WALLAN BASKETBALL SENIOR DOMESTIC POLICY

1. FOREWORD

The following operational policy has been developed by the Senior Domestic Sub-Committee as appointed by the Executive Committee of Wallan Basketball Incorporated (WBI).

The purpose of this policy is to further assist all involved in WBI Senior Domestic basketball to have clarity as to the procedures and processes followed and to fully clarify the expectations of players.

The primary expectation is that, by agreeing to be involved with the Domestic Basketball program at Wallan, each coach, assistant coach, team manager, player and parent or guardian shall abide by this policy document.

The Policy does not cover every scenario that may arise during the course of the season and as such the WBI Executive Committee reserve the right to make the final decision on any issue that may not fully align with this Policy.

2. WBI STRUCTURE

Wallan Senior Domestic Basketball is a subcommittee of Wallan Basketball Incorporated (WBI).

The WBI Executive Committee, being the controlling body, relies on the Subcommittee to ensure that the Senior Domestic Basketball Competition operates efficiently.

3. WALLAN BASKETBALL VISION

The vision of Wallan Basketball Incorporated is to be admired and recognised as a strong and competitive Victorian basketball Association founded on:

- A healthy Wallan Junior and Senior Domestic Basketball Competition comprising players and teams from surrounding districts and regions in all age-gender groups;
- Skilled, talented and sportsman-like Wallan Panthers representative teams competing at the highest levels in the VJBL and comprising the best players in the region;
- Quality, skilled and accredited basketball coaches, educators and mentors of WBI junior and senior basketball players at all age-gender groups;
- An effective Player Development Program which produces:
 - Under 10, 12 and 14 teams comprising team-oriented players drilled and skilled in the fundamentals of basketball;
 - Under 16, 18 and 20 teams comprising talented, competitive, team-oriented, sportsmanlike players of good character;
 - Wallan Senior Representative Teams in CBL and BigV competitions.

4. SENIOR DOMESTIC AIMS

The aim of having a Wallan Basketball Senior Domestic Competition is to:

- Support and promote Wallan Basketball as a Country Association;
- Provide a competition for eligible players where junior basketball is not an option;
- Be a launchpad for talented Senior Wallan domestic players into senior pathways such as CBL and BigV competitions;
- Attract new players in the region.

5. CODES OF CONDUCT

The Senior Domestic Basketball Competition is a recreational activity for enjoyment and health of all involved.

WBI adopt the Basketball Victoria Codes of Conduct which are intended to assist all Wallan domestic players, coaches, parents and administrators to obtain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in basketball and give participants a guide to the expectations of behavior and conduct.

It is essential that all Wallan basketball players, coaches, parents and administrators fully read and understand their Code of Conduct obligations.

A breach of a Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action.

In the matter of a serious offence by any player, coach, parent or administrator, individuals may be liable to referral of their conduct to an Association or BV Tribunal hearing.

Consequences of any WBI Code of Conduct breach by any player, coach, parent or administrator may include:

- Omission (short-term) or suspension (medium-term) from playing for the team;
- Permanent de-registration from the Association and/or the VJBL; and/or
- A fine imposed at the discretion of the WBI, VJBL or BV

6. WBI COMPETITION RULES

All FIBA/Basketball Victoria rules apply unless amended below:

A. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Players must be at least 14 years of age prior to taking the court. The only exception to this is if the player is aged 13 and is a current Under 16s Wallan Panthers Representative player. This player cannot take the court without a signed parent consent.

For players to be eligible to play finals, a player must have played at least half of the rounds plus one (1) additional match. For example, if there are 12 rounds in the season, players must play at least seven (7) games to be eligible. There may be consideration provided in the event of extended injury during the season, and the Senior Domestic Committee will consider any requests.

B. PLAYER AND TEAM REGISTRATION

- All players must be registered through PlayHQ and fees paid in order to take the court.
- Fill ins can only play twice as a fill-in and remain insured, then they must register as a player through PlayHQ or they will not be able to take the court.
- Team sheet payment need to be paid prior to each game. The team sheet fee
 is \$60 and is payable electronically through the system at the canteen. The
 game will not commence until payment is made. Payments can be split
 equally between the number of players participating that week through the
 system and paid by EFTPOS. No cash is accepted.

