a winner is determined.
- d) Teams must be on court as per league game timing requirements and game day directions from referees. Referees are to manage this in the first instance as per FIBA rules and report any major breaches of this to the league, in which offending teams may be fined. (Refer to Appendix 1- Offences and Penalties)

### 6.3.4 Starting Time Change

- a) The Game Commissioner shall ensure that the game commences at the time scheduled.
- b) If an Association wishes to amend a tip-off time after the release of the official fixtures, it must apply in writing with the visiting team's approval to the League Manager a minimum of 72 hours before official scheduled tip off. If approved, a penalty in the form of a fine may be applied. No such amendment to tip-off time may take place without prior league approval.
- c) If a team is delayed due to unforeseen circumstances (for example travel delays), the opposing team must notify immediately the home association and the League Manager.

### 6.3.5 Half Time Extension

- a) The duration of the half-time break may be extended by up to 5 minutes (fifteen (15) minutes in total) at the discretion of the home team.
- b) Half-time extensions beyond fifteen (15) minutes are to be used only in extraordinary cases relating to the recognition of competitive achievements (such as retiring a uniform number or the setting of a significant statistical record).
- c) Such a half-time extension requires approval and should be requested in writing at least four (4) days prior to the fixture for which it is required. This will enable time for the matter to be discussed with the visiting team.
  - (i) The fact that a visiting team does not object to the approval being granted does not necessarily mean that it will be approved.

## 6.4 PLAYING RULES

All CBL games shall be played in accordance with all FIBA playing rules in force from time to time and the yearly Technical Officials Commission Rules Variation document of Basketball Victoria leagues as well as all other BV policies.

## 6.5 HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

### 6.5.1 Game Commissioner

- a) The home Association is required to appoint a Game Commissioner for each fixtured CBL game. The Game Commissioner must be easily identifiable wearing the CBL supplied vest and should avoid performing other roles that prevent the game commissioner from being responsible for, but not limited to:
  - (i) Ensuring match starts on time and half time breaks etc. are adhered to.
  - (ii) Ensuring upload is completed of electronic scoring for games.
  - (iii) Ensure referees are escorted to and from court. (Refer to Rule 5.3.1)
  - (iv) Communicating to coaches any uniform compliance issues noticed by the assigned match referees and the need for the player to address prior to tip off.
  - (v) Removal of any unruly spectators from venue, when directed to by the referee.
  - (vi) Compliance with CBL signage and promotion requirements.
  - (vii) Security of visiting teams at all times including the player benches.
  - (viii) Ensuring no spectators have any prohibited noise makers so games are not disrupted and if they are identified it is addressed immediately. (Refer to Rule 6.5.9)
  - (ix) Ensure the league is contacted via the League Manager in the event of any issues.
- b) The home Association shall display the name of the Game Commissioner on the official game day form and welcome note prior to the commencement of any fixtured game.

## 6.5.2 Change Rooms

A lockable change room or lockable cabinets in a change room, are to be provided for the use of the visiting team. (A secure lockable room for storage of personal gear will be accepted).

## 6.5.3 Access to Games

Home Associations are required to give free entry to any person listed on the visiting team list up to a limit of twelve (12) players and four (4) team officials or who presents a CBL pass as shown on the game pass guide issued by the League Manager.

## 6.5.4 Game Program

- a) The home Association is required to produce either a printed game program or electronic game program of a reasonable standard which must include team officials' names, players' names, numbers, League provided media content inserts, ladders and season fixture, league's sponsors, together with any other content requested by CBL from time to time. The game program cover shall use the League provided template. Where a visiting team provides details of a naming rights sponsor, this is to be included in the game program.
- b) Where an electronic version only of the Game Program is produced, the Association must provide:
  - (i) A minimum of 4 printed copies of the Game Program or at least the team lists. Distributing 1 each to both head coaches, the scoretable and referees.
  - (ii) A convenient means for spectators to access the electronic game program at the venue, such as prominently displaying the download URL, preferably in a machine readable format e.g. QR code.

