



# ELTHAM BASKETBALL CLUB

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## MEN'S & WOMEN'S COMPETITION REGULATIONS

### 1. ENTRY

Entry is conditional on completion of the prescribed forms and the payment of all entry fees, bonds, insurance fees and fines as required from season to season and duly notified to participating clubs.

The EWBC reserves the right to not accept applications without giving reasons.

### 2. DEFINITIONS

**CLUB:** A club is any team, or set of teams, which acknowledges a common organisational and financial basis and notifies this to the EWBC.

**UNRESTRICTED COMPETITION:** Any open competition that has no minimum age qualification and no rules prescribing a mix of males and females on the court.

**OPEN COMPETITION ORGANISER(S) (COS):** Those appointed by EWBC to administer the open competition of EWBC including the social mixed competition and restricted age competitions.

**VENUE SUPERVISOR (VS):** The person appointed by EWBC to supervise the games at a particular venue at a particular time.

**VENUES ADMINISTRATOR:** The person appointed by EWBC to allocate court space and appoint staff to supervise activities.



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## 3. RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATING CLUBS

All clubs participating in competitions of the EWBC shall be entitled to one vote per financial team at the Annual Meeting, or any Members Meeting, of Eltham Wildcats Basketball Club Inc..

At the written request of ten or more teams a meeting of all clubs in EWBC open competitions or a given section of the competition for the purpose of discussion and recommendations to the Club Executive or General Committee and for alteration of these regulations (see Clause 18).

## 4. CONDUCT

EWBC administrators and referees shall have the right to maintain high standards of conduct of players, officials and spectators belonging to participating clubs while at venues at which EWBC competitions are being conducted. In particular

- No player shall participate in a game while influenced by alcohol.
- No vandalism or damage to venues shall be allowed nor shall activities likely to lead to damage be permitted.
- All rules of conduct of Basketball Victoria shall be applied.
- At the start of each season the designated team representative on behalf of the team will sign an undertaking to abide by Basketball Victoria's Code of Conduct and competition rules.
- Individuals or teams that cause property damage at any venue where competition matches are played will be required to pay for repair or replacement.



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## To ensure such standards are met, administrators and referees shall be entitled

- In accord with Basketball Victoria rules to disqualify from games and to report participants
- To order that a game be discontinued until conditions are met or as a final determination
- To make a complaint to the competition organiser(s)
- To remove premiership points after due investigation of a complaint.

If a game is discontinued through the fault of a team, that team shall not receive any points for that game and the opposition shall receive three premiership points.

It shall be the obligation of teams to assist in seeking to keep situations under control in cases where a violent incident seems likely to occur.

## 5. REGISTRATION

To be entitled to participate in games players shall provide to the EWBC on a prescribed form details of name, address, phone number and age where relevant for a restricted competition.

A registration is valid for one season only.

## 6. ELIGIBILITY

- EWBC shall from time to time run competitions with restriction of ages of players participating. These shall be advertised on the enrolment form. A team playing a person ineligible by age shall lose the first game in which such an offending player participates or suffer a penalty of one premiership point if they lost. Provided due registration information is submitted at the first game, and that such information is not deliberately misleading, no further loss of points shall take place until EWBC informs the club concerned of the violation. After such information is provided; any further violation shall result in a loss of all premiership points for the game(s) concerned. It shall be left to the judgement of the competition organisers as to whether their opposition are granted extra premiership points.



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- To be eligible to play in the finals a player must participate in no less than seven rounds of that season or 50% of the rounds of that season whichever is the less of the two.
- An unregistered player shall not accumulate any qualification for the finals until registered. If an unregistered player participates in the finals the team with the unregistered player shall lose the game.
- The Association shall have the right to declare a player or team ineligible for other reasons such as being unfinancial. The penalties for the playing of such a person shall be the same as described in Clause(c)
- A player who has during the previous 12 months played in the highest grade of VBA Championship or a higher competition shall be entitled to play only in an A grade section.
- In the Over 30 Competition to be eligible a player must have turned 30 by the commencement of the season.
- In the open age competition, to be eligible a player must have turned 14 by the commencement of that year; however players under the age of 15 are discouraged from participation. To play regularly under the age of 15 requires written parental permission.

## 7. WALKOVERS

A club giving a walkover shall incur a fine which is double the normal team fee such a walkover fine must be paid no later than half time of the next game. A team whose walkover fine is not paid by such time shall not receive any premiership points for that next game.

Teams giving two or more walkovers may be disqualified from the competition at the discretion of CO's.

Walkovers are awarded only by venue administrators after fifteen minutes have expired on the match clock.



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## 8. FORFEITS

Teams may avoid a walkover by playing an ineligible player or players. A full team fee must be paid to avoid a walkover. The game shall be played as a normal game with both teams paying team fees but the notation on the score sheet should record the infringement of eligibility.

