



## Competition Rules

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EFFECTIVE 2017/18 Summer Season

### Game Specific Rules

#### Applicable to junior competitions

##### Game provisions

- Under 9 – lowered ring
- Under 12 and below – shorter free throw line and 5 seconds in the key

##### Mercy rule

The junior domestic competitions are there to give all players an opportunity to have a go and enjoy their basketball. The mercy rule is in place to promote sportsmanship and to stop teams from dominating a particular game to the point of demoralising their opposition.

All players on defence are required to retreat to and remain within their defensive 3-point line following made baskets or dead ball situations whenever their team is leading by 20 points or more, subject to the following provisions:

- Applicable to all age groups
- Enforcement of rule optional to the losing team
- Violation for breach of rule
- Not applicable in grading period or finals

##### No-zone defence recommendation

Although zone defences are not forbidden, the HBA highly recommends the use of man-to-man defence particularly at the younger age groups. Our philosophy is that the use of zone defence doesn't teach players good defensive habits, hinders the long-term development of players and limits the offensive development and fun of opposition players.

## Ball size

- All junior girls – size 6
- Junior boys 9-14 (inclusive) – size 6
- Junior boys 16-21 (inclusive) – size 7
- Women's competition – size 6
- Men's competition – size 7
- Mixed competition – size 7

## Applicable to all competitions

- 3-point line (if two lines are marked at the stadium):
  - Junior competitions – shorter 3-point line
  - Senior competitions – longer 3-point line
- No-charge semi-circle – this applies where the line is marked
- 24-second shot clock – this is not applicable to our competitions

## Sin bin policy

Any player who receives a technical foul must immediately leave the court and is not permitted to return to the game until 5 minutes have elapsed on the game clock.

## Rules of Basketball

Unless stated in this document, all other FIBA Official Basketball Rules 2014 apply.

## Mixed Competition

A maximum of 3 of any one gender can take to the court at any given time.

Once a player's score tally in a match equals or exceeds 10 points, they're deemed to be "scored out" (is ineligible to score any more points). If a player scores whilst "scored out", the score will be cancelled and the opposition awarded the ball at the free throw line extended. If a "scored out" player is fouled in the act of shooting, their team will be awarded the ball out of bounds (unless the opposition are in the team foul penalty). Free throws arising to a player who is "scored out" whilst the opposition are in the team foul penalty must be taken by an eligible team-mate. However, players who reach 10 points during a set of free throws are eligible to complete the set of free throws and have those points count if successful. Likewise, players who score a field goal (which takes them to 10 points or more) and are fouled in the act of shooting (AKA And 1) are eligible to shoot the subsequent free throw and have it count if successful. Once all players on the team (excluding those who can no longer participate) have scored 10 or more points, each player is then eligible to score up to the next multiple of 10 points.

In the first half, male players are restricted and in the second half, female players are restricted. In all overtime periods (finals), females are restricted. Restricted players are allowed to enter the key but must not impact on play when the ball is in the offensive team's frontcourt. Any infringement by the offensive team will result in the ball being awarded to the defensive team on the baseline. Any infringement by the defensive team will result in 2 points awarded to the offensive team (assigned to the team but not a particular player). In rebounding situations, it is deemed that the ball is still the offensive team's frontcourt (for the purpose of restricted players).

## Team registration and match fees

### Junior competitions

- Registration fee - \$150 (not including online transaction fee)
- Match fee - \$70 prepaid in instalments according to each season's payment schedule

### Senior competitions

- Registration fee - \$200 (not including online transaction fee)
- Match fee - \$75 prepaid in instalments according to each season's payment schedule

## Discipline

Players, coaches, officials and spectators may be reported for misconduct and subsequently suspended by the Hawthorn Basketball Association or the Basketball Victoria tribunal.

## Injury and insurance

HBA Supervisors are obliged to call an ambulance if they believe a situation is a medical emergency. It is recommended that all members have an appropriate level of ambulance cover.

Registered players have limited medical/injury cover under the Basketball Victoria Insurance Policy. More information can be found on the HBA website. It is recommended that all members have an appropriate level of private health insurance.

Limited first aid supplies are available at each venue.

## Photography policy

Members of the Hawthorn Basketball Association agree to their photographs being taken and used for website and/or promotional purposes unless they advise otherwise via email.

## Working with Children Checks

Coaches and team managers in junior competitions over the age of 18 will require a Working with Children Check (WWC). More information can be found at [www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren).

## **Discretion of management**

Exceptions to these rules and penalties (including loss of premiership points and financial sanctions) for breach of competition rules are at the discretion of the HBA.