



Ararat Basketball Association
By-Laws
as of August 2023,

To be read and followed in conjunction with the constitution

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Introduction

The Ararat Basketball Association (ABA) is responsible for the running of the Ararat domestic basketball competition, the Redbacks Representative Squad teams, the futsal competition, and netball competition.

The ABA is committed to providing the opportunity for local Basketball, Futsal and Netball players to be involved in competitions which are enjoyable, safe, and welcoming to their participants and members. The ABA also aims to provide Basketball, Futsal and Netball players with the opportunity to represent their town in the Redbacks Representative Squad team within their age group.

Document purpose

The ABA has implemented the following by-laws that pertain to the direct operation of the ABA which are in addition to the following ruling bodies of Basketball Victoria (BV), Australian Futsal Association (AFA) and Netball Australia (NA)

The ABA Committee (the Committee) shall have the power to make, alter or rescind any by-laws that it considers necessary for the effective administration of the association, provided that such by-law is not inconsistent with the rules of the abovementioned governing bodies.

The ABA shall determine the interpretation of the association rules and shall have the power of deciding or using common sense guidelines in all questions not provided for in the rules of the Association.

Basketball

The playing rules of the ABA Basketball Competition will be those set down by FIBA in the Official Basketball Rulebook, in conjunction with the Rules of Operation as outlined by other sanctioned and governing bodies such as Basketball Australia, Basketball Victoria and Basketball Victoria Country except as stated in the following by-laws.

Futsal

The playing rules of the ABA Futsal Competition will be those set down by the Australian Futsal Association, and in conjunction with the Rules of Operation as outlined by other sanctioned and governing bodies such as Futsal Victoria except as stated in the following by-laws.

Netball

The playing rules of the ABA Netball Competition will be those set down by Netball Australia, and in conjunction with the Rules of Operation as outlined by other sanctioned and governing bodies such as Netball Victoria except as stated in the following by-laws.

Working with Children Checks

Any person who has either direct or non-direct contact with children must hold a current Working with Children Check and is required to provide the ABA with a copy of their check to be held on file.

ABA Competitions

The ABA is proud to offer a comprehensive range of grades from 8&under through to U20 and senior, for Basketball, Futsal and Netball, catering to both girls and boys. We prioritize inclusivity and flexibility, and when necessary, we are open to combining age groups or genders to ensure everyone can participate in our competitions.

Inappropriate Behavior

- Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated in the stadium by any person. The Committee has the right to evict any person displaying inappropriate behavior within the stadium.

- A player, coach, official, spectator, committee member and/or team may face suspension and/or deregistration from the ABA for a period deemed to be appropriate by the Committee for displaying inappropriate behavior.
- A person or Committee member has the right to lodge a letter of complaint for any offending or abusive conduct in writing to the ABA within 7 days.
- Disqualified players/coaches must leave the immediate playing area and must not be visible or audible to the game in which they have been disqualified from.
- The ABA is only a user a group at the end of the day the Ararat Fitness Centre (AFC) has overall precedence on the right of entry and refusal of entry into the AFC.

Tribunals

- The ABA supports everyone to participate in a safe environment, develop friendships and have fun. No person should be subjected to discrimination, harassment, or abuse. Anyone has the right to make a complaint if they feel this behavior is occurring. The following options are available when dealing with a complaint: Ararat Basketball
- Try to sort the matter out informally through informal discussions with the other party.
- Mediation between the parties involved. Lodging a formal written complaint to the ABA. For further information refer to the ABA's Complaint Procedures document which can be found on the website.

Alcohol and drugs

- Persons under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs will not be permitted to play and will be evicted from the stadium.

Drink and food

- Players and spectators are not permitted on the court area with drink or food.
- Chewing gum is not permitted during a game.

Basketball Specific Rules

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Player registration

- All players must register with the ABA via the PlayHQ website prior to the first game of the season. Unregistered players will not be able to take the court until such time as they have registered.
- Members wishing to register for our Basketball Competition will need to head to the Ararat Basketball Association section on the play HQ website.
- Members wishing to register for our Futsal Competition will need to head to the Ararat Community Sports section on the PlayHQ website.
- Any player entering the competition after the season has commenced will be required to register prior to being allowed to play a game. No new senior or junior player may be registered within the last four (4) rounds before finals in any season.

