

# *“The Cup”*

## *2025*

After more than 36 years, *The Cup* remains a week of excellent quality basketball, a social experience for both children and adults and a learning experience for Coaches, Referees and Administrators; in essence, a great week of enjoyable value both on and off the basketball Court.

Unfortunately, some adults will endeavor to bring a “win at all costs” mentality with them to *The Cup*, so the following is a brief guideline of what is expected from all States with their involvement in *The Cup*.

### **Player Development**

It is expected that ALL children will return home satisfied that they have been given the required opportunity to develop their game, have received reasonable court time irrespective of their perceived ability, and have enjoyed themselves.

### **Coach & Team Manager Behaviour**

Behaviour of an unsatisfactory nature, such as player abuse, vilification, referee abuse, whining or complaining will not be tolerated.

Any coach or team manager found guilty of such unsatisfactory behaviour will be removed from any involvement in the competition.

### **Referee Behaviour**

A totally professional attitude towards *The Cup* both on and off the court is demanded if a referee expects to continue a career path in basketball.

### **Supporter Behaviour**

This is usually the most difficult area.

Far too many parents/supporters arrive at *The Cup* with unrealistic expectations and a lack of understanding of *The Cup* concepts.

When they consider that their children are being disadvantaged in some way, some lose control which only serves to embarrass them, their children and their State,

All States are expected to be able to provide some form of guidance to parents and supporters as to what is considered acceptable behaviour.

## **A total lack of democracy**

While this may appear rather harsh, there is a very good reason.

This week we are conducting almost the equivalent of three National Titles.

As a result, time is precious and any time spent during the week dealing with egos and complaints is not time well spent.

The Directors reserve the right to change anything in this manual prior to or during the course of the Cup due to operational reasons or unforeseen circumstances.

The contents of this manual form part of the conditions of participation for the Country Cup.

**So, let us focus on what we are here for:  
DEVELOPMENT and ENJOYMENT**

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1987 at 10.30am, the very first match of *The Cup* commenced.

Since then, it has been the first part of the pathway for many players, coaches, referees and managers towards National level involvement.

It has also been in many more cases, the ONLY significant involvement for players, coaches, referees and managers in their State program.

It really doesn't matter!

As long as all those involved in *The Cup* maintain the philosophy of both DEVELOPMENT & ENJOYMENT and return home having experienced a week which will happily remain in their Basketball memory forever, then *The Cup* will have succeeded.

Have a truly great time.

From the Cup Directors

Acknowledgment : The Directors would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which the event is being held and would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present and extend that respect to other Indigenous Australians who are present and participating.



PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MANUAL IS CORRECT AT  
TIME OF DISTRIBUTION BUT IS SUBJECT TO  
CHANGE PRIOR TO THE CUP.  
ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES/ADDITIONS WILL BE  
ADVISED AT THE STATE MANAGERS MEETING ON  
MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2025

Main changes to this Manual for 2025 marked in yellow.

### **PROGRAM OF EVENTS**

#### **SUNDAY**

Referees Check in & Registration

#### **MONDAY**

Referees Camp (All Day) – Scots School  
Scoretable Courses (2) - Wodonga S&LC  
State Managers Meeting with Directors – **Wodonga LC**  
OPENING CEREMONY – Wodonga S&LC

#### **TUESDAY**

Matches - As per program  
Tasman Coaches Clinic – LJSC Albury

#### **WEDNESDAY**

Matches - As per program

#### **THURSDAY**

Matches - As per program  
Team Managers Function - Commercial Club

#### **FRIDAY**

State Managers Meeting – Venue - Quest on Townsend  
Matches - As per program.

#### **SATURDAY**

Cup Directors Meeting – Venue - Quest on Townsend  
Cup Finals and playoff games  
**Closing Ceremony – Wodonga S&LC**

## ***Monday***

### **Stadium/Courtside (On-line) Scoring Courses (2) - 12 noon and 2.00pm Wodonga S&LC**

NB -Every team is to supply TWO scorable officials for each match.