## 6.5.5 Pre-Game Procedure - Welcome Note

By 5:00pm on the Monday prior to a fixtured game, the home Association must complete the online welcome note to the visiting Association to notify of arrangements for the game, in particular uniform colour to ensure a clash does not occur. (Refer to Rule 3.2) This shall be in the League prescribed format and include, but not be limited to:

- a) Home team uniform colour.
- b) Times for access to venue and warm up court.
- c) Contact person on arrival of visiting team.
- d) Visiting team bench position.
- e) Home team warm up end.
- f) Ticket pricing.

Associations will receive three warnings for the season for any late Welcome Notes, then a fine may be issued. (Refer to Appendix 1- Offences and Penalties)

## 6.5.6 Balls

The home Association is to provide a match ball and a spare 'blood' ball, both of which are to be of a type specified or approved by CBL.

## 6.5.7 Option of Ends

The home team has the option to choose which end it will attack in the first period and which team bench it will use. This will be notified to the visiting Association by way of the welcome note.

### 6.5.8 Security of Player's Bench

At all times, while in the venue, the security of the visiting team is the responsibility of the home Association's Game Commissioner. This includes the security of the player's bench where the visiting team must be sheltered from undue harassment or interference from the fans.

### 6.5.9 Disruption of Game

- a) Aerosol horns, whistles and megaphones may disrupt games and are not permitted at CBL games.
- b) Other noisemakers such as party horns and percussion instruments are conditionally permitted into the venue subject to the game technical officials being able to effectively officiate the match. Should the use of these items interfere with the audibility of game calls the Referee may stop the match and request their use be discontinued or removed via the Game Commissioner.

### 6.5.10 Floor Maintenance

It is the responsibility of the home Association to ensure that:

- a) Floor wipers are available during the game to mop dry any wet spots which may be on the floor. Technical officials are not expected to perform this duty. At least one floor wipers (preferably two, one each end) of at least 10 years of age are to be provided throughout the game, equipped with broom or other suitable style floor wipers. For hygiene reasons, it is not acceptable for children acting as floor wipers to be on hands and knees using cloths/towels.
- b) No promotions may be conducted by any Association, either pregame or during the half time break, that may involve the introduction of moist or sticky substances to any part of the wooden surface, either within the playing area or on the area surrounding the floor.
- c) A blood kit in accordance with the Basketball Australia Blood Policy must be available for use as required by a senior Association official.

### 6.5.11 Court Announcer

- a) It is the objective of the Court Announcer to:
  - (i) Play warm-up music (no profanity) prior to each game and appropriate music during time outs, game breaks and at half time.
  - (ii) Introduce teams/players/coaches/Referees to the spectators.
  - (iii) Play the national anthem prior to each game in accordance with Rule 6.3.2 (b).
  - (iv) Provide information relative to the state of the game that may not be readily available to the spectators.
  - (v) Promote sponsors at appropriate times.
  - (vi) Provide live reads as advised by the league.
  - (vii) Recognise official guests to the audience as a whole.
  - (viii) Provide a legitimate commentary on the game (as detailed below).
- b) Specific guidelines for Court Announcer:
  - 1) The Court Announcer is an official of the game and as such visiting teams should be treated in an equal way. Neutrality extends to what is said, not necessarily how it is said. It is reasonable for the Announcer to use more emphasis in their tone in relaying positive information about the home team in comparison to similar information on the visiting team.
  - 2) There shall be no commentary or music while a player has had the ball placed at their disposal while shooting free throws (refer to game limitations - point 3).

