

**DIAMOND VALLEY BASKETBALL**  
**PROPOSED JUNIOR DOMESTIC BY LAW AMENDMENTS**

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# Game Day By Law Amendments

## Section 1.5- Grades

1.5 Reserve Grades will be considered for A grade only, when there are a minimum of 7 time in that grade.

## Section 1.7 Player Eligibility

### **New Rule**

1.7.14 A fill in player can only play when the team has less than 6 available players. The maximum amount of fill in players in any given week, may only allow the team to reach 6 players. For example, if a team has only 3 allocated players available, they may get a maximum of 3 eligible fill ins. A fill in player can only play a maximum of 3 games in the season.

## Section 1.9. Rules of the Game

### **Current rule**

For U10s' Competitions Only

1.9.3.3. A size six (6) ball will be used.

### **Proposed Change**

1.9.3.3. A size five (5) ball will be used (as per FIBA and Basketball Victoria Rules)

**What is the change? In alignment with our ball size changes**

### **Current rule**

For U12s' Competitions Only

1.9.4.3. A size six (6) ball will be used.

### **Proposed Change**

1.9.4.3. A size five (5) ball will be used (as per FIBA and Basketball Victoria Rules).

**What is the change? In alignment with our ball size changes**

### **Current rule**

1.9.5 Where there are a two (2) three-point lines marked on the court, the inner (shorter) line will be the line used for all Age Groups for which three-point shots count.

### **Proposed Change**

1.9.5. Where there are a two (2) three-point lines marked on the court, the inner (shorter) line will be the line used for age groups U14s and below, for which three-point shots count (As per FIBA and Basketball Victoria rules).

**What is the change? The amended rule is that the inner (shorter) line is used for age groups U14 and below, for which the three-point shots count.**

### **Current rule**

1.9.3.2. The three (3) seconds in the key rule will be replaced by five (5) seconds.

### **Proposed Change**

1.9.3.2 The three (3) seconds in the key rule will be replaced by five (5) seconds. The (8) seconds in the backcourt rule will not apply.

**What is the change? Addition of 'The (8) seconds in the backcourt rule will not apply.'**

### **Current rule**

#### **1.9.8. Mercy Rule**

1.9.8.1. The Mercy Rule should be applied at any point a team has a margin of 20 points or more.

### **Proposed Change**

**1.9.8.1 The Mercy Rule should be applied at any point a team has a margin of 20 points or more, in accordance with 1.9.8.9.**

**What is the change? Added the addition of 'in accordance with 1.9.8.9.'**

### **Current rule**

1.9.8.4. A team having the Mercy Rule applied to them must not play full court defence and must retreat behind the three-point line, before attempting to play defence.

### **Proposed Change**

**1.9.8.4. A team having the Mercy Rule applied to them must not play full court defence and must defend from behind the three-point line. The team must still adhere to the No Zone Policy.**

<https://dvvbasketball.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/No-Zone-Policy.pdf>

**What is the change? Some wording changes around the 3 point line defence and adhering to the No Zone Policy.**

#### **Current rule**

1.9.8.9. The coach of a team that is trailing by 20 points or more may, at an appropriate time, advise the Referees that they do not wish to have the Mercy rule enforced. A coach should only make such a decision if doing so is for the benefit and improvement of their players.

#### **Proposed Change**

**1.9.8.9. The referees are to approach the coach of a team that is trailing by 20 points or more, at an appropriate time, and ask if they do not wish to have the Mercy rule enforced. A coach should only make such a decision if doing so is for the benefit and improvement of their players. The referees will then inform the opposition coach of the decision.**

**What is the change? The act is now on the Referees to approach the Coach, as opposed to the coach instigating. This provides better clarity between teams.**

### Section 1.10. Timing Regulations

#### **Current rule**

1.10.3. Two (2) time outs are permitted per half, per team.

#### **Proposed Change**

**1.10.3. Two (2) fifty (50) second time outs are permitted per half, per team.**

**What is the change? Length of time out indicated.**

#### **Current rule**

1.10.5 The clock will stop, for all Referee whistles, in the last minute of the second half when the score difference is 10 points or less.

#### **Proposed Change**

**1.10.5.1 If the margin is 20 points or more at any time within the last 2 minutes of the second half, the clock does not stop.**

**1.10.5.2 If the margin is 19 points or less at any time within the last 2 minutes of the second half, the clock will stop for all whistles and time outs.**

**What is the change? Have pushed out the minimum margin to 19 points, and given clarity what to do if over 20. This gives more time on court for games with margins of 19 points or less.**

## **New Rule**

**1.10.7 U18 A Grade boys and girls must follow specific timing policy. [ADD LINK](#)**

**What is the change? New rule in relation to shot clock timing rules for A Grade U18s.**

## **New Rule**

**1.10.8 Half time will be 2 minutes.**

**What is the change? New rule in showing length of half time.**

## Section 2.0 Finals qualification

### **Current rule**

2.2.1. To be eligible to play in the Finals Series, an Allocated Player (See Section 1.7) must have played more than half of the fixtured games, inclusive of games in the Grading Period, for the team(s) they are Allocated Players in that Season.