### **State Managers Meeting – Wodonga S&LC 4.00pm- 5.00 pm**

Meeting is compulsory for all State Managers or their representative.  
State Managers or representative are required to bring to this meeting –  
- an update on all changes to Team lists ie names, numbers, coach, manager details.  
- Accommodation details & mobile phone number of State Manager (s).

### **Official Opening – WODONGA - COMPULSORY - 7.30 PM**

- \* Teams (wearing their STATE UNIFORMS) to assemble on Courts 4 & 5.
  - \* State/NZ officials responsible for organising line-ups etc
  - \* Players/Team Officials MUST NOT wear hats and/or sunglasses.
  - \* Players must wear socks and sports shoes.
  - \* Players encouraged to bring guzzler if weather is hot.
  - \* Order of assembly and entrance details will be notified.
  - \* **Players representing the 2024 Cup winning teams, to return cups after flag presentation.**
  - \* **Team Managers & Coaches to assemble behind teams after all teams have march in.**
  - \* Name boards will be supplied by the Cup - bearers are required for each State/NZ – State Manager to organise.
  - \* Athletes, Coaches and Referees Oaths – By hosting State or NZ for that year.
  - \* Cup Flag presentation – 4 U14's (2 male, 2 female) – from host State.
- A separate hand-out detailing instructions will be provide to State Managers at the meeting on the Monday.

## ***Tuesday***

### **Tasman Coaches Clinic**

**COMPULSORY for all team coaches - no entry fee**

Venue Lauren Jackson Sports Centre Albury – 7.30pm to 9.30pm approx  
(10 minute break mid session- no supper)- Clinic to be video taped and copies provided to all States/NZ.

**Guest Coach 2025 – Peter Lonergan**

## ***Thursday***

### **Team & Referee Managers Night**

This event is hosted by the Cup Directors to recognise the work of the player and referee team managers - 7.15pm sharp Thursday evening.  
Additional information will be provided at the State Managers Mtg.

## ***Friday***

### **State Managers Meeting**

**COMPULSORY** – All State Managers (or another representative) and Referee Representative to attend.

**Venue – Quest on Townsend 1<sup>st</sup> Floor conference room - 8.00 am to 9am**

Meeting to discuss current Cup and make recommendations for conduct of the next Cup. - Cup Director to Chair the meeting.

## ***Saturday***

### **Closing Ceremony – Wodonga S&LC**

Hand out detailing assembly etc will be provided to State Managers.

- \* State/NZ officials responsible for organising assembly etc
- \* “The Cup” T-Shirts, without writing on them, **MUST** be worn.
- \* Players may wear sandals, thongs etc.
- \* No hats or sunglasses are to be worn.
- \* No carry items (bags etc) to be taken in.
- \* All players, coaches, teams managers, referees to assemble in designated area on **Wodonga courts 4/5** after the finish of the last grand final.
- \* All States must ensure that (in case of hot weather) all players have a guzzler with them.
- \* Winning teams and grand final referees will march in last.
- \* Winning teams captains to be located at the front of their teams.
- \* Winning teams must be in playing uniform for march in & presentations.

## ***General Information***

### **2025 – AGE GROUPS**

**U14 – PLAYERS BORN IN 2013 & 2012**

**U16 – PLAYERS BORN IN 2010 & 2011**

**U18 – PLAYERS BORN IN 2008 & 2009**

### **COURT LOCATIONS**

**Lauren Jackson Sports Centre – Entry at rear of the stadium  
North Street, Albury – 2 Courts only**

Wodonga Sports and Liesure Centre  
Leisure Centre Drive, Wodonga – 5 courts

Scots School, Young Street Albury – 2 courts

Wodonga Senior Secondary College – 2 courts  
Entry via Woodland Street Wodonga – rear of College

Wodonga Middle Years College – Huon Campus – 2 courts  
Cnr of Mitchell Street and Wilson Street - Wodonga

### **Competition Management**

The Cup uses several types of draws. The most common being:

#### **1. Round Robin – One Pool (8 Teams)**

1.1 All teams in Age Group play each other in a full round robin at the end of which teams are positioned and will play off as follows.

