



# Handbook

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## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

- This handbook is intended as a reference guide to help you and your team navigate your way through the 2019 Season together as the South Australian Amateur Basketball League.
- All these documents, and more, are also available on our website at [www.saabl.com](http://www.saabl.com) We will also use our Facebook group at [www.facebook.com/groups/saabl/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/saabl/) to communicate regularly, so please add yourself and your team mates to that, if you have not done so already.
- When your team nominated for the 2019 SAABL Season, you are considered to have accepted and understood the League's Bylaws and Code of Conduct for Players, Teams, Clubs and Spectators as provided below. SAABL is serious about providing a safe and inclusive environment for everybody involved in our League and will hold all members of our community accountable to the Bylaws and Code of Conduct. Please enjoy the healthy competition that SAABL provides, however please do so with respect and consideration for others in the community. Any form of anti-social behavior or harassment will not be tolerated and may result in the suspension and or expulsion of the Players, Teams and Clubs involved from the League.
- Remember: in our League, the lines of communication are always open. All SAABL Officials and the Board genuinely care about what you think and want to know how we can better serve you, so if something comes up that you need to discuss, get in touch and we'll do our best to help you.
- Some things about SAABL that are different from other basketball competitions
  - Cashless league - \$70 per game team fee. No individual tickets.
  - Fixtures are on the website – check the website for the most up to date game times and locations.
  - We will be using Wilson Basketballs that the league will provide.
  - Uniforms – players will be required to have the same team uniform.
  - Finals format – the Board will present options to the League for consultation and your team will have a vote in the decision making process
  - SAABL will support and grow referees in South Australia. SAABL pays referees as well or better than any other competition in South Australia so that we get the best. If you want to be a referee in SAABL and be supported and mentored by Phil Haines and his team - please get in contact with Phil at [uic@saabl.com](mailto:uic@saabl.com)
  - Skills and strategy coaching – every Club that has registered for the 2019 has access to Kevin Brooks at a discount off his normal rate. Kevin is a former NBA and NBL player and current Assistant Coach of the Adelaide 36ers. Kevin is a highly experienced basketball professional and you can use your discounted access to him to work on something specific to your needs, or just have him run with you for a bit of fun!

## TEAMS AND FIXTURES

All SAABL fixtures use the Sports TG scoring platform and our draw, including game times, venues, results and league ladders for all divisions is published and kept up to date weekly via the link on our website at [www.saabl.com](http://www.saabl.com)

# BYLAWS

## South Australian Amateur Basketball League (SAABL) Bylaws – 2019

### 1. Games

All games will be played as scheduled by the SAABL Executive Officer.

### 2. Championship Points

Championship Points will be awarded as follows

- Game Winner – 3 points
- Game Loser – 1 point
- Forfeiting Loser – 0 points
- Bye Games – 2 points

### 3. Teams Finals Eligibility

To be eligible for Finals a team must pay any outstanding money to the SAABL, including but not limited to registration fees and forfeit fees

### 4. Finals Format

To be decided: the Board will present 3 options to the League for consultation and your team will have a vote in the decision making process

### 5. Forfeit

- A team forfeiting will pay \$130.00. To avoid a forfeit fine, teams are required to play a game with no less than three players. Forfeits during Finals Series shall be \$200.00. The opponent of the team forfeiting will be given the option at 10 minutes in the 1st half, to play out the game. If the opponent refuses to play, then the game will be a forfeit and all players will be refunded their game fee.
- In the event of a forfeit, the non-forfeiting team receiving same shall be awarded 3 championship points and a 20/0 game score recorded. The forfeiting shall receive 0 championship points.

### 6. Assumed Name

Penalty for a team playing a player under an assumed name shall be: \_

- Loss of all premiership points gained by that team whilst playing that player.
- A forfeit being recorded for each game played by that team whilst playing that player and a score of 20/0 being recorded against that team for each such game.
- That player and the team coach, or if there is no coach, then the team captain, shall be reported for misconduct and subject to a hearing before the Tribunal

### 7. Player Eligibility

- A player may not play in a team of the opposite sex.
- A player must be over 18. If under 18 the club must have written permission from the SAABL Executive Officer and that permission may only be given if the team coach and/or captain can provide a current DCSI clearance.

