



# South East Australian Basketball League



## RULES

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## 1. Definitions and Interpretations

In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires the following words and expressions have the following meanings.

**"Basketball Australia"** means Basketball Australia Ltd.

**"SEABL"** means the South East Australian Basketball League. This is the actual League in which the Clubs participate.

**"SEABL Commission"** means the SEABL, which will consist of a five nominees elected from participating Associations, one of whom will be elected to the position of Chairperson, and two nominees from BA, to manage, direct and oversee the SEABL.

**"Association"** means an Association affiliated with the relevant State Body,

**"Club" or "Member"** means the Association to whom a licence has been granted **"Licence Agreement" "License"** Licence means the League Licence agreement between an Association and the League granting the right to the Association to participate in the League Competition.

**"Equalisation Payment"** means the annual fee payable by each Club to the SEABL towards the cost of the administration of the SEABL. This fee includes both Administration and operational costs.

**"Annual Meeting"** means the annual meeting of the Clubs.

**"Board"** means the Commission of the SEABL.

**"Business Day"** means every day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday or Public or Bank Holiday

**"Rules"** means these Rules of the SEABL as amended from time to time.

**"General Manager"** means the person who holds the position of General Manager of the SEABL from time to time.

**"League Manager"** means the person who holds the position of League Manager of the SEABL from time to time. .

**"Coach"** means any person who is contracted to coach a SEABL team for any season or part thereof.

**"Constitution"** means the Constitution of Basketball Australia Limited

**"Finals"** means the series of games as determined by the Board, played at the completion of the regular SEABL season by the Clubs to determine the team which becomes the champion team of the SEABL, for that SEABL Season

**"Technical Official"** means any person acting as a scorable official, Statistician or referee or evaluator at any SEABL fixture.

**"Gate Receipts"** means the total moneys received (in the form of cash, cheque, credit card or other payments) by a Home Club for or on account of persons attending an SEABL Fixture.

**"Home Club"** means a Club which is entitled or obliged to stage a SEABL Game.

**"Home Game"** means a SEABL Fixture which a Club is entitled or obliged to stage at its approved home venue.

**"Home Team"** means a team which is named first in a SEABL fixture.

**"Member"** means any person who acts in any official capacity for a Club, including as a player, coach / manager, committee member, employee volunteer, medical or fitness staff, Team Statistician or administrator.

**"Player"** means a player of any SEABL team.

**"Delegate"** is the nominated delegate of any SEABL club.

**"Regular Season Game"** means any SEABL game played in the regular home and away season.

**"Restricted Player"** means a restricted Player as defined in clause 3.2 of these Rules.

**"SEABL Game"** means any Basketball game played between the SEABL Clubs during a season, including any regular season or final or officially sanctioned pre-season game.

**"SEABL Fixture"** means a basketball game which is part of the SEABL or any fixture so designated by the Board from time to time.

**"SEABL Office"** means the premises from which the staff of the SEABL operates.

**"SEABL Operations Manual"** means the written guidelines for operating the SEABL as prescribed and amended from time to time by the Board.

**"SEABL Referees Panel"** means the list of referees who are eligible to referee the SEABL Competition.

**"SEABL Season"** means the period in each year determined by the Board when the SEABL Competition takes place.

**"Team"** means a team of a Club which participates in the SEABL Competition.

**"NBL"** means the National Basketball League of Australia.

**"WNBL"** means the Women's National Basketball League of Australia.

**"FIBA"** means the International Body that governs the rules and regulations of basketball

**"FIBA Oceania"** means the official zone representative of FIBA

**"Code of Conduct"** means the Code of Conduct and the Codes of Behaviour, Defamation Policy, Anti Doping Policy and Pregnancy Participation Policy published on the SEABL website from time to time.

**"Business Day"** means every day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday or Public or Bank Holiday

**"Club"** means the Association to whom a licence has been granted as per the constitution.

**"Coach"** means any person who is contracted to coach an SEABL team for any season or part thereof.

**"Code of conduct"** means the BACode of Conduct as developed by BA from time to time,

in consultation with the BA

**“Constitution”** means the constitution of BA as amended from time to time.

**“FIBA”** or **“Federation Internationale de Basketball Association”** means the international governing body of Basketball of which BA is a member federation.

**“Game Statistics”** means data, statistics or information relating to SEABL or any other games, Basketball participants and Basketball, collected by or for, or in the possession or control of the Club, including the game result and all other statistical information.

**“Member”** means any person who acts in any official capacity for a Club, including a player, coach/manager, committee member, employee volunteer, medical or fitness staff, team satisfaction or administrator.

**“Non-fixtured Game”** means any game participated in by the club that is not an SEABL Game.

**“Other events”** mean events or functions organised or controlled by SEABL relating, directly or indirectly, to the SEABL, including ceremonies, award nights or official dinners or functions.



## **2. SEABL Rules**

### **a. Establishment**

These Rules are provided to each member Club and provides guidelines for the smooth operation of the SEABL during the nominated season. This manual may change each season dependent upon sponsor agreements and Board Decisions.

Clubs should acquaint themselves of all responsibilities contained in this document and ensure that all Club personnel are aware of their individual responsibilities and rights.

### **b. Variation**

The Rules may be amended by the Board as it sees fit in accordance with the following provisions.

(a) The SEABL Board may change these rules from time to time by:

- i. Amending something in these rules; or
- ii. Deleting something in these rules or adding something to them; or
- iii. Revoking these rules and adopting new rules in their place.

(b) Notwithstanding (a), any Club may request the Board to consider an amendment to the Rules provided that such a request is made in writing, is accompanied by a supporting document which clearly states the grounds for the requested amendment.

(c) These Rules constitute a contract between each Club and the SEABL. Accordingly, each Club is required to comply in all respects with these Rules

### **c. Items Not Provided For**

Any matter not covered by the scope of these Rules, provided it comes within the objects of the SEABL shall be dealt with by the Board.

### **d. SEABL Operations Manual**

The competition shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of the SEABL, BA rules and regulations, and the provisions of the SEABL Operations Manual. Insofar as any provision of the Operations Manual is in conflict with any provision of these Rules, provision of these Rules will prevail.

## **3. Role of BA**

- a. BA shall perform functions which will include, but not be limited to:
  - (a) the day to day operation and administration of the Competition;
  - (b) the acquisition and servicing of SEABL Sponsors;
  - (c) the marketing and promotion of the Competition;
  - (d) liaison between BA and media including the control of broadcasting rights;
  - (e) assisting and advising Clubs in the promotion of the Competition;
  - (f) the maintenance of quality control of the promotion and operation of the Competition; and
  - (g) such other duties as it deems necessary from time to time.
- b. Subject to clause 4, any of BA's functions may be performed with the assistance of the Participants.

#### **4. BA Power to be Unfettered**

No person (including any SEABL Licence holder) is permitted to hinder or prevent a BA representative in the performance of their duties. Any such behaviour will make such organisation and/or individual liable to penalty by BA.

#### **5. SEABL Commission**

- a. See Appendix (a)

#### **6. SEABL Administration**

The functions of the League Office Staff will include, but not be limited to:

- the day to day operation and administration of the SEABL;
- the marketing and promotion of the SEABL;
- liaison between SEABL and media;
- assisting and advising Clubs in the promotion of their games;
- the maintenance of quality control of the promotion and operation of games; and
- other duties as directed from time to time by the Commission.

#### **7. League Penalties**

The Commission and/or League Office may impose penalties upon individual players, Clubs, members of Clubs or game officials as it sees fit. Penalties may be in the form of fines, premiership points, suspension or disqualification from SEABL fixtures or any other penalty deemed appropriate by the Commission from time to time. All penalties will be notified in writing to all Clubs by the League Office.

##### **a. Appeal of Penalties Imposed by the League Office**

- i. A penalty imposed by the League Office may be appealed in the first instance to the SEABL Player Administration Appeals Committee (SEABL Appeals Committee). Such appeal shall be in writing and

shall be provided to the Chairperson within nine (9) days of notice of the penalty.

- ii. No appeal will be considered unless it is accompanied by an application fee of \$300.00 to the SEABL, which sum, shall not be refundable in any circumstance and a Payment of a further \$300.00 to the SEABL, which sum will be dealt with as follows
- iii. Where the SEABL Appeals Committee upholds the appeal and grants a clearance to the player, the sum paid by the player shall be refunded; or
- iv. Where the SEABL Appeals Committee dismisses the appeal and considers the appeal did not have sufficient merit, it may determine in its absolute discretion that all or part of the sum paid by the Player, Club or Official not be refunded.
- v. Any appeal shall clearly state the grounds on which the penalty is being appealed and shall include any documentary evidence considered necessary to support the appeal.
- vi. An appeal to the SEABL Appeals Committee which is unsuccessful may be further appealed in writing to BAL
- vii. Until such time as an appeal is heard the penalty will stand unless otherwise determined by the SEABL Appeals Committee

**b. Payment of Fines**

All fines imposed, whether they are on an individual or Club must be paid by the date specified. A Club will be liable to pay a Member's fine and seek reimbursement from that individual. Any fine not paid by the specified date will incur a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the fine for each calendar month or part thereof for which the penalty remains unpaid. No fine may be appealed until it has been paid.

**8. Conduct Detrimental or Prejudicial to the SEABL**

Any Player, Club or Member or game official that behaves in a manner that adversely, or is likely to, adversely affect the SEABL in either its promotion or smooth operation is liable to be penalized by the League Office and/or Commission

This will include:

- (a) Unsportsmanlike Behaviour - Any Player, Club, Member (including cheerleaders and courtside announcers) or game official that acts in an unsportsmanlike manner may be liable to penalty upon recommendation to the Board by the League Office
- (b) Disorders

The behaviour of players, coaches, management and officials can have a major effect on crowd behaviour. If, in the judgement of the League Office and/or Board, any misconduct by such a person or persons stimulates or encourages crowd disorder, the offending party will be penalized as deemed appropriate, including fines and/or suspension.