## 9. CANCELLATION AND SHORTENING OF GAMES

The Venue Supervisor/Venues Administrator shall cancel a game if conditions are such as to create danger to players or risk to the venue and its equipment. The VS may also order a delay in a game or a shortening of a game to no less than an aggregate of 25 minutes if circumstances require (eg to meet deadlines for closing a venue, to make up for a long delay created by court conditions or injury. Referees and teams may make application for delay, shortening or cancellation but the decision-making authority is the venue administrator.

Games in which there is less than 25 minutes of play shall be declared 2-2 draws, subject to appeal.

## 10. TIMING REGULATIONS

The length of halves shall be established at each venue for each season.

Except for special regulations for finals there shall be one time out per half per team and the clock shall stop only in the last three minutes of the second half for all time cuts, substitutions, jump balls and fouls.

During regular season matches where the clock does not stop in the first half, no time outs can be called during the last minute of the first half. Where a time out is called with less than two minutes of play remaining in the first half play shall resume at the one minute mark.



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## 11. PREMIERSHIP POINTS

- Ties shall be recognised and each team shall receive 2 premiership points.
- Wins and walkovers and byes received shall entitle a team to 3 premiership points.
- A loss shall be worth one premiership point. Giving of a forfeit shall entitle a team to one premiership point.
- A team giving a walkover shall not receive any premiership points.
- A team, which walks off the court before the completion of a game, other than at the direction of the Venue Administrator or the referees, shall not receive any premiership points for that game.
- Penalties in regard to premiership points shall apply also as stipulated in other regulations.
- In Grading Rounds the allocation of points for wins and ties may be varied.

## 12. FINALS SYSTEM

The Finals System each season shall be as stipulated by the Competition Organiser. The order of qualifying teams shall be determined first by premiership points and then among teams with an equal number of premiership points, by overall percentage (points for divided by points against X 100).



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## 13. TRANSFERS BETWEEN TEAMS & PLAYERS PLAYING IN MORE THAN ONE TEAM

- BETWEEN TEAMS OF THE SAME CLUB

A player may not participate in more than one team of the same competition as defined by competition organisers and indicated at the commencement of the season (apart from minimum age restriction) in the same week, nor for a lower grade team if the higher graded team has a bye or walkover and the player has participated more frequently for the higher graded team than the lower graded team.

After 3 games a player may not be transferred from a higher graded team to a lower graded team without the permission of the Competition Organiser or Grade Secretary.

A player may transfer to a higher graded team from a lower graded team at any time provided qualifications for finals are met.

- BETWEEN TEAMS OF DIFFERENT CLUBS

Once a player has participated for a Club in an unrestricted competition, that player will require written approval to transfer to another Club in that competition (in any grade).

A player may not in one season participate in more than one team in the same competition as defined by the competition organisers, except by a transfer formally approved in writing by the organising committee. Except where indicated, all grades played on any particular evening/day shall be regarded as belonging to the same competition.

While transfers may be approved at any time eligibility to play for the new team in the same season in the same competition will be granted only if.

- The transfer is from a team in a lower grade to a team in a higher grade,
- The competition organisers assess that the transfer will not affect adversely any completed grading or the viability of the team, from which the player has transferred,
- Such transfer takes place no later than before Round 4 of the competition,
- One condition above does not apply but the competition organisers assess that there are extraordinary compassionate grounds.



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## 14. INCORRECT UNIFORM/BENCH DUTIES

- Incorrect uniform is defined as any variation in the colour of playing uniform or colour of numbers or lack of numbers or illegal numbers on tops. Tracksuit bottoms instead of shorts may be worn in special circumstances with prior permission from the competition organiser. Stripes of less than across, emblems, piping, logos and trim are optional variations. Numbers must be a number of material not chalked or stenciled, and must be attached firmly.
- The penalty for incorrect uniform shall be 5 points per player. The penalty shall not be applied in grading rounds.
- The penalty is mandatory and can be applied at any time before signing of the scoresheet by a referee or by the Grade Secretary or Competition Organiser, upon adequate evidence, after the game.
- No team shall be permitted to wear the official Eltham Wildcat colours except by application to the General Committee.
- If a team fails to provide a person for bench duties throughout the game that team shall be penalised 4 points on the scoresheet.

## 15. CLASHES OF UNIFORM

Where there is a clash of colours of teams playing in a competition and the referees deem a change of uniform by one team is necessary, the team on the left of the fixture shall be required to change uniform. The Association shall make alternate sets available on payment of a specified sum, or teams may use their own alternate sets. Failure to change when required to do so will result in a forfeit.

No penalty shall be applied if teams could not expect reasonably a clash to have occurred.