- 3) Comments during the course of play that take longer to make than the time it takes a team to progress to the halfway point of the court are too long.
- 4) Game Commentary by the court announcer should be limited to providing the following information at the appropriate times.
  - (i) Scoring - who scored, three pointers, accumulative individual totals and an occasional mention of assists may be appropriate.
  - (ii) Foul - Who fouled, numbers of fouls both individual and team. Who is shooting free throws and how many (if required) plus the end result of the attempts.
  - (iii) NOTE: The Referee's call should not be pre-empted in any way. The announcer must wait for the Referees decision and signal - DON'T GUESS. Incorrect information can create confusion and embarrassment to all.
  - (iv) Violation - name the violation - NOT the player.
  - (v) Time out - which team called it and how many they have had.
  - (vi) Rebounds, blocks and steals - can be mentioned if required and appropriate, but who made turnovers is generally not appropriate for comment.
- 5) The Court Announcer's principal duties are to pass information to the crowd, encourage it, but not incite it. Modifiers, which imply critical analysis should be avoided (e.g. nice try, great block, super shot, etc.) as an editorial description.
- 6) Any comment reflecting on the performance of the Referees, either positive or negative, is not allowed. Similarly any criticism of the League or its staff is not allowed. Critical remarks of any type towards players or coaches are not acceptable (including pre-taped comments played on the PA system).
- 7) The Court Announcer should be an official conduit between the game Referee and the audience in conveying information relative to rule decisions that may not be apparent to the spectators. There are often timing and rule confusions that occur between the Referees and the score table, or between the Referees themselves resulting in game stoppage and consultation. The Court Announcer should be able to clarify these circumstances with the spectators after they have been resolved. This is an important function.
- 8) Recognition of official League sponsors and guests are a part of the Court Announcers duties. These announcements should be limited to pre-game, time out and quarter/half time breaks. The Court Announcer will be obligated to acknowledge any CBL naming rights sponsor and any other CBL major sponsors as authorised by the League.

### 6.5.12 Scoretable

- a) The home Association must provide a score table consisting of at least three, one of which should be at least Level 1 qualified.
- b) Where the League provides electronic versions of team files for use, then Associations must always use these team files and if a player is not appearing the home association will be required to contact the CBL League Manager to check the players eligibility and for the league to then add the player if deemed eligible.

### 6.5.13 Documented Medical Procedures

The home Association shall have a documented procedure to follow in the case of serious injury and with which the Game Commissioner is familiar.

### 6.5.14 Post game Procedure

It is the responsibility of the home Association to ensure that the following is completed as part of the post-game procedure:

- a) Within 15 minutes of the game concluding, an electronic version of the game must be uploaded as directed by the league.
- b) A photo capture of the electronic scoring software screen with the finals scores and include individual player totals must be uploaded and submitted immediately post game via online Game Day Form. Associations will receive one warning for the season for any late submissions then a fine may be issued. (Refer to Appendix 1- Offences and Penalties)
- c) Each Coach is to complete an online MVP voting form by 9pm Monday after the game. Associations will receive one warning for the season for any late votes submitted, then a fine may be issued. (Refer to Appendix 1- Offences and Penalties).
- d) Complete the online Game Day Form within 60 minutes of completion of game. Associations will receive one warning for the season for any late Game Day Forms submitted, then a fine will be issued. (Refer to Appendix 1- Offences and Penalties).

### 6.5.15 Post-Match Hospitality

To promote good sportsmanship, the League requires that each Home Association hosts a post-match function based on the following:

- a) The Home Association is to provide a post-game function with food of a suitable quality, variety and quantity for the players, team officials and referees within 20 minutes of the match concluding.
- b) An opportunity is to be given for a representative of each team to address the function.
- c) Players, team staff and match referees must attend post-game function in a timely manner.
- d) It is the objective of the League that the visiting team and referees are received and treated as guests.
- e) Location and time of function to be clearly defined on the Welcome Note.

## 6.6 VISITING TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

The visiting team shall:

- a) For game program purposes, submit a complete team list with players listed in playing number order, including team (4) officials' names, (12) players' numbers, names, heights and positions by 9:00am on the Thursday prior to the game using the League approved format. Associations will receive three warnings for the season for any late Visiting Team Information Sheets, then a fine may be issued. (Refer to Appendix 1- Offences and Penalties)
- b) The team list should be as accurate as possible and should not require significant variation (of 50% of names of team list) on game day.
- c) Change uniforms in the event of a colour clash with the home team uniforms, i.e. the home team should wear their preferred uniform. (Refer to Rule 3.4.2)
- d) Each Coach is to complete an online MVP voting form by 9pm Monday after the game. Associations will receive one warning for the season for any late votes submitted, then a fine may be issued. (Refer to Appendix 1- Offences and Penalties).
- e) Attend the post-game hospitality function in a timely manner.