(c) Criticism of the SEABL, Clubs or Game Officials

Criticism of game officials, Clubs and the SEABL is a matter which is an internal concern of the League. Any Member, including coaches, players and management who publicly criticize any of the above persons or bodies will be deemed to have acted in a manner detrimental and prejudicial to the SEABL and will be liable to penalty. Furthermore, any Member who is found by the Board to have pursued and/or harassed game officials before, during, or after a game will be subject to similar penalties. Clubs will be held responsible for the comments of all their Members which may subsequently appear in the media.

(d) Bribery and Tampering

Any person who directly or indirectly entices, induces, persuades, or attempts to entice, induce or persuade any player, coach, referee, official, management or other person associated with a Club to alter the natural outcome of a SEABL game will be deemed to have engaged in conduct detrimental to the SEABL and will be penalized. This penalty may include the dismissal and perpetual disqualification from any further association with the SEABL or any Club or any Member if found by the SEABL after a hearing to have been guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring, aiding or attempting to cause any game of basketball to result otherwise than on its own merits.

(e) Language

Coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, players and game officials must refrain from any profane or objectionable language which might be heard by spectators or picked up by radio and/or television microphones in the vicinity of the benches and/or playing court. Violators will be liable to penalty.

(f) Code of Conduct

Each player, coach and game official is required to be familiar with and to abide by the Basketball Australia Code of Conduct on an annual basis.

(g) The SEABL may amend or revoke the Code of Conduct at any time.

## **9. League Finance**

### **a. Equalisation Payment**

The SEABL Commission, through the SEABL Office, will present a Financial

Budget to the members. The Financial Budget will be presented to the members, for approval, at the Annual League Meeting.

Each Club is required to pay an Equalisation Payment, as specified by a monthly payment plan issued by the SEABL Office.

**b. Participants**

Only Clubs having signed a Licence Agreement may compete in the Competition. The SEABL may impose such conditions as it thinks fit on any approval of an SEABL Licence, including imposing conditions on a current or prospective holder of an SEABL Licence

Each club is required to pay a Membership Fee annually as determined by the SEABL Commission. Payment must be made to the SEABL Office by no later than 30 September of the current playing season year.

**c. Membership Licence Fee**

Any new club wishing to join the SEABL is required to pay a Membership Licence Fee. This fee is set at \$5,000 per Member for one team plus GST, and \$7,500 plus GST per Member for two teams. The SEABL refunds the Licence Fee, excluding tax, unpaid accounts and interest to the Club upon termination.

**d. Unfinancial Club**

An unfinancial Club will, on the recommendation of the General Manager and with the approval of the Commission, not be permitted to participate in the SEABL Annual League Meeting. A Club will be deemed unfinancial when it has accounts outstanding to the SEABL (including affiliation, administration or registration monies or part thereof) upon which the date specified for payment has expired.

**e. Monies owed to the SEABL**

Any monies owed to the SEABL by Clubs not received by the due date will accrue interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) of the amount owed for each calendar month or part thereof for which the amount remains unpaid.

**f. Schedule of Payments**

There are two options for the clubs yearly equalization payments to be made to the League Office

Nine payments by direct debit or cheque. These payments are to occur from February to October.

Six payments by direct debit or cheque. These payments are to occur from March until August.

**g. Dishonored Cheques**

Cheques from Clubs that are not honored upon presentation will be liable to a fine of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the cheque, plus bank charges.

## **10. ANNUAL REVIEW**

Within four months of the end of the season, **SEABL** and the **Clubs** may collaboratively review the proceeding period and may consider the following matters:

- (a) the administration of the **SEABL**;
- (b) the presentation of the **SEABL** including the **SEABL** website, broadcast partners and game day presentation by the club;
- (c) the national marketing plan for the **SEABL**, including the Club's participation in the marketing program and support **SEABL** partners;
- (d) the financial performance of the club, including any variation from the equalisation payment it provided to the **SEABL**;
- (e) the Team's on and off the field performance in the **SEABL**;
- (f) the venue and compliance with **Venue Minimum Standards**;
- (g) player professionalism, welfare and education programs;
- (h) effective implementation of approved community basketball programs;
- (i) the **Club's** and **SEABL's** overall compliance with the terms and the spirit and intent of this **Agreement**;
- (j) any other matter raised by the club; and
- (k) any other material matter **SEABL** may consider relevant from time to time as agreed by the majority of **Clubs**.

**SEABL** shall determine, in consultation with the club when the review may take place and will give the club at least 21 days' notice. The review may take place in part, or in whole, in a forum with all the Clubs present.

The **Club** shall provide **SEABL**, or its representative, with access to Financial Accounts and other records as necessary to conduct the review

Within 10 days after the conduct of the review, **SEABL** may notify the **Club** that it does not believe the Club has complied with this **Agreement**. This notice must:

- identify in what way **SEABL** considers the **Club** has not complied;
- state the reasons for **SEABL's** concern; and
- identify what **SEABL** considers the club needs to do to overcome its concerns.

If within 30 days of receipt of a notice from **SEABL**, SEABL is still not satisfied that the club can continue to meet its obligation **SEABL** may:

continue the licence on such additional conditions as **SEABL** may deem appropriate;

or

terminate this **Agreement** with immediate effect by giving notice to the **Club**.

Within 10 days after the conduct of the review, the **Club** may notify **SEABL** that it believes **SEABL** has not complied with this **Agreement**. The notice must:

identify in what way the **Club** considers **SEABL** has not complied;

state the reasons for the **Club**'s concern; and

identify what the **Club** considers **SEABL** needs to do to rectify the breach.

If within 30 days of receipt of a notice from the club, the club still believes that **SEABL** has not met its obligations under the **Agreement**, the **Club** may terminate the **Agreement** **SEABL** may only terminate this **Agreement** where:

there has been a flagrant or serious breach of this **Agreement** by the club;

There has been ongoing breach by the club of this **Agreement** (for example two or more defaults.)

The club has contravened its obligations under the *Corporations Act*, or

**SEABL** reasonably believes that the club is unable to function as a going concern or as a competitive participant in the **SEABL**.

Nothing in this clause operates to limit **SEABL**'s rights to terminate this **Agreement** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this **Agreement**, if **SEABL** becomes entitled to terminate this **Agreement** and in order to better secure the performance of each and every obligation owed to **SEABL** under this **Agreement**, and by way of security, the club irrevocably appoints **SEABL** upon the happening of such event as its true and lawful attorney (with power to appoint and remove from time to time substitutes) of the club to sign, seal, deliver, execute and do on behalf of the club and in its name and that of its board of directors or committee of management or otherwise as **SEABL** thinks fit, all deeds, instruments, writings, matters and things whatsoever which **SEABL** thinks necessary or desirable to give effect to the obligations of the club under this **Agreement** or the powers and authorities of SEABL and also to institute, proceed with, defend or compromise any legal proceedings in the name of or on behalf of the **Club** and to appeal against or to enforce any judgment or order in them. Nothing in this clause obliges **SEABL** to act under it.

To avoid doubt, an appointment of **SEABL** as the true and lawful attorney relates only to

the **Club's** participation in the **SEABL** and does not give **SEABL** any power in relation to other basketball Activities undertaken by the **Club**.

## **11. Insurance**

- a. It shall be the responsibility of each Club to ensure that adequate insurance is taken out to cover public liability, personal accident and death occurring at stadiums and venues under their control and whilst travelling to and from SEABL fixtures or training. Furthermore, neither the SEABL nor its representatives shall accept responsibility for injuries incurred by players or game officials during the course of the SEABL competition.
- b. Proof of insurance shall be provided to the SEABL by a Club upon request by the General Manager.

## **12. Travel and Accommodation**

### **a. Air Travel Policy**

- I. All visiting teams when travelling by air are responsible for the ground travel and accommodation arrangements for all SEABL games unless otherwise specified. If the SEABL assists in organising a centralized travel and accommodation service, all Clubs may be required to participate on the cost basis notified by the League Office.
- II. Ten persons per team is the authorized number of a travelling party for the purposes of any SEABL fixture under which a cost component of air travel arrangements is to be borne by the SEABL. The cost for extra travellers will be the full responsibility of the Club concerned.
- III. The standard air travel party for finals shall be ten under a costing structure for travel and accommodation that shall be determined from time to time by the SEABL, specific to finals only.
- IV. If, for any unforeseen circumstance, a visiting team's air transport is unusable, the visiting team leader shall contact the League Manager and seek alternate transport to ensure the game is played as scheduled. Any reasonable alternative at hand must be utilised.
- V. If, for any unforeseen circumstance, a game cannot be played as scheduled it is to be cancelled, postponed or proceeded with at the direction of the League Office.

### **b. Ground Travel Policy**



- I. If, for any unforeseen circumstance, a visiting team's ground transport is unusable, the visiting team leader shall pursue alternative transport to ensure the game is played as scheduled. Any reasonable alternative at hand must be utilised.
- II. If, for any unforeseen circumstance, a game cannot be played as scheduled it is to be cancelled, postponed or proceeded with at the direction of the League Office.

c. **Visiting Team Leader**

Each visiting team shall appoint a team leader for each away game. The team leader shall be notified to the Home Club prior to each away fixture and to the Game Commissioner at least 40 minutes prior to the commencement of the game.