Player eligibility

- All players must be registered as per Player Registration of these By-Laws.
- A player must have played at least 33% of the season's games to qualify to play finals.
- Forfeits do not count as games played for individual players registered.
- Forfeits against do count as a game played for all individual players registered.
- To be eligible to commence playing domestic competition a player must turn eight (8) years of age in the calendar year that the competition concludes. Players under the age of eight wishing to play will be at the discretion of the ABA.
- A player must be 14 years of age to be eligible to play in the senior domestic competition.
- Both male and female players are eligible to play in any age group of the domestic competition.
- All junior players in an age group must have a date of birth as outlined by the governing bodies of the competition they play in. e.g., for **2023-2024 Summer Competition U14 must be born in 2012/2011**
- All Junior teams are capped at 7 players per team; however, this number can be changed at the discretion of the ABA. The senior competition does not have a cap on team numbers.
- The ABA has the right to accept or reject any entries without question.
- Junior players must play in their own age group.
- A junior player cannot play up an age group. Unless it has been determined by the ABA Committee. Determinations are limited to player availability in the above age groups, and it will be offered to all eligible players. No exemption will be given out of request from players or parents/guardians.
- A player cannot play in two teams within the same age group, for example U14 A and B Team.
- Any junior development athlete selected to play in CBL can do so but must fulfil their playing commitment in their own age group as a priority. Failure to do so may result in the player being withdrawn from CBL representative team.
- A consent form for any under 18 players (14-17 years) competing in a senior match must be completed by a parent/s or guardian prior to taking the court in their first senior match for the season. This must be sighted by the Competition Director or referee/game official prior to the first match played for the season.

Waiting list

Once all teams have reached capacity, any late registrations will be placed on a waiting list and will be offered a place on a team once a place becomes available in the order that they were placed on the list.

Balanced Junior Teams

- The ABA will attempt to create teams from individual entries that are balanced in skill, height, and ability. The composition of teams will be reviewed after three weeks of games to create an even competition and may be changed at the discretion of the ABA.
- Exception - due to long-term injury or departing players, the ABA may after three weeks review team compositions.
- Domestic coaches MUST ensure even playing time for all players in the team, including finals. Any team which is found to be playing or has played an ineligible player/s shall forfeit all matches in which the player took part, and the opposing team awarded the points. Ararat Basketball Association By-Laws.
- **Exceptional circumstances** the conditions stated above may be waived under exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Executive of the ABA. Each case shall be considered on its individual merits.

Timing rules

- **Normal games**
 - Two 20-minute halves
 - Two (2) time outs per team
 - Half time of two (2) minutes
 - Clock will stop for ALL time outs.
 - Clock will stop for ALL whistles in the last minute of the **second** half.
- **Finals games**
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 - Two (2) time outs per team
 - Half time of two (2) minutes
 - Clock will stop for ALL time outs.
 - Clock will stop for ALL whistles in the last two minutes of the **second** half.
- **Extra periods** will only be played in finals if scores are tied at the end of playing time. Extra periods in finals will continue to be played until a winner is decided.
 - Five (5) minutes duration
 - One (1) time out per team
 - Clock will stop for ALL whistles at the last minute.

Penalties for late starts

- Late starts due to lack of players, lack of a scorer and/or timer or incorrect uniform will result in a one (1) point penalty for each minute (or part thereof).
- Ten minutes later will deem the result of the game to be a forfeit.
- The team that receives a forfeit will be awarded the 3 points as though for a win.
- The team that forfeits will receive 1 point as though for a loss.

Under 10's Basketball - Modified Rules

Modified Rules have been adopted by our Association to:

- Encourage the flow of the game.
- Encourage participation by all.
- Encourage team play.
- Increase enjoyment.
- Modified Rules for Violations
- Increase enjoyment.
- Double Dribble – allow 1 violation per player per possession; gradually tighten up the Allowance.
- Back Court – do not call.
- Travelling – gives an extra step for starting and stopping; gradually tighten up this Allowance.
- Inbounds (5 secs) – do not call.
- Second Violation – do not call.
- Backcourt (8 secs) – do not call.
- Jump Ball – use directional arrows.
- Personal Fouls – should be kept but no one is fouled out.
- Team Fouls – do not count.
- Use of Man-to-Man Defense once team going into defense have reached the 3-point line. (a team that has just scored, should have its 5 players return to the other team's end)
- **No use of Zone Defense**
- Passing – players to be encouraged to pass to all teammates – no one player should rebound, dribble down the court, or shoot a goal (praise team effort).