## 6.7 PROTEST PROCEDURES

### 6.7.1 Protest

- a) Any Team desiring to lodge a protest (as defined by FIBA except no protest may be made concerning a decision by a Referee or Umpire) in respect to any match, must lodge such a protest in writing with the League Manager within forty-eight (48) hours of the match. The parties concerned shall be entitled to attend a meeting at which the protest shall be heard. The League Manager is not obliged to meet face to face and may deal with the protest by phone, video conferencing, email or such means as they require.
- b) If a team has concerns with the match conditions and wish for the game to be abandoned, they must contact the CBL League Manager prior to commencement of the match. The league in conjunction with the referees will have sole determination if the match is played and in which the Association cannot protest post-match this decision. A match will be considered “live” once commenced. (Refer to Rule 6.1.6)
- c) If a referee has concerns with the match conditions and/ or a team has raised their request to have the match abandoned to the referees directly. The referees shall contact the Referees Appointment Officer who will then contact the CBL League Manager to any announcement determination if the game is abandoned or not.

### 6.7.2 Notification of Protest

Upon receipt of a protest, the League Manager shall immediately notify the opposing team in the match, which is subject to protest.

## 6.8 FORFEITED GAMES

- a) A forfeit is deemed to occur when insufficient players representing a team are present at the fixtured starting time for a CBL fixture. An Association whose team for any reason fails to appear for or complete any fixtured pre-season, regular or finals game, including overtime, except for acts of God or events beyond such team’s control shall be deemed to have forfeited that game and shall be liable to a fine and suffer such additional penalty as shall be deemed appropriate by the League Manager. (Refer to Rule 2.2.4)
- b) Notwithstanding Rule 6.1.6, a forfeited game shall not be replayed.
- c) In the event of a forfeit, the team forfeiting shall be deemed to have lost the game with a score of zero (0) points to twenty (20). If there is no reversal in the winner of the match and the winning score margin is greater than 20 points, there will be no adjustment to the score made.
- d) When a fixtured game has commenced and the game is subsequently abandoned, all players on the score sheet shall be deemed to have participated in the fixture. For the purposes of player finals eligibility, if the game is subsequently replayed, any player on the score sheet who was on the score sheet for the abandoned game shall only be credited with one game’s participation in terms of that fixture.
- e) When a fixtured game is forfeited, only those players on the score sheet for the team, which, did not forfeit will be deemed to have participated in the fixture.

## 6.9 COMPETITION LADDERS

- a) Ladders in each conference will be displayed in order of Win Percentage, separated by points percentage when required.

- b) To determine final ladder placings, if two (2) or more teams have the same win percentage the ladder order for the tied teams shall be decided on classification. Where an equal number of games have been played between the two (2) or more teams the classification shall be determined by the head to head results in only those games played between the tied teams. If the two (2) or more teams remain tied, further criteria will be applied in the following order:
  - 1) Higher game points difference of the games between them.
  - 2) Higher game points difference of all games in the group.
  - 3) Higher overall percentage in all games. If these criteria still cannot decide, a draw shall decide on the classification.
- c) Where an unequal number of games have been played between the two (2) or more teams, the classification shall be determined using a mini ladder based on the percentage wins from only those games played between the tied teams. Each mini ladder determines one classification (the highest placing) only. Where there are two (2) or more teams remaining in the mini ladder, subsequent classification will be determined according to 6.9 (b). Depending on whether there has been an equal or unequal number of games played between those teams. This is only used for team positions of those teams in or potentially in finals.
- d) In the event a match is abandoned, and the league determines it is unable to have the match replayed due to no viable replay options available. The final placings within that conference will be determined by overall win percentage from the season, due to the affected teams playing one less game than other teams in that conference.
- e) Where a season is interrupted, unequal number of games and cannot be completed final ladders will be determined firstly by win/loss %, secondly head to head and then thirdly points % differential if teams have not played each other.

