



LAKESIDE REC CENTRE POLICY AND PROCEDURES:  
**BASKETBALL BY-LAWS**

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## The following are the rules and conditions for Lakeside's Basketball Competitions

- The competition is controlled by Lakeside's Centre Management
- These BY-LAWS are effective from 22 April 2003
- (as amended 1/7/2021)

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## 1) Rules and Guidelines

- a) The Lakeside Recreation Centre conducts its basketball competitions in accordance with the F.I.B.A. Basketball Rules and Regulations (see 1.2) unless otherwise stated in the Rules and Guidelines set out in this document.
- b) The F.I.B.A. Basketball Rules and Regulations include any Basketball Australia or Basketball W.A. stated Interpretations of Rules and Regulations.
- c) Alterations to the Centres Rules and Guidelines remain at the total discretion of the Centre's management.
- d) All Centre Rules and Guidelines override any F.I.B.A., B.A. or B.W.A. conflict or perceived conflict of Rules or Regulations.

## 2) Premiership Table

- a) A points system is in place for determining the weekly standing of each team on the premiership ladder for their respective competition.
- b) Premiership points will not be awarded unless team fees are paid by the deadline required at the start of the season.

**Points System:** Win 2 pts, Draw 1 pt, Loss 0 pts, Forfeit -2pts

**Junior Points System:** Win 4 pts, Draw 2pts, Loss 0 pts, Forfeit -2 pts

- c) To determine ladder positions, use the following tests in order:
  - a) Premiership points (if all games played are equal)
  - b) Win/Loss ratio (if games played are unequal);
  - c) Head to head. Which is determined by wins, then points spread, e.g. a team won by 5, the other team won by 3, then the first team is ranked higher.
  - d) Overall percentage.

### 3) Uniforms

- a) Each team must wear a matching set of playing tops during games.
- b) Each player on a team must wear playing shorts of the same colour as the other team members during games.
- c) Each team is allowed a grace period of the first three weeks of a new season to attain qualifying uniforms without penalty.
  - i) PENALTY - Players wearing the incorrect team uniform after the grace period will not be permitted to participate in the game.

### 4) Registration/Nomination

- a) Each team must submit an official nomination form with All details legibly completed.
- b) Each team representative must read the nomination letter and share its contents with all perspective team members.
- c) Each eligible player must be listed on the official nomination form.
- d) Deposits and fees must be paid as required by the dates listed for a team to be considered active.
- e) As of July 2021, the Junior fee is a season fee, payable in full by the due date.

### 5) Competition Eligibility

JUNIORS: No person turning the exact age of the competition's "under age" category before December 31<sup>st</sup> of that year may participate in that level of play.eg. A child who turns 9 years old before December 31<sup>st</sup> of that year is not eligible to participate in the under 9 division of play. A player may not compete for two different teams in the same age category.

LADIES MORNING: A player must not be an established professional or semi-professional basketball player, who has played during the previous two Australian basketball seasons to be eligible for play. Includes NBL1, SBL, WNBL and U.S. College

- a) Established means, "to have played seven or more games at that level".
- b) This rule does not include retired players over 30 years of age or mothers that have retired due to childbirth.

SENIOR WOMEN: All women are eligible to participate.

SENIOR MEN: All men are eligible to participate.

VETS: A player must be aged 35 or older to participate in this competition.

SENIOR MIXED: All men and women are eligible to participate

## 6) Scorers

- a) Each team participating is responsible for providing one person capable of accurately filling in the scoresheet during their game and/or operating the game clock.

## 7) Timing

- a) There is an allowance of two time-outs per half, per team.
- b) If a game ends in a draw, the score is final. There are no overtime minutes played.

- c) **Juniors-Midweek**

2 x 20-minute halves

No time outs in the last 3 minutes of either half

**Seniors-Midweek**

2 x 20-minute halves

No time outs in the last 5 minutes of either half

**Thursday Morning Ladies**

2x 20 minute halves

No time outs in the last 3 minutes of either half

**Saturday Summer- Juniors/Seniors**

2 x 20-minute halves

No time outs in the last 3 minutes of either half

**A Grade Mid-Week Summer**

4 x 8-minute quarters

Fully timed

## 8) Finals Format and Timing

- a) For All Grades
  - Semi Finals-normal timing applies
  - Preliminary Finals- the last 3 minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half is fully timed
  - Grand Final- the last 3 minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half is fully timed
- b) During Preliminary and Grand Finals, the “No Time Out” rule does not apply.
- c) In the last 3 minutes, the game clock stops for every violation, foul, jump ball or other whistled stoppage during this time period and does not begin again until the ball touches one of the participating players on the court.
- d) Additionally, in the last 2 minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half or 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, the game clock also stops after each successful score and begins again once the ball is inbounded and touches a player on the court.
- e) The finals format will be chosen at the discretion of Management and can be played over 1 to 3 weeks.