**13. SEABL Sponsorships**

a. Properties

The SEABL has sole sponsorship rights to the following properties. SEABL is to advise Clubs yearly of the list of SEABL Sponsors of the Competition. Clubs are at no time permitted to organise separate sponsorship or form any agreement whatsoever covering the following properties which are owned by SEABL

- I. Domestic & International Air Travel
- II. Playing uniforms and all apparel both on and off court as supplied by the SEABL Sponsor;
- III. Referees;
- IV. Technical Officials
- V. Final Series;
- VI. Competition Naming Rights;
- VII. Television;
- VIII. All Star Game(s);
- IX. Awards & Presentation Dinner;
- X. Pre/Post season Tournament(s);
- XI. Equipment/product endorsements including basketballs;
- XII. Website & Results systems; and
- XIII. Live Statistics Scoreboard.

b. SEABL Sponsorships

The SEABL also retains the right to negotiate a Sponsorship Agreement or agreement over the following areas:

- I. Accommodation;

## II. Ground Travel.

Subject to clause 10.b.1 & .11 where SEABL advises that no Sponsor is currently secured, Clubs may seek SEABL's approval to negotiate a one (1) year agreement with local accommodation or ground travel companies. Subject to the requirements of clause 10 all Clubs will be absolutely bound to utilise specified services under a Sponsorship Agreement, where such services are available, and abide by any other conditions which may be specified by SEABL. Variations to this clause must be sought by Clubs in writing and may be granted at SEABL's discretion.

SEABL may arrange sponsorship on behalf of the Clubs generally. If SEABL arranges sponsorship on behalf of the Clubs, the sponsorship monies will be distributed to the Clubs in a manner determined by SEABL.

### **14. Club Sponsorships**

- a. Subject to this clause, each Club may arrange with a person (for the purposes of this clause the "Club Sponsor") its own corporate or other sponsorship, and will be entitled to retain for its own use all moneys paid by a Club Sponsor.
- b. Subject to clause (c), a Club may not enter into or be a party to a sponsorship agreement with a Club Sponsor whose business is in direct competition with the business of a person who is/are a major sponsor of the SEABL. The SEABL will notify all Clubs who are the Major Sponsors.
- c. Where, prior to notification of the SEABL Naming Rights or SEABL Support Sponsors, a Club has entered into a sponsorship agreement with a Club Sponsor whose business is in direct competition with the Naming Rights or an SEABL Support Sponsor that Club will not be obliged to terminate the sponsorship agreement but will not enter into a new sponsorship agreement to renew the existing sponsorship agreement with the Club Sponsor whose business is in direct competition with the SEABL Naming Rights Sponsor or SEABL Support Sponsors without the prior written approval of the SEABL.
- d. The SEABL may arrange sponsorship on behalf of the Clubs generally. If the SEABL arranges sponsorship on behalf of the Clubs, the sponsorship moneys will be distributed to the Clubs in a manner determined by the Board.
- e. The SEABL may arrange its own sponsorship.
- f. All moneys received from the SEABL sponsorship will be retained and utilised as part of SEABL funds.
- g. Except as otherwise approved by the Board, a Club shall display such signage as directed by the League Office in support of the SEABL Major Sponsor(s).

- h. Penalty for non-compliance, if proven, shall be such penalty as deemed appropriate by the Board.

**15. Trademark Rights**

a. SEABL Logo

The SEABL shall have an official logo. The SEABL logo is a registered trademark and, unless otherwise advised, Clubs are required to gain approval in writing from the SEABL in order to use it. Use of the SEABL logo on Club letterheads is suggested unless otherwise notified by the SEABL.

b. Club Use

A Club must use the SEABL logo including the Major Sponsor's name and insignia on all match programs and promotions.

c. Commercial Use

Where the SEABL logo is used for a commercial purpose such as merchandising, the Club is liable for royalties as agreed by the Club and the SEABL.

**16. Broadcast Control**

The SEABL has the exclusive right to market all tapes, films, video cassettes, video discs and any other technology involving SEABL teams or any footage of games between SEABL teams. As a result, no Club is permitted to sell tapes or highlights of its games for replay either domestically or internationally for any purpose without the written agreement of the League Office which will not be unreasonably withheld. A Club may, however, produce highlights for promotional non-commercial purposes only.

**17. SEABL Property**

SEABL will provide a Style Guide for the Competition each season. In order to service SEABL Sponsors, SEABL has sole rights to certain areas to erect sponsor signs/decals:

a. Throughout Regular Season and Finals Games, SEABL may use signage in the following positions:

- I. Courtside signage, Two (2) metres in length at each end or side end of the court as specified in the SEABL Operations Manual, or otherwise to be in optimal position for exposure during games;
- II. Backboards.

b. The SEABL Style Guide shall contain all provisions regarding the appearance of Player uniforms.

c. Clubs must actively assist and promote SEABL Partners by way of Club Newsletters, Website banner links, Venue Displays, Handouts, Foyer / Entry

Displays, Game Programs, SMS.

- d. Clubs must work co-operatively with the SEABL to provide a minimum of 3 SEABL Partners School Clinics per year
- e. Clubs may, in writing, seek the permission of SEABL to utilise those areas owned by SEABL and not being utilised which permission will not unreasonably be withheld.

#### **18. Club Property**

Excepting those areas outlined in clause 16, Clubs have the use of any other areas of the court or venue for Club Sponsors throughout Regular Season Games. In particular, Clubs may:

- a. lay decals in the court key ways and centre circle;
- b. utilise court ends, sides and surrounds where applicable; and
- c. include signage on scoreboards.

#### **19. Club Signage Restrictions**

- a. SEABL Clubs are free to display courtside and venue signage throughout the regular home and away season providing it is reasonable and not of a distasteful nature. It is the responsibility of Home Clubs to ensure that all signage poses no safety threat to either Players, Game Officials, spectators or any other persons.
- b. SEABL reserves the right to review Club signage at any time. If deemed inappropriate, unsuitable or unsafe, SEABL is to consult the Club concerned and that Club is to take such necessary, reasonable action to bring signage displayed into line with acceptable practices.

#### **20. Reciprocal Club Signage Rights**

Throughout Regular Season Games, each Home Club must make available a courtside area for the use of the Away Club's sponsor if so requested. The following conditions apply:

- a. One (1) sign only will be used;
- b. Sign may be no larger than 1.8m x .6m
- c. Sign to be placed at one end of the court by the Home Club (no further than 2 metres from court edge).
- d. Away Club must nominate sponsor sign such that the sponsor is not in conflict with the Home Club major sponsor;
- e. Away Club to be responsible for the delivery and pick up of sign;
- f. Home Club to be responsible for the setting up of the sign for the fixture and maintaining its position throughout;
- g. Away Club to confirm signage area is required at least one (1) week prior to game taking place.

## **21. Sponsor Servicing requirements**

- a. All Clubs are required to meet all SEABL sponsorship conditions as designated in the SEABL Style Guide unless prior written approval has been given by SEABL.
- b. Clubs are bound to observe and comply with any other requirements which may be advised by SEABL from time to time.

## **22. Member Clubs**

Clubs holding a SEABL Licence may compete in the SEABL. Each Club agrees to abide by the rules of the SEABL and rulings of the SEABL Commission

## **23. SEABL Club Contacts**

Each Club is required to appoint a SEABL Administrator. All official SEABL correspondence will be directed from the League Office to this person only.

## **24. Venue Requirements**

- a. It shall be the responsibility of the Home Club to ensure that all satisfactory equipment necessary for the correct and safe conduct of the game is supplied.
- b. Reports of venues providing less than satisfactory equipment and services may be submitted by a Club or game official to the League Office. The League Office may refer such a report to the Board for its consideration. This may result in fines or re-fixturing away from the venue of the offending Club.
- c. Satisfactory equipment and services as referred to in (a) and (b) of this clause shall include but not be limited to:-
  - I. Properly surfaced floors;
  - II. Backboards in good repair, affixed with standard, protective padding and constructed of a transparent material and;
  - III. Properly secured rings with nets in good condition attached;
  - IV. Adequate seating for team members, officials and spectators;
  - V. Time clocks, including 24 second clocks, and a score board visible to all persons participating in the fixture;
  - VI. A score bench to seat a minimum of four officials with possession arrow, foul and substitution lights affixed;
  - VII. Two game balls; one is to be used as the blood ball
  - VIII. Adequate change room facilities for visiting teams and referees.
  - IX. A courtside announcer for each home game;
  - X. Four suitably attired and equipped floor wipers;
  - XI. Any other reasonable equipment requested in writing by the SEABL.

XII. Qualified Statistics personnel to record game statistics.

**25. Club Uniforms**

a. Uniform Register

- I. Each Club must advise its Club two uniform colour schemes for each of its teams based upon those colours for approval by the SEABL.
- II. All teams shall warm up and compete in a SEABL fixture only in an approved uniform. One of the two approved uniforms for each team shall be predominantly light while the other uniform shall be of a predominantly dark colour.
- III. Referees and coaches have no discretion to set aside any of this rule.

b. Home Team Uniform

- I. the darker team uniform is worn when the Club's team is the Home Team; and
- II. a lighter one is worn when the team is the Visiting Team.

If the Home Team and the Visiting Team for a Game agree, they may interchange the strips so that:

- III. the Home Team wears its lighter strip; and
- IV. the Visiting Team wears its darker strip.

c. Player/Referee Uniform Clash

In the event that a Club's uniform potentially clashes with the referees' uniform, the Club may request for the referees' uniform to be changed. Such a request must be provided to the League Office at least one week prior to the anticipated clash. If the request is approved by the SEABL, the League Office will arrange for the referees to revert to an alternate top (i.e black and white striped shirt).

d. Uniform Change

If a Club wishes to alter its approved uniform, it must apply for approval of the amended uniform by the League Office. The new design must be approved by the SEABL prior to use. Any such request shall be provided in writing to the SEABL with an attached colour photograph or colour drawing (using the actual colours) of the new design.

e. Uniform Numbers

Numbers used on uniforms must be one of the following 1-15, or any number between 20-25, 30-35, 40-45, 50-55. The number 00 is reserved for emergency use.