## 6.10 FINALS

- a) The format of the finals for each conference will be determined by the League Manager at the start of each season in accordance with the following:
  - 1) The competition structure.
  - 2) The finals system should maximise the chance of the top two teams from the home and away season meeting in the grand final of the competition.
  - 3) Teams finishing higher at the conclusion of the regular season shall have home court advantage for semi finals.
  - 4) Associations, that for reasons of venue unavailability or clashes, cannot host a final series for their venue, may forfeit the right to a home semi final completely at the discretion of the League Manager and subject to the appeal to the Country Commission.
- b) Conference Grand Final venues will be selected via the League Manager through a tendering process.
- c) Following the completion of the CBL regular season games the league will request finals venue availability and develop a draft finals schedule as soon as practical. The schedule will take account fixturing requests of the Associations involved with a preference given to the Home Association. The draft schedule will be referred to the Associations involved for comment prior to being finalised. The finals fixtures will then be finalised and provided to all Associations.
- d) Appropriate seating should be reserved for CBL representatives. The League Manager will advise of any required seating no later than the Thursday prior to the game.

- e) The designated Home Association for a finals game will assume all responsibilities normally associated with a regular season home game unless otherwise directed by the League Manager.

## 6.11 OTHER GAME PROVISIONS

### 6.11.1 Bench Occupation

During the game the bench shall be occupied only by the coach/s, players, trainer/manager squad and development players.

### 6.11.2 Ejected Coach or Player

- a) A player, coach or assistant coach, upon being notified by a Referee that they have been ejected from the game, must leave the playing area immediately and remain in the dressing room of their team during such suspension until the completion of the game or leave the building.
- b) The use of messengers and/or telephones or any other electronic media to transmit information from the ejected coach to the bench is in violation of the spirit of this rule and is subject to appropriate penalties or further action that may be appropriate in such circumstances including but not limited to a fine, suspension, forfeit of match, loss of competition points, or compliance points.

## Section 7: CBL Awards

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### 7.1 LEAGUE AWARDS SUMMARY & VOTING

#### 7.1.1 Award Categories

Each Conference will be awarded:

- a) Most Valuable Player.
- b) Leading Scorer.
- c) Defensive Player of the Year.
- d) All Star 5.
- e) Grand Final Most Valuable Player.

#### 7.1.2 Game by Game Voting

The coach of each team shall award votes after each game, awarding three (3), two (2), and one (1) vote for the match via the online form for Most Valuable Player and one (1) vote for the best defensive player. The League Manager shall monitor coach voting and where appropriate (votes not cast in accordance with the criteria or within the spirit of voting), is empowered to request a coach to recast their votes after a game. The voting will not be published during the season.

#### 7.1.3 End of Season Voting

**a) Most Valuable Player**

At the conclusion of the regular season the player with the most votes will be crowned the Most Valuable Player.

**b) Defensive Player of the Year**

At the conclusion of the regular season the player with the most votes will be crowned the Defensive Player of the Year.

**c) All Star Five**

At the conclusion of the regular season, the top twenty players that polled MVP votes will be compiled in a list that will be made available for coaches and captains to select their All Star Five, with the following restrictions:

- i) Cannot vote for players in your respective team.

#### 7.1.4 Grand Final Most Valuable Player Voting

The Grand Final Most Valuable Player will be voted by a panel of 3 selected by the league manager in conjunction with the host association and will include at least 1 member being a BV staff member or country commission member.

## Section 8: Other Items

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### 8.1 USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS

CBL will abide by the Anti-Doping Policy of Basketball Australia.

### 8.2 INTEGRITY

Participants in the League must abide by the Basketball Australia National Integrity Framework (<https://australia.basketball/integrity/>) and Basketball Victoria Integrity By-laws (<https://www.basketballvictoria.com.au/resources/association-resources/policies>). In accordance with the BA National Integrity Framework, BA may share personal information relating to Participants with Betting Operators, law enforcement agencies, government agencies or other sporting organisations to prevent and investigate match-fixing incidents.

### 8.3 SPECTATOR CONDUCT

- a) Spectators will understand as a condition of entry that they may be asked to leave the venue by the Game Commissioner. This condition of entry must be displayed at the ticket office and/or at entry.
- b) If a referee believes that a spectator's behaviour is unsatisfactory and worthy of a caution, then they will inform the Game Commissioner to issue the spectator with a warning. If the same spectator continues to act in a like manner, they will be ejected by the Game Commissioner at the direction of the referee. The referee shall then lodge an incident report post the match to the league on the spectator's offences.
- c) If a referee believes that a spectator's behaviour is reportable then they should inform the Game Commissioner to automatically eject that person from the stadium. The referee shall then lodge an incident report to the league on the spectator offences.
- d) Any spectator guilty of intentional physical contact with a Referee before, during or after a game will be ejected from the venue by the Game Commissioner or their representative and be liable to further action.