Mercy Rule (U10s, U12s, U14s)

- Once a team has reached a score of greater than 20 points ahead of their opposition the Mercy rules for defensive plays apply:
- Player-to-player defense resumes from their defensive 3-point line – the scoring team should have its 5 players return to the other team's end.
- No Zone Defense
- Discontinue recording the score on the scoreboard but continue scoring on the IPAD.

Starting time

- Only referees can signify the start of the game.
- Games will be started at the scheduled time with the referees present on the court.
- Exceptions to this will be:
 - if the previous games are running overtime
 - A referee is refereeing or playing on another court.
- Referees will start running the clock on time.
- Referees must give a one-minute warning before starting the game and the clock.

Scorer/timekeeper

- Each team is responsible for providing a competent scorer or timer. Teams not represented on the score bench have no recourse if they are not satisfied with the way the game is either scored or timed.

During finals, a scorer and timer will be supplied for each game by the ABA.

- In the case of the scoresheet (iPad) and the scoreboard scores not agreeing the scoresheet (iPad) score will take precedence.
- Scorers and timekeepers are not permitted to take the court or verbally coach a team.

Forfeits

- For Senior Competition Forfeits must be notified by 12 noon on the day of the game.
- Advice of a forfeit must be given to a member of the ABA Committee.
- Failure to field a team within ten minutes of game time starting will result in a forfeit being awarded to the opposing team.
- The team that receives a forfeit will be awarded the 3 points as though for a win. The team that forfeits will receive 1 point as though for a loss.
- In the event of an unscheduled forfeit (outside of the above), the team who has forfeited will be required to pay a forfeit fee (1 x match payment of \$50.00) which is due the following week. Failure to do this may result in the team being unable to play and/or withdrawn from the competition, at the discretion of ABA.
- A fee of \$0.00 applies to any teams that withdraw throughout the season of competition.

Byes

- In the case that a competition has byes during the season, the byes will count towards final qualification games.

ABA Junior Representative Squads

- The ABA Representative Squad Program is aimed at developing players' basketball abilities and provides players with the opportunity to represent their town and junior tournaments around the state.
- All player's Parents/Guardians will be provided with a detailed information pack prior to the commencement of the squad season. This will also contain a player and parent Code of Conduct which must be signed and returned to the ABA prior to players being able to take the court at a tournament.

Eligibility

- To be eligible to represent the Ararat Redbacks players must be fully registered and play in the ABA domestic competition. Players need to be prepared to play a second game per week with the respective representative team if required.
- On registration for the upcoming season, one of the questions asks for your expression of interest to participate in and or represent the Ararat Redbacks in the representative program. Please click yes to this if that is your intention.

Coaches

- Coaching advertisements are placed in July with the aim of appointing coaches at the August meeting. Applications must be made in writing.
- Coaches applying to coach a squad team must have a Level 0 coaching accreditation and be coaching a team in the domestic competition. The coaching of a domestic team may be waived under exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Executive of the ABA. Each case shall be considered on its individual merits.
- Once coaches have been appointed and notified, they will be provided with a position description which clearly outlines their role and responsibilities. Requests by coaches to appoint an assistant coach must be made to the Squad Coordinator then to the Executive of the ABA. If an assistant coach is appointed, they will be provided with a position description.

- Coaches with the assistance of the Squad Coordinator will arrange for try outs to be held prior to team selections being made. Team selections are at the discretion of the appointed coach. Coaches (Squad Coordinator) will set try out dates and will be responsible for informing players whether they have been successful in making the squad.
- Coaches will set training days and times. The coach should be the first point of contact for parents and players who may have any matters they wish to discuss.

Team managers

- A team manager will be appointed by the ABA (usually a parent of one of the players). Team managers will be provided with a position description clearly outlining their role and responsibilities which will include, but is not limited to, the following:
- Team managers **must** have a current Working with Children Check.
- Team managers are **not** permitted to approach the score bench or officials.
- Team managers are **not** to coach players at any time, this is the role of the Coach only.

Squad representative team uniforms

Only the squad uniform provided by the ABA is permitted to be worn. Where there is an extended break between games at a tournament the preferred option is for players to change out of their squad jersey & shorts.