- f. **Player Names**  
Where possible, Clubs should endeavor to have the player's surname (or suitable nickname) affixed to the back of the player's singlet in letters at least five centimeters high.
- g. **Uniforms Must Use SEABL Logo**  
All playing uniforms are required to bear the official SEABL logo on the right hand side breast of the singlet and the left leg of the playing short. Clubs failing to comply with this requirement are liable to penalty.
- h. **Club Sponsor Logos**  
No playing uniform is permitted to display a logo of size greater than 50 square centimeters on the front of the playing uniform top. No playing uniform is permitted to display a logo on the back of the uniform top which is of a size greater than 37.5 square centimeters.
- i. **Coaches' Dress Code**  
Coaches and Assistant Coaches are required to be neatly dressed to a suitable standard to represent the league. Tracksuit Pants, Cargo Pants Denim Pants and sports shoes / sneakers are not allowed  
Coaches and Assistant Coaches may mix their dress as required.  
Team Managers and other support staff may follow the same dress code or wear a neat full tracksuit or tracksuit top. During the Pre Season, Coaches and support staff may wear dress shorts with a polo club shirt or tracksuit top together with any closed footwear such as sports shoes.

**26. Box Office**

- a. Ticket Procedures - Each Club must provide availability of seats for all visiting teams. Preferential seating must be provided for all League Office Holders and Staff.
- b. Crowd Attendance - Crowd number count must be entered on the Game score sheet and/or Live Stats Box Score

**27. Team Content**

- a. Each Club shall be limited to not more than three (3) restricted players per team
- b. In all cases nationality must be proven by lodging appropriate documentation as directed by the General Manager

**28. Team Lists**

- a. Before any player, coach, assistant coach or manager of any Club is eligible to participate in the SEABL they must be registered with the Club/Association/State and or Territory.

- b. The SEABL shall maintain, during the course of a season, a list of players who are eligible to represent each SEABL team in SEABL regular season fixtures (known hereafter as the playing list)
- c. Each Club shall forward to the League Office registration details on official league forms of all players they wish to be registered for that calendar year.
- d. Subject to 27.a players who are otherwise eligible to represent a SEABL team shall be deemed ineligible if their name is not included upon the playing list for that team.
- e. Subject to 27.a no SEABL team's playing list shall include more than 20 players at one time.
- f. An SEABL Club may amend the playing list of any of its teams subject to notification in writing to the SEABL Office of the change and provision of player details for any additional player in a format consistent with those provided for players subject to clause 26.a above.

**29. Player Eligibility**

a. Restricted Players

Restricted Players determination is split into three categories to determine SEABL playing status.

**Category A**

- A player who was born outside the Oceania region and is required under rules of FIBA to hold an annual Foreign Players Licence

**Category B**

- An NBL/WNBL player who averaged greater than 50% of available court time in the past NBL or WNBL season.

**Category C**

- A player who averaged between 25% and 50% of available court time in the past NBL and between 35% and 50% of available court time in the past WNBL season.

Clubs are able to have a maximum of three players who are restricted players. No more than two players from either category A or B are allowed.

Following is a list of how the make up of restricted players can be determined.

	Category A	Category B	Category C
Option 1	2	0	1
Option 2	0	2	1
Option 3	1	1	1



Option 4	0	1	2
Option 5	0	0	3
Option 6	1	0	2

- b. Any Australian player who last played in a Euroleague Team or any Division 1 competition in the following countries shall have the above apply:

Argentina	Hungary	Spain
Brazil	Israel	Slovenia
Canada – excluding College Programs	Italy	USA – excluding College Programs
China	Lithuania	Turkey
Croatia	Poland	
Czech Republic	Puerto Rica	
France	Russia	
Germany	Serbia	
Greece	Slovakia	

If minutes played could not be produced by any player who played in any of the above overseas leagues then the player would be treated as a restricted player.

- c. Calculation of Restricted Player Date

The date used to calculate available court time shall be determined after the third weekend in January of the NBL or WNBL competitions. Players returning from an overseas league time on court shall be calculated from the season just completed.

- d. Oceania Born & Permanent Residents

All Players born within Oceania Region and Permanent Residents are classified as UnRestricted players. They will still require approval from Basketball Australia and a FIBA Oceania Licence.

- e. Asian Born development player

SEABL will allow special consideration in regards to the inclusion of Asian born development players into team rosters.

Teams are allowed maximum of three Asian born development players, that are not classified as Restricted players, however only one Asian born development players can be included in a game day roster of 12 players. Teams must advise the league office and opposition team at least 2 days prior to game day as to which Asian born player will be included on the game day roster.

The Asian born development player must still gain Basketball Australia approval and be granted a FIBA Oceania Licence as per BA Foreign Players policy, but will not be classified as a Restricted player in SEABL.

f. Unrestricted Player Status

The principles adopted in categorizing players as unrestricted are as follows:

- Player does not rank in Restricted Player Category A, B or C
- Players who have played more than 125 SEABL games with the women or 150 SEABL games with the men at that club. (This rule can not be used on Category A players)
- If a player is choosing to return to their last SEABL club before playing an NBL/WNBL rookie season, they will automatically be classified as unrestricted. (A rookie season is defined as playing more than 8 games in that season)

It should also be noted that all players contracted to WNBL or NBL teams must be cleared from that team to allow them to play with any SEABL Club. NBL players still under contract must complete an NBL Off Season Consent Form.

Basketball Australia upon lodgement of Player Registration forms shall automatically provide a written letter of approval for any player that is in a senior National squad.

**Prior to any approach, either directly or indirectly,** to any NBL/WNBL player, permission must be sought to approach the player from the relevant NBL/WNBL team to which the player is contracted.

**30. Releases for State and National Commitments**

Any player that misses participation in SEABL scheduled games whilst representing their State in National Junior Championships, or Australia on official national duties at national camps or playing for Australia shall have those games missed due to participation, included in the calculations for SEABL finals eligibility. The player must have played a minimum of four (4) games for that club to be eligible to have the missed games included in the calculations for SEABL finals eligibility. Application in writing to the League Office at least 14 days prior to the start of the finals stating the details of games missed must be included.

**31. Player Clearances**

a. **Player Transfer and Clearances**

- I. Clearances may be permitted during the SEABL playing season. To be eligible to be cleared a player must be able to play a minimum of 40% of games for the same Club.
- II. Any player transferring from one Club to another is required to complete and lodge the prescribed Clearance Form with the SEABL office. The Clearance Form places the onus on the

transferring player to ensure that all relevant Club and State clearances have been properly executed prior to clearances being granted. Once a player signs a clearance a copy must be lodged by fax or email to the SEABL office.

- III. A Clearance must be signed by the player who is seeking a clearance, the players past club and if the player is transferring states, the State Association must also sign the Clearance. If the departing Club does not sign the clearance within 7 business days of its notification from the new club, then the player will be considered cleared automatically, providing that player does not have a current contract with the Club they are transferring from.

- IV. Player Contract Prohibition

- b. **Player Contract Prohibition**

Clubs are required to adopt ethical standards and abide by the constraints of the following Rules in matters involving the transfer of contracted SEABL players from one Club to another:

- I. No Club may approach any player or coach contracted to another Club to discuss transferring or to offer inducements to transfer without written approval of the player's/coach's Club to which they are contracted. Penalty for breach of this By-law, if proven, will be an amount not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2000).
- II. Clubs seeking to interview a contracted player/coach must receive written authorisation from that player's/coach's contracted Club prior to making contact with the player/coach.
- III. If a contracted player/coach approaches a Club to which they are not contracted to discuss a transfer, that Club may not enter into discussion with that player or coach and must notify in writing the Club to which that player or coach is contracted of that approach within one (1) day of that approach. For failure to comply, a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2000) may be imposed.
- IV. If any contract does not comply, a written explanation outlining the reasons for non-compliance shall be forwarded to the SEABL General Manager at the time the contract is lodged with the SEABL Office.

## **32. Finals Qualification**

- a. To be eligible to play in Finals, a player has to have played a minimum of 1/3 (33%) of games for the same Club during the regular season
- b. A Participating Association cannot register a new player under rule 27 for one of its teams when less than 1/3 (33%) of the Regular Season Games remain to be played by that team.
- c. When calculating player's games played, player's names must be on the score sheet in the teams playing uniform and seated on the team bench for the duration of the game.
- d. When calculating player's games played and where the number is not a whole number then the number will be rounded up to the next whole number eg 19.1 goes to 20.
- e. A member of a club who by virtue of injury/illness fails to qualify for the SEABL finals under SEABL rule 29.a may apply in writing to the SEABL at least 14 days prior to the start of the finals for permission to play in the finals. In considering any application the SEABL shall have regard only to two criteria, viz.
  - I. Whether the player is a 'bona-fide' player of the Club, and
  - II. The validity of the injury preventing the player from otherwise qualifying to play.
- f. The League Manager may grant a special dispensation if:
  - I. less than 1/3 (33%) of the Regular Season Games remain to be played by the team; and
  - II. the team has fewer than 8 Registered Players; and
  - III. an application for the special dispensation is submitted by the Participating Association on letterhead to the League Manager; and
  - IV. the League Manager is satisfied that there are reasonable and legitimate grounds for granting the special dispensation.
  - V. the player is 23 & Under at the completion of the Home & Away Season.
- g. Notwithstanding clause 29.a above, a player who has been competing for a Club in the State based Youth League Competition for that Club and has qualified for the finals may advance to that Club's SEABL team with the approval of the General Manager under the following conditions:
  - I. the player qualifies as an unrestricted player.
  - II. the player is a registered member of both the SEABL and State Youth League Competitions

### **33. Injury Waiver**

In the case of an injured or sick player a Club has the option of requesting an injury waiver for that player from the League Manager. The injury waiver may be granted, and the player replacement made after the League Manager is satisfied of the bona fide's of the injury or illness, Provided that;

- a. The injured/sick player must miss a minimum of three (3) consecutive SEABL games for the Club and the League Manager has been notified.
- b. Medical certification of the extent and term of the injury/illness is supplied by a certified medical practitioner or sports medicine specialist. Additional medical certification and written notice is provided to the League Manager to state the injured/ill player is medically fit to resume participation after the minimum (3) game stand out.
- c. The injury waiver MUST be lodged with the League Manager by no later than two (2) weeks after the injury/illness has been sustained.
- d. There is no restriction on the number of times that a player may substitute for another player out on waivers, however, each time a player is waived they must miss a minimum of three (3) SEABL games played for their team.
- e. Clubs wishing to bring in a player that would be ruled as restricted may do so only if they are replacing another restricted player.