1.2 Grand Final Teams finishing 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Play Off for 3 & 4 Teams finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
All other play off games will be in finishing order unless where teams from the same state are playing each other – in this case changes will be made at the discretion of the Cup Directors.

Alternative – Two Pools (4 teams per pool)

Round robin in Pools 1 & 2 then 2 new pools (3 & 4) formed using top 2 teams in Pool 1 with bottom 2 teams in Pool 2 and vice versa. 2 further games in Pools 3 & 4 excluding game where teams have already played each other. Based on results from all games thus far teams will then be ranked 1 to 8.

Two further pools created – Teams ranked 1,3,5,7 and teams ranked 2,4,6,8.

Quarter Finals – 1<sup>st</sup> v 4<sup>th</sup> etc etc

Semi Finals, Grand Final and Play offs for 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> to follow.

#### **2. Round Robin – Two Pools (5 - 6 Teams per pool)**

2.1 Teams are placed in pools of 5-6 teams and play a full round robin in the pool.

2.2 The bye team in each pool will ( 5 team pools only) play the bye team in the other pool in each round. **These games do not count for final placings.** Where possible this will not be against a team from the same State.

2.3 The draw is constructed so that same state teams do not play each other in the bye games.

2.4 At the end of the round robin, the teams are placed in order in their pool.

2.5 Quarter final/Play off games are then played as follows:

|             |                      |             |         |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------|---------|
| 5 Team Pool | 1A v 4B              | 6 Team Pool | 1A v 4B |
|             | 2A v 3B              |             | 2A v 3B |
|             | 3A v 2B              |             | 3A v 2B |
|             | 4A v 1B              |             | 4A v 1B |
|             | #5A v #5B – play off |             | 5A v 6B |
|             |                      |             | 6A v 5B |

2.6 Winners of the quarter finals (ie teams finishing 1-4 in any pool) then proceed to semi finals.

2.7 Losers of the quarter finals proceed to consolation games (These are not ranking games and will be organised at the discretion of the Cup Directors).

2.8 Losers of semi-finals will play off for 3rd & 4th positions.

### 3. Round Robin – Two Pools (7 Teams per pool)

3.1 Teams play a full round robin in the pool.

3.2 The bye team in each pool will play the bye team in the other pool in each round. These games will not count towards the final position in the pool.

3.3 The draw is constructed so that same state teams do not play each other in the bye games.

3.4 At the end of the round robin, the teams are placed in order in their respective pool.

3.5 Finals (1round only) - 1st pool A v 1st PoolB, 2nd pool A v 2nd pool B etc etc.

### 4. Number of Games (Minumum of 8 per team)

### 5. Point Scores and Positions – Refer to Current Rule Book

5.1 Teams will receive two (2) championships points for a win and one (1) championship point for a loss.

5.2 In the event of a tie, it will be resolved in accordance with FIBA rules in following order:

5.2.1 Head to Head – the winner of the game between the two tied teams will determine the higher placing

5.2.2 Higher Points Difference in games between tied teams only – the teams will be ranked according to their points difference taking into account only the games between the tied teams

5.2.3 If 5.2.2 does not achieve a result then higher number of points scored in game between tied teams only – the teams will be ranked according to the number of points scored taking into account only the games between the tied teams

5.2.4 If 5.2.3 does not achieve a result then higher points difference of all games in the group – the teams will be ranked according to their points difference of all games in the group

5.2.5 If 5.2.4 does not achieve a result then higher number of points scored in all games in the group – the teams will be ranked according to the number of points scored in all games in the group

## 6. Albury / Wodonga / Invited Teams

The result of the actual match stands (win or loss) but invited teams cannot progress to the finals series and will be placed last in their respective pools.