Communication and issue resolution

Players and/or their Parents/Guardians are encouraged to discuss any issues that may arise during the season with the Coach or Manager. This discussion should take place at an agreed time but is not to occur:

- During training
- During a game
- During a tournament

The ABA considers the following times as appropriate to discuss any issues that may need to be addressed.

- After training
- 24 hours after the completion of a tournament
- In all instances the Manager or Coach should be the first point of reference.
- Where an issue is unable to be resolved, the Squad Coordinator or an ABA committee member should be contacted for assistance.

Uniforms

Junior Basketball

- Black basketball shorts (without pockets and markings) shall be worn by all players, this includes junior, senior, and representative players, unless senior teams provide their own which are all the same colour i.e.: all green with logo.
- Players will remove all personal jewellery prior to commencing a game.
- Tee shirts may be worn under singlets but must be white or a similar colour to the team singlet. Tee shirts with buttons must not be worn at any time.
- Referees and officials have discretion to waive the uniform rule during the ordinary playing competition.
- Junior players will be provided with a playing singlet by the uniform coordinator at the start of each competition season. Players are required to return their singlet to the uniform coordinator at the end of the season.
- Players who do not return their singlet at the end of a competition may be charged the appropriate replacement cost and may not be eligible to play in the subsequent domestic competition until singlet

is returned, or fee paid.

- The uniform coordinator will maintain a uniform register and report to the competition director.

Senior Basketball

- Senior teams are to supply their own singlets.
- Senior teams must be wearing matching uniforms, any player not in their teams matching uniform will incur a 10-point penalty per player after round 5. This penalty will also include any player that is a registered fill in.
- Teams may be asked by ABA to change their nominated singlet colour to avoid difficulties and clashes with the opposing team.

Footwear

- Only footwear with non-marking soles will be permitted to play on the court area.

Protests and penalties

- All protests or complaints, whether against the Committee, a coach, referee, player, parent, or other person/body must be lodged in writing to the ABA within 48 hours of the incident. Such a protest or complaint will then be taken to the Committee for review.
- The Committee will have seven (7) days from the receipt of the complaint to respond. The Committee has the right to impose penalties for the breach of any of the by-laws contained herein, which do not already have a penalty specified.
- If the person or persons lodging a complaint is not satisfied with the decision of the ABA Committee, they may lodge an appeal in writing to Basketball Victoria Country.
- The ABA will adopt Basketball Victoria's guidelines in relation to Codes of Conduct. All players, coaches, spectators, and Parents/Guardians are expected to abide by the Basketball Victoria Codes of Conduct as displayed on the Basketball Victoria website as well as the ABA By-Laws and Redbacks Codes of Conduct.
- It is the duty of all people entering the basketball stadium to obey the direction given by any official of the ABA. The ABA may discipline any person who is proved guilty of any breach of the conduct in any stadium controlled by ABA.

General rules

- The ABA reserves the right to reschedule, alter or cancel a fixture game and/or finals as the need may arise.
- Teams must have at least four (4) players on the court before the game can commence.
- An approved size five basketball will be used for all U12 mixed games.
- An approved size six basketball will be used for all U14 mixed/boys and all Girls/Women's games.
- An approved size seven basketball will be used for all U16 mixed/boys, U18 mixed/boys and senior games.
- Three-point shots are not counted in Under 12 basketball competitions. They are counted as three points for all other age group competitions.
- The three-point line is the white arc line on the court (not the yellow arc line). Shots from this line score three points for U14, U16, U18 and Senior players, not U12 players.
- In the event of a player suffering from an injury or wound which results in loss of blood, the referee will request that the injured player receives attention outside the field of play. Only when the referee is satisfied that the injury or wound has been safely covered and contained, will the player be allowed to re-join the game.
- In the event the player's uniform or attire is spattered with blood, the player will be required to change their attire before returning to the field.

- Fingernails must be kept at a length that does not exceed the tip of the finger.
- Jewelry is not permitted to be worn in court except for a wedding band.
- If, in the opinion of referees and in consultation with a member of the Committee, a court is in a dangerous state and unsafe, the game will be either called off or moved to the other court (if possible). In the event of a game or games being called off, the relevant Committee member will determine whether the game will be rescheduled or declare a result.
- In our Senior Competition any player may fill in for another team up to a maximum of 33% of the Seasons Games. An individual player can only fill in for other teams for a maximum of 33% of the season's games, not 33% of team games, i.e., Michael Jordan can't play 6 games for Team A, 6 games for Team B and 6 games for Team C. Total fill in games to equal 33% of the season's games. The fill-in player must not be a substitute player, if a team already has 5 players, they are not permitted a 'fill in player' A fill in player/s can only be used to make up a starting five.