### **34. Referee Administration**

- a. Referee Eligibility - All SEABL referees shall have a minimum qualification of a Level 2 Referees badge.
- b. Appointment of Referees - Appointment of Referees will be made by the SEABL Referees Commissioner, appointed by the SEABL Board.

### **35. Obligations of Officials**

- a. Behaviour of Game Officials - Game Officials shall conduct themselves in a manner befitting their position at all times. Unsatisfactory reports regarding the behaviour of a referee will be investigated by the General Manager and appropriate action taken.
- b. Performance Below Standard - A notice of any referee officiating at a level considered to be below the standard considered appropriate of a member of the SEABL panel shall be made in the first instance to the League Manager who shall take whatever action deemed necessary.
  - I. Such notice shall be made in writing.
- c. Referee Obligations
  - I. SEABL referees will enforce the playing rules described in these Rules.

- II. Referees are required to notify the Referees Commissioner as soon as possible if unable to fulfill an appointment.
  - III. All SEABL Game Officials shall, if so directed by the SEABL, wear the SEABL approved shirt(s) and any other clothing so directed by the SEABL.
  - IV. The SEABL logo must be worn on all shirts and any SEABL Referee's sponsor's name displayed in a manner so directed by the League Manager.
  - V. Referees are to report to the League Manager any other activity associated with the fixture in which they officiate which they may deem as unsportsmanlike or unprofessional.
  - VI. Referees are required to check the scores, print their name and then sign the score sheet and then return the same to the Game Commissioner within 10 minutes of the completion of the game.
- d. Equipment Check - Prior to the start of a game, referees shall inspect all equipment including the court, basketballs, baskets, backboards and the scorers' and timers' equipment. Any unsatisfactory game equipment should also be reported back to the SEABL League Office.

### **36. Home Club Obligations to Officials**

- a. Officials Dressing Room - Each Club shall provide at its venue a separate dressing room for the exclusive use of the referees and must ensure that no person gains access to the room without the permission of the referees. The room should provide facilities equivalent to those specified for visiting teams with the exception of the minimum seating space.
  - I. Only referees and SEABL officials are permitted in the officials' dressing rooms. No other person, including Club officials and persons associated with Clubs, are permitted in the dressing rooms without permission of the referee.
  - II. A key to the referee dressing room should be readily available to avoid referees having to stand in corridors.
  - III. Any Club failing to comply with the Rules concerning officials' dressing rooms, shall be liable to a penalty.
- b. Refreshments for Officials - It is the responsibility of the Home Club to ensure that adequate refreshments are made available during a fixture for the referees.
- c. Security - Home Clubs are responsible for the security of referees at all times. This includes the entry on court at the start of the game, departing and entry

at half time, departure at full time and departure from the venue if necessary. The Home Club is also responsible for arranging adequate protection for referees, coaches and players during each game.

- d. Amenities - Each referee and a partner are to be provided free entry, seats and car parking (if required) for games in which they are officiating.
- e. Referee Liaison Officer - Home Clubs are to have a referee liaison officer at every home game to look after the reasonable needs of the referees.
- f. Technical Officials (Scoretable & Statisticians) - Each Home Club will, will be responsible for supplying minimum of four qualified score table officials per game. Each Home Club will, will be responsible for supplying a minimum of two competent statisticians per game.

### **37. Referee Payments**

- a. The referee game payment shall be determined by the Board and may be adjusted from time to time by it. The method of payment shall be in a manner as directed by the General Manager.
- b. Referee Expenses - Referee Expenses Payments shall be determined by the Board and may be adjusted from time to time by it. The method of payment shall be in a manner as directed by the General Manager.
- c. Referee Travel and Accommodation - The League Manager is responsible to arrange air/road transport and accommodation arrangements for referees who travel interstate to a game.

### **38. SEABL Tribunal**

See attached SEABL Tribunal Policy

### **39. Fixturing**

- a. Scheduling Responsibility
  - I. The League Office will determine the fixtures for the regular season and for finals.
  - II. Fixtures will be drawn up to be as fair, both competitively and economically, as possible.
  - III. No team will be fixtured to play more than one game on any one date or more than three over a three day period without the prior written approval of that team.
  - IV. Friday, Saturday and Sunday shall be considered normal days of play. However, games may be played on other days subject to approval by the League Office. During finals the team will play when and where the Board determines.

b. Submission of Venue Dates

- I. Each Club is required to submit to the SEABL by 1 November each year, the dates that their venue will be unavailable for the following season. These dates are necessary so as to leave flexibility for the SEABL to draw up fair fixtures and should include as many Friday, Saturday evenings and Sundays as possible.
- II. Clubs should also include any special requests to either stage games on, or avoid, certain dates and should note any potential clashes which they perceive may inconvenience their Club.
- III. Any Club failing to submit the required list by the prescribed date, or which submits an inadequate list without reasonable cause will have no recourse to appeal to change the official fixtures.

c. Draft Fixtures

Before there are less than eight weeks remaining to the season's start, a draft set of fixtures will be issued to Clubs. After reviewing the draft fixtures, each Club will notify the League Manager of any changes to the draft fixtures which they deem necessary to request. Such requests must be made no later than seven (7) days following the release of the draft fixtures.

d. Official Fixtures

Before there are less than four weeks remaining to the season's start, the League Manager will issue to Clubs a copy of the official fixtures for the forthcoming season.

e. Amendment to Fixtures

As a general rule, the official fixtures will not be amended without there being, in the opinion of the League Office, compelling reason for doing so.

However, in the event that a Club is unable to provide its home venue for any designated home game (or a substitute facility approved by the League Office), the League Office shall be authorized to adjust the fixtures as it deems advisable.

f. Game Abandonment

If a game is abandoned, the Home Club shall contact the League Manager as soon as possible.

The final decision as to the grounds upon which an abandoned game is cancelled, postponed or proceeded with in this situation lies with the League Manager. If the League Manager cannot be contacted, this decision may be



made by the General Manager.

That the following formula be used to determine the result for a game that cannot be completed.

- I. A 20 + point margin will mean that the result will stand at the scoreline when the game was abandoned, at any point of the game.
  - II. A margin less than 20 points before half time will mean the game is abandoned.
  - III. A margin of 15+ points between half and three-quarter time will mean that the result stands at the scoreline when the game was abandoned.
  - IV. After three-quarter time, the result stands at the scoreline when the game was abandoned.
  - V. The League Office at its discretion can determine the action's to be followed on games that can't commence or be completed.
    - I. The initial decision is in consultation with the Referees, Game Commissioner and League Manager.
    - II. The League determines the outcome of the game.
- g. Team Withdrawal
- Should a team for some reason withdraw from the competition prior to the completion of the regular season, the SEABL shall determine the fairest way to adjust the competition so that teams that have played or are yet to play the absent team are not disadvantaged.

#### **40. Door Charges**

Each Club has the right to set its own door price for its own regular season home games, exhibition, pre-season or finals games.

#### **41. Game Timing**

- a. Warm Up Period - There shall be a warm up period of not less than fifteen minutes on the court a SEABL fixture is to be played on when an alternative court is available for earlier warm up. If no alternative court is available, then a warm up period of not less than twenty minutes shall apply.
- b. Pre-Game Announcements - When the warm up clock reaches 5 minutes it shall be stopped and both teams shall return to their respective benches. The court announcer will introduce the players individually, starting with the visiting team players and officials followed by the home team players and officials and then finally announcing the referees.
  - I. When all players, officials and referees, have been announced,

the relevant National Anthem(s) may be played. All players and officials shall maintain a dignified position during the National Anthem(s).

- II. On completion of the introductions the clock shall be restarted and the teams may recommence their warm up.
- III. Any modification to this pre game procedure by the Home Club must have the prior approval and be communicated by the Home Club to visiting team.
- IV. Both teams must be present on court for the introductions. Any team failing to appear will be subject to penalty.

c. Game Timing

- I. All men's and women's SEABL matches will consist of four (4) quarters of ten (10) minutes which shall be fully timed.
- II. There shall be a break of two (2) minutes duration between the first and the second quarters, and between the third and the fourth quarters. A maximum half time interval of fifteen (15) minutes and a minimum of ten (10) shall apply to all SEABL games unless otherwise directed by the League Office. Five (5) minutes of the half time interval must be available to teams for warm ups.
- III. If the scores are tied at full time, a further five (5) minutes of extra time will be played to decide a winner. If scores remain tied after this period of extra time, another five minutes is to be played and so on until a winner is determined.

d. Starting Time Change

- I. The Game Commissioner shall ensure that the game commences at the time scheduled.
- II. If a Club wishes to amend a tip-off time after the release of the official fixtures, it must apply in writing with the visiting team's approval to the League Manager at least twenty-one (21) days in advance of the fixture for which the amendment is required. No such amendment to tip-off time may take place without the prior approval of the League Office.
- III. Upon considering a request from a Club for amendment to a tip-off time, the League Office shall inform the Club of its decision. If a requested amendment is approved, it is then the responsibility of the Club requesting the change to notify all relevant parties,

including the media, of the new tip-off time.

e. Half Time Extension

- I. Half-time extensions are to be used only in extraordinary cases relating to the recognition of competitive achievements (such as retiring a uniform number or the setting of a significant statistical record).
- II. A half-time extension requires approval from the League Manager and should be requested in writing at least 4 days prior to the fixture for which it is required. This will enable time for the matter to be discussed with the visiting Club.
- III. The fact that a visiting Club does not object to the approval being granted does not necessarily mean that it will be approved by the League Manager.