### **Proposed Change**

**2.2.1. To be eligible to play in the Finals Series, an Allocated Player (See Section 1.7) must have played more than half of the fixtured games, inclusive of more than half of the games in the Grading Period, for the team(s) they are Allocated Players in that Season.**

**What is the change? An allocated player must play more than half of the fixtured games and play more than half of the Grading Period.**

### **Current rule**

2.3.2. As a general rule the 'Page Playoff System' ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/McIntyre\\_System#Page%E2%80%93McIntyre\\_system](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/McIntyre_System#Page%E2%80%93McIntyre_system)) will be used to determine which teams from each Competition will compete in the Finals Series.

**What is the change? 2.3.2 to be deleted, as the system is within the current By Laws**

## **New Rule**

**2.3.4 If there are 3 teams in the finals series, this may change finals format, and will be advised by DVBA at time of finals.**

**What is the change? New rule to advise what happens if there is a 3 team finals series.**

## Section 3.2. Game Incidents

### Current rule

3.2.1. If an incident, in contravention of these By-laws, occurs during a game, contact should be made with a Referee/Venue Supervisor to attempt to resolve the issue.

### Proposed Change

**3.2.1. If an incident occurs on gameday, that is not deemed serious enough for a Tribunal; a Referee, Supervisor or Club Official must complete an incident report, and send through to the Referee Administrator. The Supervisor should be made aware of the report and include this on their shift reports.**

**What is the change? Amended to align with current procedures.**

### Current rule

3.2.2. If an incident:

- requires further action after the completion of a game,
- does not occur inside an NJBL Venue, or
- does not occur within the context of a game

an Incident Report must be completed, by the individual wishing to report the incident, and submitted to the Club Delegate of the club with which they are affiliated. The Club Delegate must review the Report and, if they believe that further action is required, lodge it with the Competitions Manager as soon as possible after the occurrence.

### Proposed Change

**3.2.2 The Incident Report process can be found in the NJBL Association By Laws, Section 8.**

**What is the change? Section 8 now shows the correct Incident Report Process.**

### Current rule

**3.2.3 A Referee/Venue Supervisor or Referee may lodge an Incident Report directly to the Competitions Manager.**

### Proposed Change

**3.2.3 Spectators, Coaches, Team Manager and Club Delegates must adhere to the Referee Supervisor Interaction Policy. <https://dvbasketball.com.au/documents-and-policies/>**

**What is the change? New Policy included as part of the process.**

# Association By Law Amendments

## Section 1.4. Player Classification

### Current rule

#### 1.4.1. Players Classification

##### Home-Grown Player

A Home-Grown Player is one who has played for 12 months (two (2) Seasons) continuously with the same DVBA Member Club. Ordinary Restricted Players An Ordinary Restricted Player is one who has competed in representative basketball in specific divisions of the VJBL within the previous 12 months.

- Girls: a Restricted Player is one who has played at the level of VC or VJL1
- Boys: a Restricted Player is one who has played at the level of VC, VJL1 or VJL2

##### Home-Grown Restricted Player

A Home-Grown Restricted Player is one who has played for 12 months (two (2) Seasons) continuously with the same DVBA Member Club and also competed in representative basketball in the previous 12 months, as detailed in Ordinary Restricted Player).

##### Transferred Restricted Player

A Transferred Restricted Player is one who is transferring between DVBA Member Clubs and has also competed in representative basketball, for any Association, in the previous 12 months, as detailed in Ordinary Restricted Player).

### Proposed Change

#### 1.4.1. Players Classification

##### Home-Grown Player

**A Home-Grown Player is one who has played for 24 months (four (4) Seasons) continuously with the same DVBA Member Club. Exemptions requests can be made to the Competitions Manager for U16s age groups and up.**

**What is the change? Home-grown time limit has changed from 12 to 24 months (four (4) seasons) continuously with the same DVBA Member Club. Exemptions can be requested to the Competitions Manager for U16s age groups and up.**

**Effective from Autumn season 2024**

#### **Current Rule**

**1.4.5. A Transferred Restricted Player is NOT considered Home-Grown until they have played two (2) consecutive seasons (12 months) with their new club.**

#### **Proposed Change**

**1.4.5. A Transferred Restricted Player is NOT considered Home-Grown until they have played four (4) consecutive seasons (24 months) with their new club.**