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## 16. SCORE SHEET COMPLETION

- If names are not entered on a scoresheet, or are not entered with fully family name or are grossly illegible, the Grade Secretary or CO will not consider the players concerned to have added to their game qualification and may at discretion consider one of the players to be ineligible.
- If a player does not score or give a foul, the GS or CO may weigh evidence and use discretion in judgement as to whether the player/s.-- participated in the game unless a signature of that player appears on the back of the scoresheet.
- The entering of a false name on a scoresheet shall be considered a gross offence. Any person involved in such an offence shall be dealt with in terms of fines and suspension according to the judgement of an investigative committee set up by the Executive of the EWBC.

## 17. WITHDRAWALS

Withdrawals of teams after fixtures have been completed shall incur a \$50 fine plus a walkover fee for the next game. All players registered for that team shall remain unfinancial for any competition until these fines have been paid. Co-operating Associations in neighbouring areas shall be notified.

## 18. RESCHEDULING OF GAMES

Rescheduling of games shall occur only with the permission of the EWBC Venues Administrator, and it shall be required that the net revenue gained by EWBC remain no less than it would have if the game were scheduled.

If the rescheduling is at the initiative of one team it shall require the permission of the other team, except for a change of time on the same evening.

All rescheduled games at the initiative of one team must occur within ten days of the originally scheduled date.



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## 19. APPEALS

Appeals must reach the Competition Organiser within five days of the time the team/player/club concerned could be expected reasonably to know of the matter about which the appeal is to be made.

Appeals may be directed at results of games or decision of any official.

The determination of appeals shall be by an ad hoc committee of three who do not have any involvement in any participating team. At least one person shall be the competition organiser or his/her nominee, one shall be the Grade Secretary of person involved in an open competition and one shall be a nominee of the Executive of EWBC.

At an appeal all interested parties shall be entitled to representation.

## 20. ALTERATION OF THESE REGULATIONS

The regulations may be amended by:

- A specially convened Open Competition Meeting at which each financial team will be permitted one vote, the competition organisers (not more than six) will be entitled one vote, the General Committee of EWBC shall be entitled to send six voting representatives and the Referees' Association shall be entitled to four voting representatives, except that in regard to financial matters the Executive Committee of EWBC shall have right to veto.
- Resolution of the General Committee, of EWBC circulation to all clubs and a months delay so that a specially convened meeting can meet if convened, to amend or veto such regulations, except in regard to financial matters in which the Executive Committee of EWBC shall have the right of veto.



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## 21. PLAYING RULES

- Teams may commence games with four players.
- Names may be added to the scoresheet at any time during the game.
- Except where otherwise specified and for the Mixed Competition the rules of the VBA shall apply.

## 22. FIRST AID

It shall be the obligation of each team to provide appropriate first aid equipment. Most venues have a limited first aid kit (ice, band aids etc.) which may be of some benefit if required.

## 23. MIXED COMPETITION

- Teams will consist of a mixture of players of both genders. No more than three (3) persons of the one gender are permitted on the court at the one time. Note: teams can play with less than two (2) players of a particular gender as necessary.
- In the first half only Male players are permitted in the keyway (cither end). In the second half only Female players are permitted in the keyway (cither end).

Penalties for entering the keyway when not permitted are:

- If a defensive player accidentally (in the opinion of the referee) enters the keyway in the half where they are banned then a violation will be called and the opposition will be awarded two points (as if any scoring attempt would be successful)
- If an offensive player enters either keyway in the half where they are banned then a violation will be called. Penalty is ball awarded to opposition to be passed in at nearest side line point, any points scored when player enters keyway to be cancelled.
- If any player deliberately enters the keyway in the half where they are banned then a technical foul shall be called on the offending player.



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Penalty- as prescribed for player technical fouls.

Players are not permitted to score more than twelve points in any game. Exception when all players for that team (including players on the bench) have scored twelve (12) points in that match then players can resume accumulating points.

Where a player who has scored twelve points is fouled and the bonus foul situation is invoked then he/she can nominate an alternate shooter from team mates on the court at that time.

Where a player is allocated foul shots and reaches his/her twelfth (12) point an alternate shooter will complete any unfinished free throws.

If a player who is on eleven points successfully shoots a field goal only one point will count.

- All jump balls will be taken at the centre circle
- To qualify for finals players must be recorded as participating in at least five (5) matches in the season
- Teams must have at least four players to commence the match

## 24. SIN BIN PENALTY

Where a player receives a technical foul for abusing a referee, uttering obscene or offensive language, improper dissent with a referee's decision/s or commits any action which could endanger other players, spectators or equipment he/she is required to sit out the next five minutes of playing time or whatever time remains in the match up to the five minute limit. Where a player upon returning to the court(after the five minutes expires) receives a second technical foul a above he/she will be disqualified from taking any further part in the match.

A substitute player if available can be introduced into the match to replace the 'sin binned' player. If no substitute is available the team can continue with less than the optimum number of players (five).



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