Futsal Specific Rules

The playing rules of the ABA Futsal Competition will be those set down by the Australian Futsal Association Rulebook, in conjunction with the Rules of Operation as outlined by other sanctioned and governing bodies such as Futsal Victoria except as stated in the following by-laws.

ABA Competitions

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Player registration

- All players must register with the ABA via the PlayHQ website prior to the first game of the season. Unregistered players will not be able to take the court until such time as they have registered.
- Members wishing to register for our Futsal Competition will need to head to the Ararat Community Sports section on the PlayHQ website.
- Any player entering the competition after the season has commenced will be required to register prior to being allowed to play a game. No new senior or junior player may be registered within the last four (4) rounds before finals in any season.

Player eligibility

- All players must be registered as per Player Registration of these By-Laws.
- A player must have played at least 33% of the season's games to qualify to play finals.
- Byes and forfeits for do not count as games played for individual players registered.
- Byes and forfeits against do count as a game played for all individual players registered.
- To be eligible to commence playing domestic competition a player must turn eight (6) years of age in the calendar year that the competition concludes. Players under the age of eight wishing to play will be at the discretion of the ABA.
- A player must be 14 years of age to be eligible to play in the senior domestic competition.
- Both male and female players are eligible to play in any age group of the domestic competition.
- All junior players in an age group must have a date of birth as outlined by the governing bodies of the competition they play in. e.g., for **2023-2024 Summer Competition 14&under must be born in 2009/2010**
- All Junior teams are capped at 7 players per team; however, this number can be changed at the discretion of the ABA. The senior competition does not have a cap on team numbers.
- The ABA has the right to accept or reject any entries without question.
- Junior players must play in their own age group.
- A junior player cannot play up an age group. Unless it has been determined by the ABA Committee. Determinations are limited to player availability in the above age groups, and it will be offered to all eligible players. No exemption will be given out of request from players or parents/guardians.
- A player cannot play in two teams within the same age group, for example 14&Under A and B Team.

Waiting list

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• Normal games

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- Late starts due to lack of players, lack of a scorer and/or timer or incorrect uniform will result in a one (1) point penalty for each minute (or part thereof).
- Ten minutes later will deem the result of the game to be a forfeit.
- The team that receives a forfeit will be awarded the 3 points as though for a win.
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Mercy Rule (8&U, 10&U, 12&U)

Once a team has reached a score of greater than 10 points ahead of their opposition the Mercy rules for defensive plays apply:

- Players must start beyond the halfway mark and may not cross the halfway mark until the attacking team has done so.

Starting time

- Only referees can signify the start of the game.
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Squad representative team uniforms

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Communication and issue resolution

Players and/or their Parents/Guardians are encouraged to discuss any issues that may arise during the season with the Coach or Manager. This discussion should take place at an agreed time but is not to occur:

- During training
- During a game
- During a tournament

The ABA considers the following times as appropriate to discuss any issues that may need to be addressed.

- After training
- 24 hours after the completion of a tournament
- In all instances the Manager or Coach should be the first point of reference.
- Where an issue is unable to be resolved, the Squad Coordinator or an ABA committee member should be contacted for assistance.

Uniforms

Junior Futsal

- Black shorts (without pockets and markings) shall be worn by all players, this includes junior, senior, and representative players, unless senior teams provide their own which are all the same colour i.e.: all green with logo.
- Long Black Socks and Shin Pads must be worn.
- Players will remove all personal jewelry prior to commencing a game.
- Referees and officials have discretion to waive the uniform rule during the ordinary playing

competition.

- Junior players will be provided with a playing shirt by the uniform coordinator at the start of each competition season. Players are required to return their singlet to the uniform coordinator at the end of the season.
- Players who do not return their shirt at the end of a competition may be charged the appropriate replacement cost and may not be eligible to play in the subsequent domestic competition until singlet is returned, or fee paid.
- The uniform coordinator will maintain a uniform register and report to the competition director.