**42. Playing Rules**

a. Rules to apply

All SEABL games shall be played in accordance with all FIBA guidelines of rules

and Basketball Australia playing rules in force from time to time, save for the variations agreed to by the Board and circularised to all Clubs and the SEABL Referees Panel.

b. Points of Emphasis Policy

- I. On an annual basis, the SEABL will release a policy statement to all SEABL Clubs and game officials. That release shall be made no less than six weeks prior to the start of that season.
- II. The SEABL in forming its Points of Emphasis Policy will consider any rule changes adopted by Basketball Australia and any points of emphasis released by Basketball Australia. The Board will also consider the image of any given SEABL game as being the main objective of the Policy.
- III. The Policy shall include but not be limited to matters of behaviour, the role of all parties, methods of operation concerning officials and evaluation processes.

**43. Home Team Responsibilities**

- a. Game Commissioner - The Home Club is required to appoint a Game Commissioner for each fixtured SEABL game. The game commissioner is responsible for, among other things;

- I. game timing;

- II. game statistics collection for both teams and Most Valuable Player voting slips for both teams;
  - III. compliance with uniform Rules;
  - IV. compliance with personnel requirements;
  - V. compliance with SEABL signage requirements;
  - VI. compliance with SEABL promotion requirements.
- b. Change Rooms - The Home Club is required to provide a change room for visiting teams with seating for at least twelve (12). Facilities for showering and toilets must also be readily accessible. The change room must be lockable. The change room should contain a white board and appropriate writing and erasing instruments.
  - c. Provision of Ice and Water - The Home Club shall provide water and ice for visiting teams.
  - d. Access to Games - Home Clubs are required to give free entry to any person who presents an "SEABL PASS". All SEABL Media Pass Holders should also be provide with a suitable seat for the game and, if appropriate be given internet access for them to write up the game stories. The Home Club is required to do everything possible to accommodate reasonable requests in the setting up of television, radio broadcasts and/or internet web casting
  - e. Game Program - The Home Club is required to produce a game program of a reasonable standard which complies with the requirements of the SEABL . The game program must include team lists and the current SEABL premiership table as well as previous weeks results.
  - f. Milestones - Home teams are required to recognise all milestones requested by the visiting team and should also recognise milestone achievements made by their own team.
  - g. Milestones for referees are to be recognised. Such recognition may be done through the game program and/or over the public address system. In some cases, it may be in order to make a special presentation.
  - h. Pre Game Procedure - All Clubs are required to accurately and completely execute the Pre Game Procedure as specified by the League Manager.
  - i. Balls - Should it be required, Home Clubs are to provide a minimum of 3 warm up balls to the visiting team. The game ball which must be the SEABL approved brand may not be used by either side in warm ups and must be given to referees 10mins prior to tip off.
  - j. Option of Ends - The Home team has the option to choose which end it will attack in the first period, which team bench it will use and which end it will use

for the pre game warm up.

- k. Bench - At all times while in the venue, the security of the visiting team is the responsibility of the Home Club. This includes the security of the player's bench where the visiting team must be sheltered from undue harassment or interference from the fans.
  - l. Disruption of Game - The use of arena music, sound systems and/or lights to disrupt the play of a visiting team in any way is prohibited. The Home Club is responsible to ensure this does not occur and any violation will be dealt with as soon as practical by the SEABL. (For example, while the visiting team is attempting a free throw, the playing of music or flashing of lights is not acceptable nor is disruption from the court announcer.)
  - m. Floor Maintenance - It is the responsibility of the Home Club to ensure that a minimum of four persons are available during the game to mop dry any wet spots which may be on the floor. Game officials are not permitted to perform this duty.
    - I. No promotions may be conducted by any Club, either pre game or during the half time break, that involve the introduction of moist or sticky substances to any part of the wooden surface, either within the playing area or on the area surrounding the floor.
    - II. A Blood kit must be located at the Score Bench
  - n. Organised Medical Procedures
    - I. The Home Club shall have an organised procedure to follow in the case of serious injury and with which the Game Commissioner is familiar. Such a procedure must have the prior approval of the Board. This procedure should include where possible, a doctor or physiotherapist in attendance of the game.
    - II. A Home Club should have first aid facilities available for spectators present at the game.
  - o. SEABL Game Video Management
- The following are non-negotiable requirements for SEABL Game Video:
- I. Each Home team must record their men and women's game on video.
  - II. A copy of this game vision must be supplied to the Away team within a reasonable time limit after the end of their game (20-30 minutes).
  - III. A copy of each game must be uploaded to the SEABL Game

Exchange folder on Dropbox, no later than 5pm on the Tuesday immediately following a completed round.

- IV. Files uploaded to Dropbox must be either .mpv or .mp4 format. Files should also be 720 pixels wide, preserve the aspect ratio, and be deinterlaced.

The SEABL requires the Home team to meet these conditions by using the following options:

**Option B**

- Record the game to an SD memory card in the camera.
- At the completion of the game, remove the SD card, and copy the game files to the USB drive of the away team.
- Upload game to Hudl software within 24hrs of end of game..

The SEABL will issue 2 x Min. 8GB USB drives to each team manager at the start of each season. These drives are to be used ONLY for the purpose of attaining electronic game files from the home team when travelling. The SEABL will not issue replacement USB drives during the season.

If the Home team chooses OPTION B to generate their game files, it is the responsibility of the Away Team Manager to liaise with the Home team Game Commissioner to ensure that the game vision is returned on their USB. Ideally, the Away Team manager will give their USB drive to the Home team Game Commissioner before their game, and then this is returned to the Away Team Manager within a reasonable time limit after the end of their game (20-30 minutes).

Other rules concerning the recording of games remain the same. I.e.:

- The camera operator must be proficient in the features and operation of the video camera, and the Option A or option B process that their club follows.
- The camera operator must ensure the game is captured with the right technique. For example, the game should not be shot too tight or too distant, and have unnecessary or excessive camera movement. A general guideline to follow is that the boundary of the viewfinder should include the three referees (e.g. cover the area from the baseline to about 2 meters inside the halfway line).
- The camera operator must take shots of the scoreboard at regular and appropriate intervals, such as time outs, quarter time breaks and during free-throws.

**44. Protest Procedures**

a. Result Protest

- I. Should a team believe that its interests have been adversely affected by a decision of a referee, score table official or by any other event that took place during a game, it must proceed at the moment when the incident takes place or when the ball is next dead by, the Captain of the team making his/her observations to the referee in a calm and courteous manner. The referee may explain his/her decision, or if necessary examine the scoresheet and check the score and playing time. If this interruption exceeds thirty (30) seconds it shall be charged as a timeout to the team in question unless the referee decides otherwise, recognising the validity of the observation (FIBA Rules) .
- II. Should the final buzzer fail to operate or not be heard in the case where the result of a game hinges on a determination of when the buzzer went, the referees will make the final decision. This decision may not be appealed.
- III. If a Club is of the opinion that one of its players, coaches or officials has been unfairly dealt with by an opposition player, coach or official, they may request the General Manager to investigate the incident. Such a request must be in writing and clearly state the grounds for the request and provide whatever documentary evidence that is considered necessary to support their claim. This request must be received by the SEABL office within twenty-four (24 hours) of the conclusion of the fixture and must be accompanied by a bond of two hundred dollars (\$200) which shall be returnable should the complaint be upheld. The General Manager will then refer the matter to the Tribunal for consideration.

b. Finals Provisions

Notwithstanding the above, no protest may be lodged in connection with any game played in the regular season after midnight of the day of the last game of the regular season.

In respect of game or incident protests arising from finals games, such a protest must be lodged with the SEABL Office no later than midnight of the day of the game or incident.

c. Notification of Protest

Upon receipt of a protest, the General Manager shall at once notify the

Administration of the opposing team in the game protested.

#### **45. Forfeited Games**

- a. A forfeit is deemed to occur when insufficient players representing a team are present at the fixtured starting time for a SEABL fixture. A Club whose team for any reason fails to appear for or complete any fixtured pre-season, regular or finals game, including overtime, except for acts of God or related events beyond such team's control shall be deemed to have forfeited that game and shall be liable upon recommendation of the General Manager, to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000) and suffer such additional penalty as shall be deemed appropriate by the SEABL.
- b. Notwithstanding Clause 36 (f), a forfeited game shall not be replayed.
- c. In the event of a forfeit, the team forfeiting shall be deemed to have lost the game with a score of zero points to twenty.
- d. When play in a fixture commences and the game is subsequently abandoned, all players on the scoresheet shall be deemed to have participated in the fixture. For the purposes of player finals eligibility, if the game is subsequently replayed, any player on the scoresheet who was on the scoresheet for the abandoned game shall only be credited with one game's participation in terms of that fixture.
- e. When a fixture is forfeited, only those players on the scoresheet for the team which did not forfeit will be deemed to have participated in the fixture.

#### **46. Premiership Table**

- a. Teams shall be placed in order of wins percentage. Teams with equal win percentage shall be placed in order of point's percentage as per FIBA rules:
  - I. If there are two teams that finish equal at the end of the regular season playing schedule then only the result(s) of the game(s) between the two teams involved will be used to determine the final placing in the regular season standings.
  - II. In the event that the total points scored and conceded are the same in the games between the two teams, the classification will be determined by GOAL AVERAGE taking into account the results of all the games played in the league by both teams.
  - III. If more than two teams are equal in the placing, a second classification will be established taking into account only the results of the games between the teams that are tied.
  - IV. In the event that there are still teams tied after the second classification, then GOAL AVERAGE will be used to determine



the placing, taking into account only the results of the games between the teams still tied.