### 8.4 BASKETBALL VICTORIA HEAT POLICY

All persons involved in the organisation of games must be aware of the effect that extremes of weather can have on a person playing or attending basketball and put in place adequate contingencies for the minimising of risk to persons, particularly when high temperatures are expected.

Where high temperatures are expected game organisers must make reasonable attempts to ensure:

- a) Referees and other officials are aware of the symptoms of heat stress and are instructed to be on the alert to notice any such symptoms.
- b) Players are made aware of the need to hydrate regularly before and after the game and that facilities are available for them to do so.
- c) Facilities are available for players and other persons to externally cool themselves with water, fans, or other facilities.
- d) Adequate supplies of ice and ice packs are available for use where appropriate; and
- e) Proper advice is available to coaches and players on the effects of heat, symptoms of heat stress, the need for proper hydration, and the facilities that are available to prevent or treat heat stress.

Full knowledge of the availability of first aid equipment and first aid and medical personnel is accessible by all persons attending.

All stadiums must be fitted with a thermometer. On hot days, court temperature must be taken hourly whilst the stadium is in use and must be recorded in a permanent record kept at the stadium.

- a) When the court temperature reaches 30°C the game commission must consider implementing and where the court temperature reaches 35°C, the referee must call an additional compulsory timeout in each quarter if no time-out has been called by halfway through the quarter.
- b) When the court temperature reaches 40°C games must be abandoned. See rule 6.1.6 (b) for result of game.

## **8.5 PROMOTION/MEDIA**

Each Association is required to promote their home games to the best of their ability.

## Appendix 1: Offences and Penalties

The following table sets out the standard penalties to be applied for a breach of the Rules of Operations at the determination of the League Manager. All fines are excluding GST.

Offence	Rule Reference	Penalty (Per Offence)
Administrative and procedural fines	2.2.3, 6.5.5, 6.5.14, 6.6	\$50 (per item)
Forfeit	2.24	\$750
Change to Fixture	2.2.5, 6.1.5, 6.3.4	\$50
Appeal	2.2.7	\$200
Conduct detrimental or prejudicial to CBL	2.3	Subject to the outcome of the Tribunal
Withdrawal of teams	2.4.3 (a)	Minimum 50% of League Entry Fee
	2.4.3 (b)	Full Payment of League Entry Fee
	2.4.3 (c)	Full Payment of League Entry Fee + \$500 fine
Sponsorship and CBL property Non display of signage as directed	2.5.1 (g), 3.3.2	\$100 (per sign)
Venue requirements Failure to provide satisfactory equipment and services	3.3.1	\$100 (per item)
Association uniforms and attire including placement of CBL Logo	3.4.5	\$50 (per uniform)
Seating provisions in crowd attendances	3.5.1	\$100 (per item)
Playing Ineligible Player	4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4	Forfeit of game won and \$150 (per item)
Contesting Player Points	4.1.6	\$100 (per application)
Home Association obligations to Referees	5.3	\$50 (per item)
Game day timing Team failing to arrive on court as per game timing	6.3	\$50 (per item)
	6.3.3 (d)	\$100 (per item)
Home team responsibilities	6.5	\$50 (per item)
Visiting team responsibilities	6.6	\$50 (per item)
Other game provisions	6.11	Subject to the outcome of the BV Tribunal
End of season voting	7.1.2	\$50 (per item)
Use of illegal drugs	8.1	Subject to BA, ASADA, WADA penalties
Integrity	8.2	Subject to BV, BA and National Integrity outcomes
Spectator conduct	8.3	Subject to the outcome of the BV Tribunal & league imposed sanctions

## Appendix 2: Guidelines for Abandonment of a Game

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Rule 6.1.6 manages the event of a game abandonment if it happens during a game if there has been enough court time and leading margin to constitute a game. The below is a Guideline List which the league will refer to in the event a team requests abandonment of a match prior to starting. This is simply a Guidelines appendix and the league have the final authority to abandon or proceed with the playing of the match on any items outlined on and outside this list.