## Tribunals

In the event that there is a Tribunal required following a report in a game the Cup Directors will organise a Tribunal as soon as possible after the game. Any game penalty adjudicated will apply at the Cup and if that penalty exceeds the number of games/time remaining in the Cup the State(or NZ) of the offending player or official will be notified for action after the Cup.

## Mercy rule

U14 competition only – If the score is greater than 30 points players of the leading team are to retreat behind 3-point line until ball has been advanced over halfway line. Losing Coach does not have the option of waiving mercy rule.

Penalty – 1 warning then technical foul on Coach for not complying.

## Administration – “The Cup”

- \* Cup Administrators will be wearing **RED** polo Shirts and **Court Supervisor – Hi-Vis** jackets
- \* Coaches/Manager/Parents who have any issues should consult with their State Manager **first** before contacting a Cup Administrator/Court Supervisor
- \* Cup Supervisors are not to be requested to act as Match scorers.
- \* Cup Supervisors should not to be used by their home State for any purpose unless this has been cleared with a Cup Director beforehand.

**ADMINISTRATION OFFICE - LOCATED UPSTAIRS BEHIND THE GRAND STAND AT THE WODONGA SPORTS & LEISURE CENTRE.**

## Contacts

All State/NZ contact phone numbers will be collated at the State Managers Meeting at **Wodonga S&LC** at 4.00pm on the Monday prior to competition commencing. Copies will be supplied to those present.

## First Aid

- \* All teams are expected to have their own first aid kit and attend to basic on-court problems themselves.
- \* Teams are responsible for “after hours” treatment.
- \* Court Supervisors will assist as required.
- \* Ice is available for injuries only. Ice not to be supplied after games for recovery - team responsibility.



## **Injury Treatment & Reporting Procedures**

When a player sustains a significant injury during a game at the Cup or at Training before / during the Cup an Incident Report Form is to be completed by a Court Supervisor.

- Each State/NZ to make sure that any documentation that is required for insurance claims is collected before the end of the Cup.

## **Medical Services**

\* Players are required to bring their Medicare Card with them, as many Doctors/Hospitals will not accept just a Medicare Number.

\* Physiotherapy and Doctors visits must be paid for by the State or Player.

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| Dentist   | City Gardens Dental  | 02 6021 6141 |
|   | 4th Floor Gardens Medical Centre   |              |
|   | 470 Wodonga Place  | Albury       |
| Albury Hospital - Emergency                         | Borella Road, Albury   | 02 6058 4444 |
| Wodonga Hospital –<br>Emergency                     | 53-81 Vermont St, Wodonga  | 02 6051 7111 |
| Albury Central Medical Clinic                       | 566 Macauley St Albury   | 02 6021 5555 |
| After Hours Medical Clinic,<br>Albury Base Hospital | Hours - Mon-Fri 7pm-10pm,<br>Sat - 9am-12 noon & 4pm-<br>7pm, Sunday 10am-1pm &<br>4pm-7pm | 02 6021 0188 |
| Back on Track Physiotherapy<br>(Mon – Sat)          | Level 1B, 429 Swift Street,<br>Albury  | 02 6021 2695 |

## **Health & Safety Recommendations**

**Recommendations made by a Doctor or Hospital staff regarding a player's fitness to compete will be supported by the Directors of the Cup irrespective of what a State Coach/Manager or player's parents may feel appropriate.**

- \* Team Managers should be aware of the Infectious Diseases Policy of Sports Medicine Australia with respect to having individual towels/ flannels and guzzlers.
- \* Many players and referees still do not understand the principal of hydration before, during after events. It is vital that proprietary lines such as Gatorade etc are heavily supplemented with water.
- \* See timing rules regarding hot weather policy game time adjustments.

## **Concussion Policy**

For details of the Cup concussion policy which will be in place from 2024 please go the Cup web-site.