- V. If there are still teams tied, the placing will be determined using GOAL AVERAGE from the results of all their games played in the League.
- VI. If at any stage, using the above criteria, a multiple team tie is reduced to a tie involving only two teams, the procedures in Part (I.) and (II.) will automatically be applied.
- VII. If it is reduced to a tie still involving more than two teams, the procedure beginning with point (c) is repeated.
- VIII. GOAL AVERAGE will always be calculated by division.
- IX. Where there is a tie on the table at the end of the regular season playing schedule and the teams involved have not played home and away against each other equally, all games played for the season shall count in a points for and against percentage to determine placing

#### **47. Finals**

- a. In regard to the men's and women's competition, there shall be a final four (4) in each conference who shall contest a final series for that competition
- b. A Men's and Women's Championship Game will be held between the winners of each Conference Final. The winner of this game will be awarded the SEABL Champions title.
- c. The SEABL Championship Finals will be played at a venue decided by the Board
- d. A draft play-off schedule will be drawn up as soon as is practicable by the League Manager following the completion of the SEABL regular fixtures. Such a schedule will take account of the travel needs of the teams involved. The draft schedule will then be referred to the teams involved for comment prior to finalisation. The finals fixtures will then be finalised and provided to all Clubs.
- e. The format of the finals will be determined by the SEABL Board and published prior to the start of each season.
- f. If a Visiting Team requires tickets for supporters, they must advise the Home Team of their needs no later than 5.00pm on the Tuesday prior to the game. Host Clubs must keep sufficient tickets available (10% or 100, whichever is greater of its seating capacity, with the exception of Belconnen and Frankston Stadiums who will allocate 50 seats) in a good location until this time. If

requirements are not advised by Visiting Teams by 5.00pm Tuesday, then Host Clubs reserve the right to on-sell such tickets.

- g. Appropriate seating should be reserved until 5.00pm Wednesday for SEABL Representatives. The SEABL Office will advise of any required seating within this timeframe.
- h. The designated home team for a finals game will assume all responsibilities normally associated with a regular season home game unless otherwise directed by the League Office.

**48. Other Game Provisions**

- a. Abandoned Games Authority - For the purpose of game abandonment the game officials' jurisdiction begins with the opening tip-off. Prior to this, it shall be the decision of the Game Commissioner whether or not playing conditions are such to warrant abandonment.

Once the game begins, if because of extremely hazardous playing conditions the question arises whether or not the game should be abandoned, the referee shall see that every responsible effort is made to continue the game before making the decision to terminate it.

- b. Bench - During the game, the bench shall be occupied only by the coach, assistant coach(s), players and trainer/manager.
- c. Ejected Coach or Player
  - I. A player, coach or assistant coach, upon being notified by an official that they have been ejected from the game, must leave the playing area immediately and remain in the dressing room of their team during such suspension until the completion of the game or leave the building.
  - II. The use of messengers and/or telephones or any other electronic media to transmit information from the ejected coach to the bench is in violation of the spirit of this rule and is subject to appropriate penalties.

**49. Trophies and Awards** - The Board or its nominated representative shall have power to allocate trophies and awards for meritorious performance during the SEABL competition. Such allocation shall be decided upon by a manner deemed appropriate by the Board.

**50. Use of Illegal Drugs** - The SEABL will abide by the Doping policy of Basketball Australia

**51. Spectator Conduct**

- a. Any spectator who uses obscene, profane or objectionable language in a

manner which, in the opinion of the game officials, is so extreme as to render the officials unable to satisfactorily perform their duties will, at the direction of the referee, be given one warning by the game commissioner. If the same spectator continues to act in a like manner, they will be ejected from the venue by the game commissioner or their representative at the direction of the referee.

- b. Any spectator guilty of intentional physical contact with a game official before, during or after a game will be ejected from the venue by the game commissioner or their representative and be liable to further action.

**52. Promotion/Media**

- a. Pre-season Promotion
  - I. Each Club is required to provide to the SEABL Office player profiles for its top six(6) players (including photographs) by no later than six (6) weeks prior to the seasons start. These profiles may be used by the SEABL for publicity or promotion purposes and should also be provided to local media outlets.
  - II. Each Club is encouraged to hold an official team launch (eg. presentation of uniforms) at some time in the six weeks prior to the commencement of the regular season. Clubs must inform the League Office of the date of the launch at least five (5) business days prior to that launch.
- b. Game Promotion - Each club is required to promote their home games to the best of their ability.
- c. Game Program
  - I. All home teams are required to produce a program for every game.
  - II. Game programs must give acknowledgment to SEABL sponsors as directed by the League Office.
  - III. Game programs must avoid making derogatory or inflammatory statements about visiting teams, players, coaches, or referees.
- d. SEABL All Star Game
  - I. The General Manager on direction of the Board may implement the staging of Allstar games.
  - II. Clubs may not unreasonably prevent a player/or coach from participating in any official SEABL All-star game.

**53. Pre-Season and Exhibition Games**

- a. Any Club wishing to hold a pre-season or exhibition or practice game using

any reference to the SEABL must obtain approval from the SEABL at least forty eight (48) hours prior to the game.

- b. The Home Club must play the game in their own Licence Area. If the game is not to be held in the Home Club's regular venue, then adequate preparation of the venue to be used should occur to maintain the image of the SEABL.
- c. Any such game must be presented in a similar manner to any regular SEABL fixture unless approval is given by the Board, upon application in writing from the Home Club, for variance to those requirements. The minimum requirements for such SEABL games will be specified by the General Manager.

#### **54. Doping Policy**

- a. 8.1 The Australian Basketball Federation Inc. shall institute and enforce the Doping Policy of the Australian Basketball Federation Inc. as set out hereunder for any interstate basketball competitions and championships organised and conducted by the ABF and for players and officials of any national teams and as modified from time to time by the Board.

In this policy, the following words shall have the meanings set forth below:

“Player” shall mean a member or potential member of an Australian National Basketball Team and/or members of a member body of persons competing in any basketball competition under the control or auspices of a member body.

“Doping” shall have the same meaning as determined from time to time by the International Olympic Committee.

“Member body” shall mean a member of the ABF pursuant to its constitution.

“Official” shall mean an official or responsible authority, coach, medical practitioner, sports scientist or psychologist or other person associated with basketball other than as a player.

“Responsible shall mean the Australian Basketball Federation, the authority” Federation of International Basketball Associations (FIBA), the State Basketball Associations, the National Basketball League, the Women’s National Basketball League, the Australian Olympic Federation, the International Olympic Committee, the Australian Sports Commission and the Australian Sports Drug Agency.

and such words when used in the plural shall have a corresponding meaning.

- I. Doping is forbidden.
- II. This policy applies to all member bodies, players and officials.
- III. All basketball officials and players are liable to doping controls which shall be conducted by the ABF Medical Commission, the

FIBA Medical Commission, the Australian Sports Drug Agency or body as delegated by the ABF in conformity with the rules from time to time of the IOC Medical Commission.

- IV. All member bodies shall cause all players and officials to be liable to a doping control examination to be conducted in conformity with the rules of the IOC Medical Commission. All member bodies shall permit the ABF Medical Commission or delegated bodies to:
- a. attend competitions conducted by them or under their auspices and conduct doping control examinations on players and officials, and
  - b. conduct doping control examinations on their members out of competition, which examinations shall be in addition to those conducted by the responsible authority or authorities concerned.
- V. Samples taken by the ABF Medical Commission or by a member body shall be analysed by a laboratory accredited by the IOC (provided however that the first sample may be analysed at the Australian Government Analytical Laboratory at Pymble, New South Wales, notwithstanding that it is not accredited by the IOC).
- Two samples shall be taken and upon being informed by the laboratory that the analysis of the first sample reveals a breach of the doping provisions, the Chairman of the ABF Medical Commission or a duly authorised officer of the member body will authorise the analysis of the second sample. Upon being informed that the analysis of the second sample confirms the breach of the doping provisions, the Chairman or such duly authorised officer shall notify the Chief Executive of the ABF.
- VI. Players and officials are liable to any number of doping control examinations in any year, whether in or out of competition.
- VII. Subject to Rule 8 of this policy:
- a. any player or official who is found by a responsible authority to have taken or used prohibited drugs or stimulants or participated in other related doping practices prohibited by that responsible authority (all of which are hereinafter called “doping provisions”) will be

ineligible for selection in any Australian National Basketball Team or in any basketball competition under the control or auspices of the ABF (including its member bodies or to hold any position on the ABF) or from officiating at such competitions for the following periods:

- b. up to three months for inadvertent banned drug use;
- c. two years for a first positive drug test;
- d. and life for a second offence.
- e. Inadvertent drug use includes a cough suppressant, pain killer, decongestant or antihistamine where Doping Control Tribunal is satisfied that the drug was taken orally and without the intention of enhancing sporting performance.
- f. The sanctions on any such player or official will be determined by the Doping Control Tribunal as set out in Rule 14.1.8.
- g. The ABF reserves the right to review a penalty imposed on a player from time to time.
- h. Any official or other person who aids, abets, counsels or procures or is knowingly involved in a player's breach of a responsible authority's doping provisions will be ineligible for selection in any Australian National Basketball Team for life and will be ineligible to hold any position within the ABF or hold any position within the ABF or hold any position in any of its member bodies or from officiating at ABF sanctioned events.
- i. If already selected in an Australian National Basketball Team or holding an ABF or member body position, such player and/or upon any breach of the doping provisions.

VIII. The Doping Control Tribunal shall consist of three independent members acceptable to the ABF and the member body and shall not be comprised of members of the ABF Executive or ABF Medical Commission. The Doping Control Tribunal can appoint an independent medical practitioner to assist the Tribunal with technical material relating to any inquiry.

Upon receipt of notification, or upon being notified by any responsible authority that there has been a breach of that authority's doping provisions, the Chief Executive shall notify in writing the player or official or person concerned indicating the nature of the finding of the responsible authority and stating that such person shall have the opportunity to be heard by the Doping Control Tribunal at a meeting the date of which shall be stated in such notice and indicating that the offending person may present to the meeting any relevant material as to why he or she should not be subject to the penalties prescribed by the Rule.