**What is the change? In alignment with 1.4.1**

#### **Proposed Change**

- **Girls: a Restricted Player is one who has played at the level of VC, VJL1 or VJL2**

**What is the change? Girls VJBL Restrictions aligned with Boys**

#### **Current Rule**

**2.3.5. Player transfers between Member Clubs will not be considered after the third game of the Grading Period is complete.**

#### **Proposed Change**

**2.3.5. Player transfers between Member Clubs will not be considered after the third game of the Grading Period is complete, unless approved by the Competitions Manager.**

**What is the change? Unless approved by the Competitions manager.**

#### **Current Rule**

**2.3.6. No new players are to be added as Allocated Players to a team, via the OCMS, after the conclusion of the third game of the Grading Period, unless approved by the Competitions Manager.**

#### **Proposed Change**

**2.3.6. No new players are to be added as Allocated Players to a team, via the OCMS, after the conclusion of the Grading Period, unless approved by the Competitions Manager.**

**What is the change? Changed to after the grading period in general, in case there are more than 3 grading games.**

### **Section 5. Communication**

#### **Proposed Change**



5.0 Email the Competitions manager. All contacts can be found at <https://dvvbasketball.com.au/staff/>

**What is the change? All old information deleted and linked to website.**

## Section 6. Meetings

### Current Rule

6.1.1. Junior Domestic Subcommittee Meetings, to which a Club Delegate from each Member Club is invited, will be scheduled at least six (6) times per calendar year. The Competitions Manager will provide all Member Clubs with a copy of the Junior Domestic Subcommittee Terms of Reference.

### Proposed Change

6.1.1. Junior Domestic Subcommittee Meetings, to which a Club Delegate from each Member Club is invited, will be scheduled at **least two (2) times per calendar year**. The Competitions Manager will provide all Member Clubs with a copy of the Junior Domestic Subcommittee Terms of Reference.

**What is the change? Changed from least six (6) times per calendar year, to two (2) times per calendar year in line with Terms of Reference.**

## Section 8. Game Incident Report Appeals

### Current Rule

8.1.1. If an Incident Report (<https://dvvbasketball.com.au/documents-and-policies/>) is completed and submitted, to the Competitions Manager, by a Referee Supervisor, Referee or Club Delegate, the Competitions Manager will determine if any penalties or sanctions are warranted and will advise the relevant Member Club Delegate or individual.

### Proposed Changes

**8.1.1. If an Incident Report is completed and submitted to the Competitions Manager or General Manager by a Referee Supervisor, Referee or Club Delegate, the Competitions Manager or General Manager will determine if any penalties or sanctions are warranted and will advise the relevant Member Club Delegate or individual.**

**What is the change? Amended in line with current process.**

### Proposed Change

The following will be deleted:

8.1.3. The appeal meeting will only be granted on the following grounds: • There is significant new or additional information, which was not available when the original determination was made. • The Investigation of the reported incident was conducted in a manner which would result in an adverse finding.

8.1.4. The DVBA Board Chairperson will decide if the grounds for an appeal meeting are justified. If granted, the meeting must be held within seven (7) days of the receipt of the notification of appeal.

8.1.5. The hearing will be held before three (3) members of the DVBA Board's Executive Committee and any other person, as may be deemed necessary. These members will form the Appeals Committee. DIAMOND VALLEY BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED Northern Junior Basketball League – By-Laws: Association Revision: 1 Page

8.1.6. Any DVBA Board Member directly involved in the reported incident will be excluded from the Appeals Committee. 8.1.7. Any Committee Member connected with any club, team or individual involved in the reported incident will be excluded from the appeal meeting.

8.1.8. No request to appeal the decisions handed down, in relation to a reported incident, will be deemed to have been received until acknowledged by the Competitions Manager.

8.1.9. The decision of the Appeals Committee, within its powers, will be final.

#### **Replaced with:**

8.1.1. If an Incident Report is completed and submitted to the Competitions Manager or General Manager by a Referee Supervisor, Referee or Club Delegate, the Competitions Manager or General Manager will determine if any penalties or sanctions are warranted and will advise the relevant Member Club Delegate or individual.

8.1.2. If parties who are the subject of an Incident Report do not agree with the Competitions Manager or General Manager's determinations on the matter, they may seek to appeal via email. The lodgement of the appeal must be received by the Competitions Manager or General Manager within seven (7) days of their initial decision being handed down.

8.1.3 The Competitions Manager or General Manager may decide to send the Appeal direct to a Tribunal Hearing.

#### **Other Changes**

- Replace page 14 with Link to Colour priority chart
- Heat Policy
- Change Eligibility scenarios- Review once Fill in rules been approved
- Timing Rules for U18s