## **Hospitality Rooms**

**Due to renovations for 2025 there will be no hospitality room at LJSC**

## **Photographs**

The official Cup photographer will be available to take team photographs. It is the responsibility of each team to arrange a suitable time early in the week. Contact: Justin Dallinger 0428 403 104

Each State/NZ will be provided with a USB stick or Drop box style internet access containing all their teams photos for distribution after the event – no hard copy at the Cup.

All team staff are advised that if they become aware that inappropriate photos are being taken by members of the public then they must advise Cup Administration staff/Court Supervisors immediately so that action can be taken.

## **Alternate Uniforms**

**All teams are required to have an alternate uniform in case of colour clashes. Participating teams are to indicate their team colours at time of nomination for approval.**

- The first team named in the programme shall wear light-coloured singlets
- The second team named in the programme shall wear dark coloured singlets
- However, if the 2 teams agree, they may interchange the colours of the shirts.

## **Participation Certificates.**

**There will not be a hard copy certificate issued. The respective State office will be emailed a certificate so that they can prepare certificates for their participants. All participants will also be emailed after the Cup with details of how they can print the certificate for themselves.**

## **TRI-PODS**

**Tripods and extension cords are permitted in the stadiums except if they are used in a position that is likely to restrict pedestrian traffic, impact public safety or spectator comfort.**

## **Referees**

- \* Any discussions required with Cup Referees MUST be directed to a Referee Administrator/Coach. Court Supervisors will advise you where they are located.
- \* Coaches, players, parents MUST NOT approach a Referee directly until they have discussed the situation with a Referee Coach/Administrator or Court Supervisor .
- \* Referee Rooms are located at both venues and are strictly for the use of referees only.
- \* Prior to competition all Coaches will be provided with information from the Referee Manager regarding points of emphasis, expectations, protocol etc.

## **Scoring**

- \* Maximum of ten (10) players per team per match.
- \* Each team MUST supply 2 competent scorer/timekeeper for ALL their own matches.
- \* Stadium scoring system using laptops or tablets will be used for all matches.
- \* Team Managers MUST check player detail etc on the scoretable laptop for accuracy at least 15 minutes prior the start of all their matches.
- \* All matches will start as per scheduled starting time.
- \* Game summaries should be available online 15 – 30 minutes after each set of matches.
- \* Timing rules will be located on each scoretable.

## **IMPORTANT!!**

Team ready to play at scheduled starting time – Coach

Match to start on time – Referee.

The Referee will collect and return match basketball to the Court Supervisors IMMEDIATELY following each match.

**Note: Size 6 Basketball for all Female Divisions and U14 Boys,  
Size 7 Basketball for Under 16 & Under 18 Boys**

## **Timing Rules –**

- \* All age groups – Four x 8 minute quarters – fully timed
- \* Warm up period – 5 minutes
- \* Quarter and  $\frac{3}{4}$  time period – 1 minute
- \* Half time period – 3 minutes
- \* Maximum of 2 time outs per team, per half
- \* Extra time – 3 minutes, one time out per team permitted
- \* Direction Arrow for alternate possession will be used
- \* 24 second shot clock will apply..
- \* Exception – U14's – 24 second shot clock not to start until ball in team's front court.

## **Hot Weather Policy.**

On days of predicted hot weather court temperatures will be monitored and when the inside stadium temperature reaches 35C, the following timing rules will be implemented and apply to games after that time.

A compulsory timeout at the 4 minute mark of the 2nd and 4th quarter will also occur. An extended half time break of 5 minutes will also be implemented.

When the inside stadium temperature reaches 40C games will be abandoned. The compulsory timeouts will be in addition to the normal times outs for the which the teams are entitled. The hot weather time out will not be charged to either team.

This policy is subject to change if required.

## **Rule Changes 2025**

FIBA changes if any to apply – all teams should be aware of any rules changes which came into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2024. Contact your State office for details.