## 8. Player Finals Eligibility

- For a player to be eligible for Finals, a player must have played at least five games, in the same grade, of the regular season for the same Club. If a player plays five games for a club over multiple grades but not five games in the one grade, the club must receive written permission from the SAABL Executive Officer to ask for the player to be eligible for Finals. The games played must be on separate days. Games do not need to be in the same Grade. Two of the five games must be played in the first half of the season.
- If a player appears on the scoresheet for a forfeited game and is in attendance at the game, the player will be recorded as having played that game. This is for both teams, including the team that forfeited.
- A player cannot play for more than one Club in one Season. If a player switches club, the player must contact the SAABL Executive Officer in writing.
- No player, having played five games in a higher grade, shall be eligible to play in any lower grade.
- A player may play in more than one game on a Saturday, provided he/she has not played more than five games in a higher grade.
- In the event of two teams, from the same club in the same grade there shall be no interchange of players between these teams during any part of the Season. Any player from lower grade teams from that Club, may play in both teams if required to fill a vacancy. If a player must play in the same grade it must be to avoid a forfeit, the club must contact the SAABL Executive Officer in writing.
- No player shall play more than one Finals game on the same day.
- No player shall play in more than one Grand Final.

## 9. Uniforms

- All numbers between 0 and 99 are acceptable – including 00.
- Players on the same team must have same uniform including top and shorts (no pockets). Players on the same team must have different numbers. If two players have the same legal number, one player shall turn their singlet inside out, and in this case only, no number is regarded as a legal number. PENALTY - two points will be awarded at half time (or after half time if the player does not enter in the first half). The opposition can reject the penalty two points.
- If a T-Shirt or Compression Wear is worn under the top or shorts, it should be of a single colour. The T-Shirt must be the same colour as the uniform.
- Number must be securely attached to the singlet/uniform (tape will not be accepted). The player will be registered as “No Number” and the team penalised 2 points. If there are 2 or more “No Number” uniforms, fouls will be called using the players surname.
- Wearing of jewellery of any kind is not permissible. If jewellery must be worn, then it must be accompanied with written permission from the SAABL Executive Officer, the permission must be shown to the umpire in charge prior to the game commencing. The jewellery must be covered in a way to not cause injury to players.

## 10. Medic Alert Bracelets

Players are allowed to wear medic alert bracelets provided that they are “sports specific” and designed to fit securely to the skin. A sweat band may be used to securely cover the bracelet.

## **11. Uniform Changes**

Where two teams in the same grade have similar colours, the SAABL Executive Officer shall appoint one team to wear an alternate uniform. If neither team have an alternate uniform, a coin toss prior to the game to determine which team wears the white SAABL All Stars uniform.

## **12. Hair**

- If a player has hair braided into a plait, the plait is not permitted to be able to swing free and must be held tightly to the head. As an example a loose plait should not extend below the shoulder height.
- A player's hair must not be tied high on the head allowing it to flick as the head of the player moves. Hair must be tied in a manner that does not allow it to move freely. And interfere with an opponent.
- A player's long hair cannot, when in a normal stand position, cover the uniform number on the back of the uniform. In this case the hair must be tied.
- A player, whose hair does not conform to (a), (b) or (c) above, shall not be permitted to play until such time as the hair meets legal requirements.
- The referee shall be the sole judge as to whether a player's hair conforms to this by-law.

## **13. Playing Rules**

- Officials and players must accept that such games are played under these By-Laws and Game Rules.

## **14. Regular Season Timing**

- Games will be 40 minutes consisting of two 20 minute halves.
- The clock at the commencement of the first and second half, will not start until the jump ball
- Teams will have 2 timeouts per half. The clock stops for all timeouts. Timeouts will be 30 seconds.
- Two minute break between the first and second half.
- Clock will stop on all whistles in the last 3 minutes of the second half. Clock will run after made baskets.
- If the game is tied at the end of regulation of a regular season game, the game will go to a 3 minute overtime. Clock will stop for all whistles in overtime. There will be one timeout for each team in overtime. Timeouts do not carry over from the regular game. If the game is still tied at the end of overtime, the game will go to a subsequent overtimes of one minute until a winner is determined. No timeouts in subsequent overtimes.

## **15. Finals Timing**

- Time outs will be 60 seconds.
- Clock will stop on all whistles in the last 3 minutes of the second half. Clock will stop on made baskets in the last 2 minutes.
- All games will go to 5 minute overtimes. If tied at the end of overtime, the game will go to an additional 5 minute overtime until there is a winner.