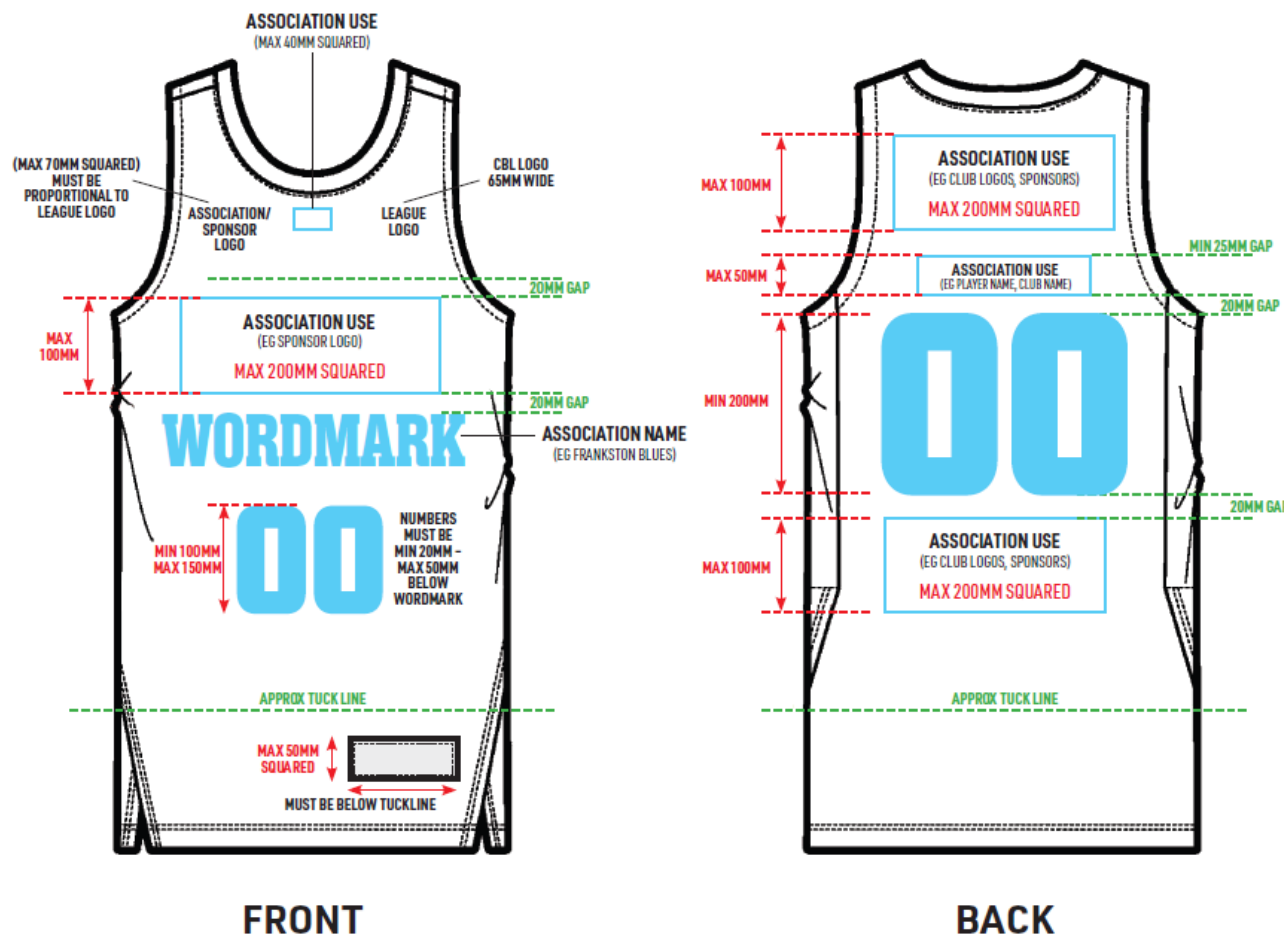
### **What may constitute abandonment:**

- Court/stadium condition
- Water leakage
- Power Outage
- Injured athlete that cannot be moved (the time used up for game, this may be more important in a first game of a double header)
- Referees in fear
- Missing referees
- Spectator issues
- Unforeseeable transit accidents resulting in not enough athletes to start game
- Extreme weather where the safety of players, coaches & referees is compromised