Any other local rule changes will be notified at the State Managers meeting held on the Sunday prior to competition.

Please note that FIBA rules apply to the Country Cup unless specifically altered for operational reasons by the Cup Directors as detailed in this manual.

## **U14 - Zones – NOT PERMITTED**

**Zone defence will not be permitted in any Under 14 match**

- \* It is the responsibility of each State to ensure that their Under 14 coaches do not at any time employ a zone defence.
- \* Complaints by Coaches MUST be directed in the first instance to a Court Supervisor , NOT A REFEREE!!
- \* Complaints by parents MUST be directed to their State Coach.  
NOT A REFEREE OR A COURT SUPERVISOR.

### **A Definition – Zone Defence**

Any defence in the half court which does not incorporate normal man-to-man defensive principals shall be considered to be a zone. For this purpose, trapping defences which rotate back to man-to-man principals shall be acceptable.

### **B Violations of Man-To-Man Defence**

Specifically, violations fall into one of the four categories listed below:

1. One or more players was/were not in an acceptable man-to-man defensive position in relation to their man and the ball.
2. A cutter moved all the way through the key and was not defended using acceptable man-to-man defensive techniques – eg, bumped, switched, followed.
3. Following a trapping or help and recover situation the team made no attempt to re-establish man-to-man defensive positioning.
4. The team zone pressed and did not assume man-to-man defensive positioning once the ball had been advanced into the quarter court.

### **C Notes Which Are To Be Used By Observers – In Any Judgement.**

- Take into account the intention of the defensive team.
- Take into account the time and state of the game.
- Deliberate and pre-meditated use of the zone at a critical time in a game should be acted upon immediately.
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- Take into account the time and state of the game.
- Deliberate and pre-meditated use of the zone at a critical time in a game should be acted upon immediately.
- Where there is any doubt the benefit of the doubt must be given to the defence i.e. be sure of the violation.
- Under no circumstances will any official observer re-act to a call from any player, coach or other official to declare a zone.
- Zones are often confused with lazy defence, poor coaching, tired players and players lost in defensive positions.
- The onus of proof lies with the offensive team, i.e. the offense must pass the ball and send cutters to the basket or ball side to get the defence to adjust their positions according to man-to-man principles.
- Because a player or a number of players run back to the defensive key it does not make it a zone.
- You cannot judge a zone from one offensive or defensive phase. You must watch a number of game phases.
- What is the intention of the Coach? Have they instructed their players to play man-to-man?
- If the offensive “big man” stays on the weak side the oppositions “big man” is not required to move from the split line help position. If he/she is also on the baseline this situation is more pronounced.
- Only concerned about the quarter court – you can trap or whatever until the quarter court.

### **Team Benches**

\*At the end of a game Teams for the next game are not to encroach onto the team bench until previous team has had the opportunity to move out.

\* Teams will be allowed five minutes at the end of their game to leave the bench area.

Teams are to warm up prior to their game at the opposite end to their player bench. First named team on program – Team A – team bench is on the LHS of the scorers/timekeeper.

### **Water on Court**

Team Managers are responsible for their own half of court and their own bench area.

If there is water/sweat on the court please advise the bench so the game can be stopped to clean up.

Teams to provide their own towells for any clean up.

For safety reasons Team Managers are also asked to clean up their bench area at the end of their game.

## **Finger Nails**

\* Players are not permitted to have fingernails which protrude beyond the top of their fingers. Fingernails will be checked during the course of the Cup.

\* The Referee will be the sole judge as to whether fingernails are a satisfactory length.

## **Use of “Skins”**

At the Cup we will following the FIBA guidelines regarding compression garments. This is consistent with what Basketball Australia uses at the U16 & U18 National Championships.

New rule book wording – Article 4.4.2 All players on the team must have all their arm and leg compression garments, headgear, wristbands, headbands and tapings of the same solid colour.

## **Team Training**

\* Team training on days prior to competition are “closed sessions” and are not to be viewed by opposing coaches or staff.