## **16. Scoring**

- Each team must provide a non playing scorer. If a no scorer is provided by a team then 6 points will be awarded to the opposition. If a team provides a playing scorer, the opposition will be awarded 2 points. If neither team provides a scorer, then a player from each team will need to be a playing scorer, and the game played as four on four.

- The scoring system must be checked and completed by the teams prior to tip off. Players can be added to the scoring system prior to the start of the second half.

#### **17. Jump ball**

- Jump ball to start the game and at the start of the second half.
- All overtimes will start with a jumpball.
- All other held ball situations will be decided with a jump ball.
- All finals games will have 5 minute overtimes, if the game is still tied at the end of overtime then an additional 3 minute overtime will be added, until there is a winner.

#### **18. 3 point line**

In the case of multiple 3 point lines being marked on the court, it will be the furthest three point line.

#### **19. No-Charge Semi-Circle**

In cases where the no-charge semi-circle is not marked, the no-charge rule will not be implemented.



## CODE OF CONDUCT – PLAYERS, TEAMS AND CLUBS

### South Australian Amateur Basketball League Incorporated Code of Conduct – Affiliate Clubs, Teams & Players

#### Background and objects of this Code

1. The Board of the South Australian Amateur Basketball League Incorporated (*League*) has resolved that the League adopt this Code of Conduct (*Code*). The terms and operation of this Code may be amended, varied or terminated from time to time by resolution of the Board.
2. This Code is designed to ensure that the integrity, welfare and good reputation of the League is maintained, including by seeking to:
  - 2.1. ensure that all current and future Affiliate Clubs (including officers, officials and members), teams and players understand their rights and obligations in connection with, and as participants in, the League;
  - 2.2. protect and promote Affiliate Clubs' (including officers, officials and members), teams' and players' ability to participate in, and enjoy, the activities of the League, and the basketball competition(s) organised by the League; and
  - 2.3. otherwise further the objects of the League.
3. The Code adopts the defined terms used in the Constitution governing the League.

#### Status and objects of the League

1. The League is an incorporated association, and a legal entity in its own right.
2. The League is governed in accordance with its Constitution (*Constitution*).
3. The Constitution provides that the League's objects are:
  - 3.1. to promote and encourage participation in basketball in the state of South Australia;
  - 3.2. to promote and encourage the principles of fair play, teamwork and sportsmanship through basketball;
  - 3.3. to provide and promote an opportunity for all members of the South Australian community to participate in basketball in an inclusive, safe and friendly environment;
  - 3.4. to arrange, administer and control a competition of basketball matches between Affiliate Clubs of the League; and
  - 3.5. to adjudicate all questions and matters of dispute between Members arising in connection with the League.
4. In pursuit of certain of those objects, the League seeks to promote and contribute to:
  - 4.1. a safe and inclusive environment for all;
  - 4.2. equal treatment and respect for all;
  - 4.3. the prevention, avoidance and elimination of any offensive, violent or abusive behaviour; and
  - 4.4. the protection for all participants in the League (including referees, other officials and spectators) from harassment (including but not limited to sexual harassment), bullying, racism, discrimination, intimidation or ridicule.

#### Notice, acceptance and commencement of Code

1. All persons participating in the League, including but not limited to Affiliate Clubs (including officers, officials and members), teams and players, shall be deemed to have notice of, and will be bound by, this Code and its provisions, by a copy of the Code being provided by e-mail to the Delegate (or other nominated contact representative) of the Affiliate Club at or prior to the commencement of each basketball season, or by such

other means as the League, by its Board or delegate, including but not limited to the Executive Officer, may determine from time to time.

2. This Code shall commence and be effective on and from 7 February 2018 (being the date of the League's Inaugural General Meeting).