C. UNIFORMS REQUIREMENTS

- Players must supply their own uniform, and singlets must be all the same colour
- Basketball Victoria rules apply to all singlet numbering
- No "club" uniforms are allowed
- Players must wear runners with non-marking soles
- Shorts are to have no pockets and must not be "running" shorts (with splits up the sides) and be clearly visible under the playing singlet
- Skins are allowed as long as singlet or shorts are worn over the top
- Loose fitting short or long sleeve t-shirts are not allowed under playing singlets

D. MATCH TIMING RULES

1) Timing rules (regular season)

- The game clock will commence at the scheduled time unless the game before is running late
- Where one team is running late, late points will be awarded at the rate of one (1) point per minute to the opposing team, as long as the opposing team is ready and able to take the court at the scheduled match time
- Each game will be two (2), 20 minute halves on a 50 minute schedule
- Each team can use up to two (2) timeouts per half
- The clock stops only in the last two minutes of the game for time outs only
- No timeouts allowed in last minute of first half

2) Timing rules (finals)

- Each game will be two (2), 20 minute halves on a one (1) hour schedule
- Each team can use up to two (2) timeouts per half
- The clock will stop on every whistle in the last minute of the first half and the last two (2) minutes of the second half
- The clock will stop for all timeouts

E. GENERAL RULES

- No rings, necklaces, bracelets, watches, hoop-style earrings to be worn during play – some tight-fitting piercings may be acceptable (please ask)
- Finger nails must be clipped below finger tip to avoid scratching hazard

- The outer three point line is in operation for both male and female competitions
- Women will use a size 6 basketball and men will use a size 7 basketball
- Aggressive behaviour towards any official or other player will not be tolerated
- Every team must provide a competent scorer for every game otherwise five (5) points will be added to the score of the opposing team. The scorer must be over 12 years of age.

F. FORFEITED GAMES

Team are required to give at least 24-hours-notice prior to the scheduled game time of a forfeit. If such notice is not provided, the following fines will be imposed and will need to be paid before the commencement of the next scheduled game:

- No notice \$120
- Under 24 hours (same day) \$60

G. SIN BIN RULE

- The first technical or unsportsmanlike foul by a player results in a 5-minute "sin bin". The player must sit at the end of the player's bench away from the rest of the team and must not interact with the coach or players. After 5 minutes the player can re-join the player bench.
- A second technical/unsportsmanlike foul, including on a player whilst in the sin bin, is disqualification and removal from the court.

H. PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

In addition to the Basketball Victoria Player Code of Conduct, Wallan Basketball also expect Senior Domestic players to:

- Understand and play by the rules
- Respect referees and other officials
- Control your temper
- Be a good sport
- Treat other players just as you would like to be treated
- Play for the enjoyment
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person
- Be prepared to lose sometimes
- Respect the use of facilities and equipment provided

7. COMPLAINTS

All enquiries or complaints should be directed to the Senior Domestic Committee members who are clearly visible during the competition night.

Domestic Basketball is also an opportunity for referees to learn and develop their skills and as such we ask that they not be approached directly if you have concerns.

Much of what these volunteers are doing is under instruction from the Committee so your questions can be best answered and dealt with by the committee members. Remember we are all volunteers and mistakes happen, sometimes these go unnoticed so we encourage feedback to be given to committee members to give us the opportunity to take action.

8. TRIBUNAL

Wallan Basketball follows the Basketball Victoria Tribunal By-laws. These by-laws are available on our website and detail the process of reporting, hearing and actions resulting from an offence. The appeals process is also included and will be restated during each tribunal hearing.

The tribunal will be heard by the Wallan Basketball Executive Committee, with a quorum of three (3) members present.

The Tribunal shall have power to suspend, disqualify, reprimand, fine, bond, ban or otherwise deal with any person involved with basketball (including, but not limited to players, coaches, teams, clubs, officials other than referees, umpires and accredited scoretable officials, or spectators) in accordance with these By-laws, regarding any incident arising from an activity conducted by the organising bodies.

The incident may have occurred before, during or after the conduct of the activity, within the confines of the stadium, activity venue or its immediate surrounds or elsewhere if directly related to a basketball activity of any sort. Reportable conduct also includes conduct relating to basketball which occurs by email, telephone or computer and includes cyber bullying.

9. FEES

WBI charges a Registration Fee and match fee. Basketball Victoria also charge an annual insurance fee. The fee will be determined annually by the WBI General Committee prior to the commencement of the upcoming season. Registration and insurance fees must be paid in full at the time of registration in PlayHQ. Game payments must be paid prior to the team commencing the game.