POLICY: SENIOR DOMESTIC COMPETITIONS RULES AND REGULATIONS

Policy Name:	Senior Domestic Competitions Rules and Regulations
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Purpose

This document is to provide the relevant policies in regards to all aspects of Senior Domestic Competitions at the Eltham Wildcats Basketball Club

Scope

This Policy covers all relevant parties involved in the senior domestic competition, including playing members, team managers, competition organisers and more.

Detail

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

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) :

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.

OPERATIONS MANAGER/GAMEDAY MANAGER:

The people appointed by EWBC to allocate courtspace and appoint staff to supervise activities.

3. RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS

All teams 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 B.C. 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.

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

i. No player shall participate in a game while influenced by alcohol or illicit substances

ii. No vandalism or damage to venues shall be allowed nor shall activities likely to lead to damage be permitted.

iii. All rules of conduct of Basketball Victoria shall be applied.

iv. Upon registration of a team to the competition it is agreed upon by all members of that team to abide by Basketball Victoria's Code of conduct and the Eltham Wildcats Rules and Regulations

v. Individuals or teams that cause property damage at any venue where competition matches are played will be required to pay for repair or replacement

vi. To ensure such standards are met, administrators and referees shall be entitled to do the following:

    i. in accord with Basketball Victoria rules to disqualify from games and to report participants

    ii. to order that a game be discontinued until conditions are met or as a final determination

iii. to make a complaint to the competition organiser(s)

iv. to remove premiership points after due investigation of a complaint.

vii. 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.

viii. It shall be the obligation of teams to assist in seeking to keep situations under control in cases where a violent incident might reasonably be executed to occur.

5.REGISTRATION

Individual registration is done Basketball Victoria's PlayHQ software system whereby relevant contact and personal information is then stored by Basketball Victoria and Eltham, the member Association. The registration process, price and length is determined by Basketball Victoria.

6. ELIGIBILITY

EWBC may 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.

The amount of games needed to be played for a player to qualify for finals will be advertised for each individual competition. In the absence of clear instruction on this, default amount games needed to qualify is 50 percent of regular season games, or simply 5 games for the Wednesday Mixed comp.

Teams may request to have a fill in player for finals if they have no more than 5 available players. Permission by the competition organiser may be given for any one player to fill in for any one game during the finals. The competition organiser may use any information's available to them in order to determine whether a certain fill in player should be deemed eligible to protect the integrity of the match.

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.

EWBC 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(d)

If a player who has played Big V or higher competition within that calendar year wishes to play in the competition, they must play at least 50% of their teams grading games otherwise they will only be eligible to play in the A grade competition.

In any age restricted competition, a competitor must have turned the nominated age limit by the start by the commencement of the season. I.e. in the over 30 men's competition a participant 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. A player under this age must have a signed and completed indemnification form prior to the game in which they play.

7. WALKOVERS

Walkover fines will be determined before the season and this information shall be given to team organisers

The standard rate if not advertised otherwise is $130 for a notified walkover (must be 6 hours before the game). Or $150 for an un-notified walkover.

Teams giving two or more walkovers may be disqualified from the competition at the discretion of the Competition Organiser.

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

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 then half the usual time, plus 5 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 play is permanently stopped by less than half the alloted time plus 5 minutes, shall be declared 20-20 draws, subject to appeal.

10. TIMING REGULATIONS

The length of halves shall be established at for each competition at the start of the season.

The competition organiser reserves the right to update the timing regulations if needed.

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.

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.

A forfeit will operate in the following manner

i. If a team loses the game in which they forfeit the score stands

ii. If a team wins a game in which they give a forfeit, the score become 20-0 in favour of the non-forfeiting team

Walkovers are treated as 0-20 losses

The calculation of a team's ladder position in terms of points and percentage when either moving grades OR entering late, is entirely up to the competition organiser depending on what they find most appropriate and manageable.

12. FINALS STRUCTURE

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).

13. TRANSFERS BETWEEN TEAMS PLAYING IN THE SAME COMPETITION

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 i

i. 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

ii. such transfer takes place no later than before Round 4 of the competition,

iii. one condition above does not apply but the competition organisers assess that there are extraordinary compassionate grounds.