### Rights and responsibilities

1. Each Affiliate Club (including officers, officials and members), team, player, referee or other official and spectator has a right to be treated equally and fairly in accordance with, and subject to, the provisions of this Code.
2. Each Affiliate Club (including officers, officials and members), team and player acknowledges and agrees that the right to participate in the League and its activities is subject at all times to:
  - 2.1.1. the Constitution, as may be amended by the League from time to time;
  - 2.1.2. this Code, as may be published by the League from time to time;
  - 2.1.3. any rules, by-laws, policies, terms or conditions and / or guidelines that may be published by the League from time to time; and
  - 2.1.4. the disciplinary and tribunal processes and procedures that the League may adopt and implement from time to time.
3. All Affiliate Clubs (including officers, officials and members), teams and players submit to the League's disciplinary jurisdiction.
4. Each Affiliate Club (including officers, officials and members), team and player, acknowledges and agrees that while playing or otherwise participating in any League game for an Affiliate Club or team, or in any Affiliate Club and / or team uniform, or while attending as a spectator to support any Affiliate Club and / or team, that person is representing the relevant Affiliate Club and / or team, and, by extension, the League.
5. Each Affiliate Club (including officers, officials and members), team and player must, at all times:
  - 5.1. display appropriate, respectful and responsible behaviour toward all:
    - 5.1.1. Affiliate Clubs (including officers, officials and members) (whether their own or opposing);
    - 5.1.2. teams (including opponents);
    - 5.1.3. players (including opponents);
    - 5.1.4. referees;
    - 5.1.5. League officers and officials; and
    - 5.1.6. spectators;
  - 5.2. act in a manner consistent with the League's aims to promote and contribute to
    - 5.2.1. a safe and inclusive environment for all;
    - 5.2.2. equal treatment and respect for all;
    - 5.2.3. the prevention, avoidance and elimination of any offensive, violent or abusive behaviour; and
    - 5.2.4. the protection for all participants in the League (including referees, other officials and spectators) from harassment (including but not limited to sexual harassment), bullying, racism, discrimination, intimidation or ridicule;
  - 5.3. be respectful of all facilities and equipment of the League and of any other relevant organisations, Affiliate Club(s) or team(s), and refrain from engaging in activities or behaviours which may risk damage or injury as a result of use of such facilities and equipment;
  - 5.4. refrain from acting in a manner calculated to, or reasonably likely to, cause harm to the spirit or morale of the League or other participants in the League and its activities; and
  - 5.5. act in a manner so as to avoid bringing the League, Affiliate Clubs (including officers, officials and members), teams, other players, or themselves into disrepute.
  - 5.6. conduct themselves in a responsible manner with respect to language, temper and attitude (on and off the court);
  - 5.7. demonstrate good sportsmanship;
  - 5.8. abide by the rules of the game and respect the decision(s) of the referee(s);

- 5.9. cooperate with and follow the reasonable directions of any League officers or officials;
- 5.10. avoid individual or collective behaviour which might reasonably be construed by any other person(s) in the vicinity as offensive; and act in the best interests of the League, their relevant Affiliate Club and team.
6. Each Affiliate Club will be responsible for the conduct of its officers, officials, teams, players and spectators.
7. Each Affiliate Club (including officers, officials and members), team and player is responsible for:
  - 7.1. ensuring that they are familiar with, understand, respect and use reasonable endeavours to adhere to the rules and regulations applying to League matches or competitions in which they may participate; and
  - 7.2. taking reasonable steps to familiarise themselves with relevant League information, including match programs and social programs.
8. Each Affiliate Club (including officers, officials and members), team and player must take all reasonable steps to keep the League advised of their contact details from time to time, and to maintain at all times appropriate levels of communication with the Executive Officer or organiser for the League and any Affiliate Club and/or team in which they are a player to ensure the orderly organisation of teams and attendance for League matches and other relevant League activities.

### **Non-member players**

1. From time to time persons who are not members of any Affiliate Club and/or team may be asked and/or permitted to play in the League as a temporary measure, or in order to avoid a forfeit.
2. Affiliate Clubs and/or teams who invite or allow such persons to play must take all reasonable steps to ensure:
  - 2.1. that such persons are aware of the spirit and intent of this Code; and
  - 2.2. for such time as those persons may participate in a League match as part of an Affiliate Club and/or team, or in activities ancillary to such a match, that such persons act in a manner consistent with this Code.