Senior Futsal

- Senior teams are to supply their own uniforms.
- Senior teams must be wearing matching uniforms, any player not in their teams matching uniform will incur a 5-point penalty per player after round 5. This penalty will also include any player that is a registered fill in.
- ABA may ask teams to change their nominated singlet colour to avoid difficulties and clashes with the opposing team.

Footwear

- Only footwear with non-marking soles will be permitted on the court area.

Protests and penalties

- All protests or complaints, whether against the Committee, a coach, referee, player, parent, or other person/body must be lodged in writing to the ABA within 48 hours of the incident. Such a protest or complaint will then be taken to the Committee for review.
- The Committee will have seven (7) days from the receipt of the complaint to respond. The Committee has the right to impose penalties for the breach of any of the by-laws contained herein, which do not already have a penalty specified.
- If the person or persons lodging a complaint is not satisfied with the decision of the ABA Committee, they may lodge an appeal in writing to the Australian Futsal Association.
- The ABA will adopt the Australian Futsal Associations guidelines in relation to Codes of Conduct. All players, coaches, spectators, and Parents/Guardians are expected to abide by the Australian Futsal Associations Code of Conduct as displayed on their website as well as the ABA By-Laws and Redbacks Codes of Conduct.
- It is the duty of all people entering the stadium to obey the direction given by any official of the ABA. The ABA may discipline any person who is proved guilty of any breach of the conduct in any stadium controlled by ABA.

General rules

Rescheduled or cancelled games

- The ABA reserves the right to reschedule, alter or cancel a fixture game and/or finals as the need may arise.
- Teams must have at least three (3) players on the court before the game can commence.
- An approved size three ball will be used for all U9 games.
- An approved size four ball will be used for all U13 games.
- An approved size 5 ball will be used for all U13+ games.
- In the event of a player suffering from an injury or wound which results in loss of blood, the referee will request that the injured player receives attention outside the field of play. Only when the referee is satisfied that the injury or wound has been safely covered and contained, will the player be allowed to re-join the game.

- In the event the player's uniform or attire is spattered with blood, the player will be required to change their attire before returning to the field.
- Fingernails must be kept at a length that does not exceed the tip of the finger.
- Jewelry is not permitted to be worn in court except for a wedding band.
- If, in the opinion of referees and in consultation with a member of the Committee, a court is in a dangerous state and unsafe, the game will be either called off or moved to the other court (if possible). In the event of a game or games being called off, the relevant Committee member will determine whether the game will be rescheduled or declare a result.
- In our Senior Competition any player may fill in for another team up to a maximum of 33% of the Seasons Games. An individual player can only fill in for other teams for a maximum of 33% of the season's games, not 33% of team games, i.e., Michael Jordan can't play 6 games for Team A, 6 games for Team B and 6 games for Team C. Total fill in games to equal 33% of the season's games. The fill-in player must not be a substitute player, if a team already has 5 players, they are not permitted a 'fill in player' A fill in player/s can only be used to make up a starting five.

Little Redbacks Basketball and Futsal

The ABA strongly believes in starting early to foster a love for the game! Our specialized Basketball program (Little Redbacks) is designed for young athletes aged 4 to 8 years old, offering a fun and engaging environment to learn the fundamentals.

Through age-appropriate coaching and interactive sessions, our program focuses on teaching essential skills, building coordination, and nurturing a deep understanding of the game. Where we hope to inspire the next generation of Basketball with passion and excellence.

Fee payment

- All fees are to be paid online at the time of registration. If a family is unable to pay at the time of registration, please contact the ABA and a payment arrangement suitable to both the family and the ABA can be entered.
- In the Senior domestic competition for Basketball Teams must pay \$50 per team which is managed through the TeamPay App.

ABA Bank Details

Any payments are to be made by direct payment to Ararat Basketball Association and referenced accordingly.

BSB: 633-000 Account No: 156724593

Heat policy for all competition

The ABA will enforce the following heat policy for all competitions as follows:

- Where court temperature reaches 35°C the following must be implemented:
- Each half reduced by two (2) minutes each to 18-minute halves.
- Referee time out at the 10-minute mark of each half
- One (1) team time out per half per team. One before the referee time out and one after.
- If coaches do not call a time out as required, referees will intervene and call the time out.
- All other timing rules apply as per Section 3 above.
- When the temperature on court reaches 38°C or above, the game will be cancelled by the referees or a member of the ABA.

Regardless of the above, the ABA reserves the right to cancel any game if they deem it appropriate.