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. Numbers must be clearly visible to referees. Minor variances within singlets/shorts is allowed, but anything that could be deemed a glaring difference in uniform is not permitted. This is to be adjudicated by referees on the night, if there is an inconsistency in the application of this, then the competition organizer will make a permanent decision bases on photographic evidence. There will be no retroactive changes to scores in prior rounds.

The penalty for incorrect uniform shall be 2 points per player. The penalty shall not be applied in grading rounds. The maximum penalty a team can receive is 10 points.

The penalty is mandatory and NOT up to the discretion of the opposition team and must be applied before halftime to protect the integrity of the second half of the game.

No team shall be permitted to wear the official Eltham Wildcat singlets 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 penalized 5 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 names first (to the left or or top) of the fixture shall be required to change uniform. EWBC 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.

16. SCORE SHEET COMPLETION

For all intents and purposes the device used to score the game, be it a laptop, tablet or otherwise are considered the ‘scoresheet’. Selection of players is up to the team, a player who is not present for the whole game must not be selected. Upon investigation the competition reserves the right to deem a player having not played if they do not score or foul in a game and there is no evidence that they played.

In any conflict between scoreboard and scoresheet at any time in the game, including after the end of the game, the referees are instructed to use all available facts to obtain the correct score, even if this means changing the apparent final score. If the referees are unable to obtain clear, concise and compelling evidence to change the score, the scoresheet score shall prevail.

17. WITHDRAWALS

Withdrawals of teams after fixtures have been completed shall incur a fine equivalent to that seasons singular game walkover fee. 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. APPEALS

Appeals must reach the Operations Manager 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 made by the competition organiser, but not referees decisions.

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 an individual on the general committee of EWBC, one shall be a nominee of the Executive of EWBC.

At an appeal all interested parties shall be entitled to be present,but may not have professional representation.

19. ALTERATION OF THESE REGULATIONS

The regulations may be amended by:

Resolution of the General Committee, followed by circulation to all currently registered teams with a one month delay before being applied. This would permit a special meeting to be convened to recommend amendment or removal of such regulations, ex, to amend or veto such regulations, except in regard to financial matters in which the Executive Committee of EWBC shall have the right of final decision.

20. PLAYING RULES

Teams may commence games with four players.

Names may be added to the scoring device at any time during the game.

Except where otherwise specified and for the Mixed Competition the competition follows standard FIBA rules.

21. TECHNICAL FOUL RULES/PLAYER BEHAVIOUR

All technical fouls will be tracked by the competition administrator in collaboration with the referees. Any fouls classed as behavioural will get tallied towards the below.

Number of Behavioural Technical Fouls Received	Outcome
3 Behavioural Technical Fouls	Warning from Competition Manager

4 Behavioural Technical Fouls	1 game suspension
5 Behavioural Technical Fouls	3 game suspension
6+ Behavioural Technical Fouls	Remainder of season suspension

If a player is ejected from a game for receiving 2 behavioural technical fouls it will count as 2 towards the tally however, if a player receives one disqualifying foul, then this will count as 2 behavioural technical fouls (with a maximum of two in a single evening).

Players that play multiple nights of competition will have separate tally's per competition.

There is a 24 hours appeals process, so if a technical foul is given to a player, they have 24 hours to contact the competition manager to appeal the decision. It will then be investigated by the competition manager with a panel of other staff members.

5-minute sin bin rule applies for all behavioural technical fouls.

- Once a player receives a behavioural technical foul, they can not re-enter the court until 5 minutes of game time has elapsed or the game concludes, whichever comes first.

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 (either end). In the second half only Female players are permitted in the keyway (either end).

Penalties for entering the keyway when not permitted are:

i. 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 he called and the opposition will be awarded two points (as if any scoring attempt would be successful)

ii. If an offensive player enters either keyway in the half where they are banned then a violation will he called. Penalty is ball awarded to opposition to be passed in at nearest side line point, any points scored when player enters keyway to he cancelled.

iii. 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.

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.

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

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

iii. All jump balls will be taken at the centre circle

iv. To qualify for finals players must be recorded as participating in at least five (5) matches in the season

v. Teams must have at least four players to commence the match

24. GENDER IDENTIFICATION

EWBC adopts Basketball Victoria's policy with respect to gender identification. In all references to Male or Female in this Policy, BV Policy shall apply.