Any decision of the Doping Control Tribunal to impose a lesser penalty lesser than prescribed in the Rule, shall be in its sole and absolute discretion except in the case of appeal.

A person in breach of the Authority's doping provisions following the findings for the Doping Tribunal may appeal to the Chief Executive of the ABF for such appeal to be heard by the Appeal Tribunal. The Appeal Tribunal, appointed by the Chief Executive of the ABF or his nominee, shall have three independent members, the chairperson being a legal practitioner and the other two members representing the ABF and the member body; all three members should be acceptable to the ABF and the effected member body and not have been members of the Doping Control Tribunal.

The Appeal Tribunal can appoint an independent medical practitioner to assist the Tribunal with technical material relating to the inquiry and/or appeal.

- IX. Any Australian National Basketball team official or member who refuses to submit to a doping control examination will immediately be removed from that team will be ineligible to officiate at any ABF sanctioned competition and will be ineligible for life for selection in any Australian National Basketball Team or competition in any basketball competition under the control or auspices of the ABF or one of its member bodies and will be ineligible to hold any position within ABF or its member bodies. Any other basketball official or player who refuses to submit to a doping control examination will be ineligible to officiate at any

ABF sanctioned competition and will be ineligible for life for selection in any Australian National Basketball team for life and will be ineligible to participate in any basketball competition under the control or auspices of the ABF or one of its member bodies and will be ineligible to hold any position within the ABF or member bodies.

- X. It is the intent of this policy that if a responsible authority or member body conduct doping control examinations they do so in conformity with the rules of the IOC Medical Commission, but failure to conduct doping control examinations in conformity with these rules shall not of itself invalidate the findings of any such doping control examination.
- XI. This policy shall also apply to the Director or other officer of any corporation, body and any committee member or officer of any association or body, where it is reasonably suspected that such Director, committee member or officer has been knowingly involved in, or acquiesced in, or approved of such corporation or association aiding, abetting, counseling or procuring a player's breach of a responsible authority's doping provisions. Any such Director, committee member or officer shall be liable to the same penalty as if he or she were an official.
- XII. The Australian Basketball Federation Executive Board or delegated body will be responsible for the administration and implementation of this policy.



## Appendix (a)

### ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA COMMISSIONS

#### SEABL COMMISSION

1. All Commissions act as advisory bodies to the Management and Board of Basketball Australia and prior to any recommendation will :
  - Consult and review
  - Evaluate
  - Analyse
  - Recommend changes in their respective portfolio. These recommendations will be considered by Basketball Australia management and, if needs be, the Basketball Australia Board.
2. Commissions can be delegated direct decision making powers by the Basketball Australia Board. These delegations will be at the sole discretion of the Board, made in writing and included in the Terms of Reference of the relevant Commission.
3. Commissions should canvas widely the views, opinions and stance of constituent members and league clubs, to ensure that state/territory association and club views and opinions are taken into account and adequately addressed before any recommendation is put forward.
4. Commissions should consider the implications of their recommendations to local, state and national bodies and the various leagues which are conducted by Basketball Australia.
5. Commissions must balance the needs of basketball to:
  - Increase participation in all areas
  - Provide opportunities to develop
  - Create and maintain effective competitions
  - Succeed in the high performance area of our sport
6. Commissions should at all times act in the best interest of the sport in Australia.

## 1. ROLE OF THE SEABL COMMISSION

The SEABL Commission is established:

- a) To manage the SEABL as a strategic business unit of BA. The operating budget for the SEABL will be determined and recommended by the Commission to the BA Board for approval as part of the regular budgeting process. As a guide to the Commission it has been agreed that any excess of revenue over expenditure relating to the SEABL and its properties will accrue to BA for allocation at the discretion of the Board. The Board will give favourable consideration to the re-investment of any such amounts in the SEABL.

SEABL will provide BA with cash reserves of \$300k. These reserves will be held by BA, under the control and management of the BA Board, and quarantined for SEABL.

The \$7.5k/\$5k cash guarantee will be used at BA's discretion for the purposes of the team that provided the guarantee, for example, to cover Club debts of more than 90 days.

The Club is responsible for returning its guarantee to its original level prior to the commencement of the next season. Failure to do so is grounds for revoking the team's license to play in the SEABL.

Interest received from this account will be transferred and included as working capital in the League's annual budget for the following years.

Costs of participation in the SEABL will be determined by BA in consultation with the SEABL Clubs and in the context of SEABL's budget and Business Plan.

- a) To recommend the appropriate financial criteria and parameters for the clubs and league to establish a sustainable financial and business model that provides for secure growth in future seasons.
- b) To make recommendations on season timing should adjustments be required.
- c) To recommend the appropriate geographic coverage, size and composition of the SEABL, criteria for expansion, and criteria for club inclusion.
- d) To ensure that the SEABL is appropriately linked to the high performance pathway for the development of players, coaches and officials.
- e) To review the effectiveness of the management and operations support provided to the league by BA.
- f) To do all things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of these roles and aims.

The High Performance Commission, in consultation with the Competitions Commission and the SEABL Commission, may determine recommendations to achieve (d) above.

The commercial management of the SEABL will be a major focus of the General Manager Commercial Operations BA who will report to the BA CEO.

The SEABL will be operated by the General Manager Competitions & Leagues who will report to the BA CEO. The General Manager shall be an ex officio member of the Commission and shall provide the required secretariat support to the Commission.

It is expected that the Commission will achieve the following Key Performance Indicators and its performance will be judged by the BA Board accordingly:

- i) Stakeholder feedback on the quality and effectiveness of the Commission in developing the capacity and profile of the SEABL.
- ii) Achievement of BA Board commercial targets.
- iii) Budget performance.

## **2. DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

- a) The Commission shall be delegated authority for the direction and oversight of positioning, marketing and content management of the SEABL. Positioning will incorporate geographic coverage, financial parameters, size and shape of the league.
- b) The SEABL Commission will review on an annual basis the effectiveness of the management and operations support from BA to the SEABL.
- c) To oversee and monitor the approved SEABL budget and make decisions on any necessary variations within the approved budget.
- d) To approve the rules and regulations of the SEABL.
- e) To oversee the conduct of the league, including fixturing and the tribunal system.

## **3. TIMEFRAMES**

In making decisions and recommendations to the BA Board the Commission shall comply with the following timeframes, unless otherwise specified by the Board:

- a. Annual Budget: at least four months prior to the scheduled start of the season, with variations reported on a monthly basis, at least seven days prior to board meetings
- b. Commercial Management: in compliance with BA business planning schedule
- c. Timing of season: notified six months prior to season start

## **4. LINKS WITH OTHER COMMISSIONS**

The SEABL is the showcase Winter Basketball Competition and must be intrinsically linked to the basketball community and the high performance pathways. The SEABL Commission will work closely and collaboratively with the High Performance and Competitions Commissions to achieve a competition structure in Australia that:

- Provides the highest possible standard of competitions.
- Provides competitions appealing to the public and to the media, so that basketball gains prominence and recognition as a major sport in the Australian Community.
- Ensures that all competitions are integrated, cost effective and sustainable.

## **5. MEMBERSHIP**

The SEABL Commission shall comprise seven members - Five nominees elected from participating Associations (one of whom will be elected by the nominees to be Chairperson) and two nominees from BA. The intended make-up of this Commission is to ensure that members possess the necessary skillsets to deliver the overall strategy of the league. The members shall be appointed for 2 year terms and can serve a maximum of 2 consecutive terms. Staggered terms will be considered so that there is an appropriate rotation of members. The Chairperson will sit on the BA Competitions Commission.

The initial Commission members shall include:

Chair: Simon Brookhouse (SEABL)  
Parveen Batish (SEABL)  
Matthew Nunn (SEABL)  
Brad Barnes (SEABL)  
Sonya Knight (SEABL)  
Andrew Gaze (BA Board)

The BA CEO may be an ex officio member of the Commission and may, at the discretion of the BA Board, serve for so long as they are BA CEO. The BA CEO may bring appropriate members of the management team to Commission meetings by agreement with the Chair.

## 6. MEETINGS

- The Commission shall determine an appropriate meeting frequency. Meetings may be by teleconference or such other means as expedient. It is felt that there would be at least 4 meetings per year.
- The Commission may empower a sub-committee of its members to meet for any purpose, including monthly financial reporting to the BA Board.
- Given the interaction between the SEABL, High Performance and Competition Commissions, where possible they will meet jointly face to face once per year.
- The SEABL budget will provide for two face to face meetings per year (inclusive of the joint meeting referred to in the point above).

## 7. TERMS OF REFERENCE

### *Administration and Game Presentation*

- Develop and share knowledge, experiences and best management practices in the management of clubs and game presentation.
- Give advice to Basketball Australia on the needs of players, coaches and officials in the SEABL.
- Recommend objectives and key result areas in the commercial management and operations of the SEABL and review those objectives quarterly.
- Review the effectiveness of BA's commercial management and operations support provided to the SEABL.
- Work with the clubs on best practices to ensure the long term viability and success of the clubs and thus the SEABL.

### *Budgets*

- Recommend the allocation of any surplus of revenue over expenditure from the SEABL budget to retained earnings, marketing, distribution to SEABL Clubs or other uses. Recommend an annual budget for the SEABL and to monitor and manage the budget approved by the BA Board.

### *Competition*

- Recommend policies and procedures for the conduct of the league or its clubs.
- Review and recommend rules and policies for the SEABL.
- Review and recommend how the SEABL best integrates with state and local competitions.
- Determine the license criteria for admission to and continued participation in the league.

### *Marketing of SEABL*

- Manage the direction and oversight of content management, positioning and marketing of the SEABL.
- Ensure that sustainable and successful media partnerships, including television and "new" media are in place.