\* Teams are also not permitted to encroach on the training times of other State/NZ teams. Allocated training time therefore must be strictly adhered to.

\* Complaints regarding breaches of this rule should be directed to a Court Supervisor or Director.

## **HAIR ACCESSORIES**

\* Hair accessories such as metal clips or any other sharp-edged items or not permitted to be worn during a game.

## **Child Protection Policy**

**ALL competing States/Teams are to ensure that all Coaches, Managers and volunteers comply with any Child Protection Legislation/Guidelines of their respective State prior to coming to the Cup.**

**In addition all Coaches, Team Mangers and staff will need to complete the on-line Country Cup WWC registration.**

A full copy of the Country Cup Child Protection Policy is available on the Cup web-site under “Policies”. Each State is to nominate a Child Protection contact person for the duration of the Cup including training days.

\* Recommendation - For identification and security purposes all State/Team Managers to display at all times, an ID pass which includes a current photo.

## **Team Officials Dress Code for Games**

**State Uniform to be worn (including sneakers/sports shoes)**

**No Thongs or sandals. No sunglasses. No hats or caps.  
This also applies to Referee Coaches rostered to games.**

# **BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA** **SCOUTING & RECRUITING POLICY**

## Junior Championships and Development Camps

### Objective/Application

The purpose of this policy is to provide acceptable contact guidelines for coaches, scouts and/or other persons (“Scouts”) who attend and/or participate in BA sanctioned, controlled or managed events/programs for the purposes of identification and/or recruitment of athletes/coaches participating in a BA sanctioned activity.

This policy also applies to athletes and coaches participating in the BA sanctioned activity, who shall be made aware of the policy and conditions placed upon Scouts in attendance at the activity.

### Restricted Contact

Under no circumstance shall Scouts engage in recruiting contact at BA sanctioned, controlled or managed activities. The no-contact period shall be defined as the period that the athlete (and/or team) officially registers at the event until the conclusion of the final game, session or activity as defined by BA.

For greater clarity, no athlete or coach, participating in a BA sanctioned, controlled or managed event, may be contacted by a Scout at any time throughout the duration of the event.

Recruiting contact is defined as any discussion (personal or by phone) and/or distribution of information (including the passing of business cards either directly or indirectly through a third person) relating to or influencing an athletes’ choice of future educational institution and/or club team.

### Attending Scouts

Any Scout attending a BA sanctioned, controlled or managed activity must adhere to the following:

### Registration

All Scouts upon arrival at the BA sanctioned activity must:

1. Sign in at the official registration table or contact the BA representative
2. Present credentials identifying the institution and/or club they represent
3. Identify and introduce themselves to the BA Tournament Chairperson, or their designate

### Restricted Access

#### 1. Accommodations/Meal Venues

Under no circumstances shall Scouts be granted access to athletes at their

accommodation and/or meal facilities used during a BA sanctioned, controlled or managed event.

2. Playing Venue - Designated Seating

Where applicable, Scouts shall be required to sit in a designated seating area in the playing venue.

3. Training Venue

Training sessions are closed sessions.

Violations/Penalties

Any violation of the aforementioned terms and conditions shall be reported to the Tournament Chairperson, or designate, who shall investigate the allegation.

Upon confirmation of a violation the Tournament Chairperson, or designate, shall have the sole discretion and authority to impose any of the following penalties, individually or in combination.

1. A verbal warning
2. Removal from the premises
3. A violation letter to the respective institution and/or governing authorities (i.e. NCAA, Club Association, State Association, National Federation or International Federation)
4. An individual restriction from future BA events
5. An institution restriction from future BA events

Upon imposing any such penalty, the Tournament Chairperson, or designate, shall write and submit a report to Basketball Australia, who shall follow up as appropriate.

Final Decision

Any decision and/or penalty imposed by the Tournament Chairperson shall be final and is not subject to appeal.

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