### **What may not constitute abandoning a game:**

- No 14 second clock
- No 24 second clock
- No scoreboard
- Score bench numbers
- Late arrival of athletes and coaches

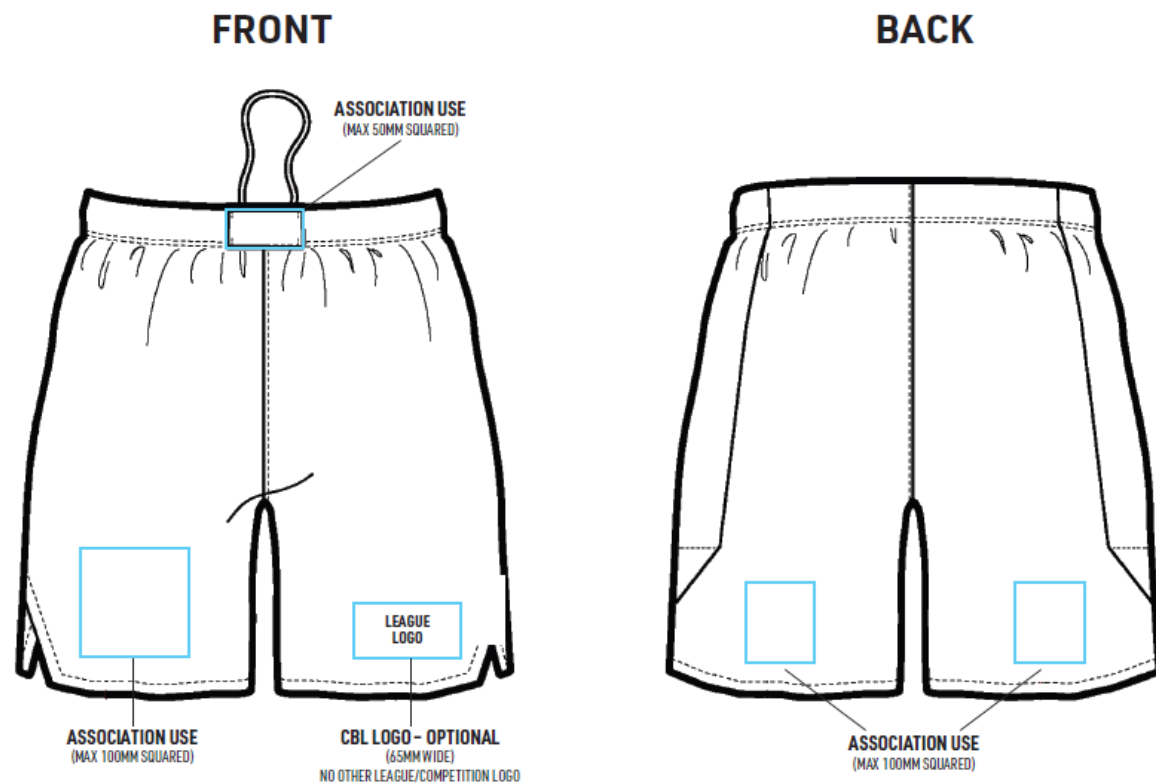
## Appendix 3: Uniform Style Guide



### PLAYER SINGLET NOTES:

- Numbers should be of a contrasting colour to the primary colour of the uniform.
- Numbers may be placed over watermarks but the number must be clearly visible and unimpeded by the watermark design
- Club trademark watermark designs are acceptable
- Numbers must be as high on singlet as practical
- Designers should work from a top down approach and in all instances ensure all numbering and sponsor logos are clear of any possible singlet tuck line, irrespective of gender, size and pattern of singlet

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**PLAYER SHORTS NOTES:**

- Player numbers are acceptable on shorts
- Club logo/trademarks are acceptable for use in design of shorts outside designated areas
- Shorts may contain manufacturer logo (maximum 50mm squared)

**TEAM APPAREL (E.G. WARM UP TOPS, TRAINING SINGLETS, TEAM POLOS):**

- Must have the league logo on the front top left of garment (refer to front singlet design placement)
- League logo 65mm wide

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