# CODE OF CONDUCT – REFEREES AND OFFICIALS

## South Australian Amateur Basketball League Incorporated

### Code of Conduct – Referees and Officials

1. Always display fairness and uniformity in applying the rules. Be consistent, objective and courteous in calling all infractions.
2. Be honest and completely impartial at all times. Avoid situations, which may lead to, or be construed as, a conflict of interest or any perceived bias.
3. Interpret the rules fairly and in an appropriate manner to match the skill level and the needs of the participants. Use common sense to ensure the 'spirit of the game' for players is not lost by being too pedantic when applying the rules.
4. Keep your knowledge current - know and understand the rules of the game and commit to keeping yourself informed of sound officiating principles.
5. Promote fair play and appropriate sporting behaviour. Manage every game in a positive, calm, confident and respectful manner. Set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the game at all times. Communicate clearly with participants to encourage respect, fair play and the spirit of the game. Respond in a clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by participants. Accept responsibility for your actions and decisions.
6. Refrain from engaging in any form of behaviour that may constitute any form of harassment, bullying, abuse or violence.
7. Deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play and other misconduct in an appropriate manner. Do not tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from players and officials.
8. Support your colleagues (i.e. other officials and SAABL administrators) at all times and do not engage in public criticism of them or any other basketball participant (including clubs, players, other administrators etc.). For the avoidance of doubt, public criticism includes inappropriate comments on social media.
9. Exercise responsibility and place the safety and welfare of participants above all else, including by showing concern and caution towards sick and injured players.
10. Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.
11. Be punctual and observe and adhere to your roster and game schedules. Ensure you arrive at the stadium at least 15 minutes prior to your first game each round. If you are not available or otherwise unable to officiate as rostered, to the extent feasible, advise the Umpire in Charge or Executive Officer at least 3 days in advance of the rostered round / game(s).
12. Present yourself in a way that encourages others to respect you and your role - wear the appropriate uniform and make sure that it is neat and clean.

# CODE OF CONDUCT – SPECTATORS

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR BASKETBALL LEAGUE SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT & TERMS OF ENTRY

PLEASE NOTE: ACCEPTANCE OF THE BELOW IS A CONDITION OF ENTRY TO VENUE

1. Show respect towards all umpires and other officials, coaches, teams, players, Clubs and spectators, including the opposition.
2. Accept and respect the decisions of officials.
3. Respect the venue, facilities and all equipment and avoid any damage.
4. Reasonably comply with any request or direction from any League officer or other official.
5. The following behaviours will not be tolerated:
  - a. inciting or partaking in any form of physical violence or threatening, intimidating, indecent or dangerous behaviour or any form(s) of harassment or ridicule;
  - b. coarse / obscene , offensive, abusive, derogatory or intimidating language or gestures;
  - c. abuse of, or showing dissent to, umpires or other officials;
  - d. any racist or otherwise discriminatory, or anti-social, behaviours.
6. Do not engage in, or encourage, any conduct which is unbecoming of the League or that brings the game of basketball and/or the League into disrepute or is otherwise harmful to the interests of basketball and/or the League.
7. Do not bring any alcohol, illegal substance or drug whatsoever into this venue. If a person is observed to be under the influence of any such substances, they may be removed from the venue on that basis.
8. Do not bring any dangerous or restricted items that have the potential to cause any injury or public nuisance into the venue. Any such items will be immediately confiscated.
9. Ensure that any children within your care are adequately and appropriately supervised.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Any person who does not comply with any part of this Code of Conduct or who otherwise causes a disturbance may:

- (1) be issued with a formal warning, including to refrain from any further relevant conduct of concern;
- (2) be the subject of a report to the League (and possibly a Tribunal hearing);
- (3) be immediately removed from the venue;
- (4) be banned from any further attendances at any or all future SAABL matches and other activities, at the League's discretion.

## AFFILIATION REQUIREMENTS

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR BASKETBALL LEAGUE (SAABL) (“THE LEAGUE”)  
APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATE CLUB STATUS - AFFILIATION REQUIREMENTS

(for the purposes of clause 5 of the Constitution)

The following matters may be considered by the Board, in its discretion, as relevant to the Board (or delegate’s) consideration of any application to become an Affiliate Club, pursuant to clause 5 of the Constitution:

- Completed application for club affiliation received
- Completed team nomination(s) received
- Fee(s) paid (in full) – both club membership fee(s) and any nominated team game fee(s) paid up to date and no arrears
- Accepted / agreed to be bound by and comply with:
  - Constitution
  - Code of Conduct
  - any rules, by-laws, policies, terms or conditions and / or guidelines that may be published by the League from time to time
  - the tribunal and disciplinary processes and procedures that the League may adopt and implement from time to time (plus the club, including officers and officials, players and coaches submit to the League’s disciplinary jurisdiction)
- Affiliation / team nomination(s) consistent with objects and values of SAABL
- Record of compliance with terms and intent of Code of Conduct (at club, team and player levels)
- No known history of bans with other associations / Leagues / basketball competitions (at club, team and player levels)
- No known history of violence or other serious behaviours of concern (at club, team and player levels)
- No known risk of bringing the League into disrepute (at club, team and player levels)

This list is not exhaustive of matters or factors that the Board (or delegate) may take into account in determining to accept or reject any application.

## CONTACTS – THE SAABL BOARD

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# CONSTITUTION