**9) Eligibility for Finals**

- a) A player is required to have played at least one-third of the fixtured games, with a specific team, in order to become eligible for finals play with that team.
- b) An individual player's name must have been written legibly on the original scoresheet in order to verify eligibility.

**10) Forfeits**

- a) If a team forfeits, the team that is present may list as many as 10 players on the scoresheet to be recorded for finals eligibility.
- b) Notification of a plan to forfeit is required at least 24 hours in advance of the actual game time

i) FINES

\$90 UNANNOUNCED – Senior evening and Senior Saturday sports.

\$75 UNANNOUNCED – All other categories.

\$70 ANNOUNCED LEVEL 1 – Senior evening and senior Saturday sports.

\$60 ANNOUNCED LEVEL 1 – All other categories.

\$50 ANNOUNCED LEVEL 2 – Senior evening and senior Saturday sports.

\$45 ANNOUNCED LEVEL 2 – All other categories.

ii) Forfeit Level Classifications

Unannounced Forfeit	Announced Forfeit Level 1	Announced Forfeit Level 2
No notification of forfeit or after cut off times	Less than 24 hours notice and before cut off times	More than 24 hours notice
Evening Seniors – after 5 pm on game day		
Afternoon Juniors – after 12 pm on game day		
Morning Sports – after 9 pm night before the game		

- iii) Fines must be paid before the commencement of the team's next game. Failure to pay by this date may render the team financially in arrears and no game points will be registered.
- iv) Teams are permitted only one unannounced forfeit per season and may be removed from the fixture on subsequent unannounced forfeits.
- v) Teams are permitted only two announced forfeits per season and may be removed from the fixture on subsequent announced or unannounced forfeits.
- vi) Admission fees will be used to offset a portion of the forfeit fine.

### 11) Game Scoresheets and MVP Voting

- a) Scoresheets should be accurately and legibly completed by writing the first and last name of each participating player adjacent to their uniform number as listed on the sheet.
- b) MVP votes are allotted at the end of each game.
  - i) Points of 3, 2 and 1 are awarded to any three deserving individual players by game referees.
  - ii) MVP points are accumulated by the players until the end of regular season play. The votes are tallied and at the end of finals play an MVP is awarded for each age category.
  - iii) Players who accumulate the most points and are tied in the total amount of points received, are each awarded MVP.
  - iv) Ladies Morning basketball does not incur MVP votes. A grand final MVP is the sole award for this category.

### 12) Items Not Provided for

- a) **Late Points** - 1 point per minute can be awarded to a team who is on court with the required number of players, who has properly entered their scoresheet details, and who has paid all current game fees by the start of the official game clock, providing the opposing team has not done likewise.
- b) **Jewellery**- The wearing of jewellery is not permitted however in instances where removal is not possible or is required for religious reasons and the particular adornment will not endanger other players a player may be permitted to wear the item in question providing it is covered appropriately and the prescribed disclaimer is signed.
  - i) Hair accessories worn by females can be deemed unsuitable at the discretion of the referee, with consideration being made for the safety of ALL players.
  - ii) Headbands, wristbands and support braces may ALL be worn.
- c) **Alcohol/Drugs**- Any player that is deemed to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted to play. This can be determined by a participants smell or behaviour and is at the discretion of the referees, court manager, or Lakeside staff on duty.
- d) **Swearing**- Any player who audibly swears can be awarded a technical foul at the discretion of the referee.
- e) **Player Cool Off** – At the discretion of the referee a player may be required to take a rest for a time to “Cool Off”. This is to be determined by the referee for incidents of aggression or when a player displays inappropriate attitudes etc.

### 13) Tribunal

- a) Players are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner during games. Unsportsmanlike conduct consists of, but is not limited to things in the nature of:
  - b) Abusive language or signs, threatening language or signs, obscene insulting language or signs, adopting a threatening attitude, spitting, hostile or ongoing disputing of decisions, any act of fighting, undue rough play, damage to equipment/venue/clothing, as well as participating while under suspension.
  - c) If a player conducts him/herself in a way that a referee deems inappropriate, the referee can submit an official report to the Tribunal Board.
    - i) The Tribunal Board consists of a chairperson, a member and a secretary, as appointed by Management.
  - d) General Tribunal times are Monday nights at 7pm at Lakeside Recreation Centre.
    - i) The referee who made the submission and the co-official from that same game should attendance or contactable at the time of the tribunal.
    - ii) Witnesses to the occurrence may be requested and/or required to attend the tribunal.
    - iii) The player who was reported **must** attend the tribunal. If the player does not attend the tribunal, he/she will be given an automatic two-week suspension, additional to the penalty that will be awarded for the reported Inappropriate conduct.
    - iv) Appeals can be made to the Lakeside Recreation Centre Board of Management within 24 hours of the tribunal. Appeals and must be addressed to The Tribunal Chairman and submitted at reception. Late appeals will not be heard.
  - e) When a charged person admits to the charges laid, in cases that are deemed by a Tribunal Chairman to be a minor offence, on agreement between the charged person and that Chairman, a plea bargain may be negotiated.