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1.0 INTERPRETATION

1.1.0 Terminology

"Association"	means the Kilsyth and Mountain District Basketball Association;
"Affiliated Association"	means other associations which are affiliated with either the Kilsyth and Mountain District Basketball Association or Basketball Victoria;
"Association Competition"	means basketball competitions conducted at Kilsyth Stadium and at other venues sanctioned by the Kilsyth and Mountain District Basketball Association in which only registered players may compete;
"Competition Committees"	mean those committees elected pursuant to Clause 12 of the Constitution of the Kilsyth and Mountain District Basketball Association;
"Players Registered Club"	means the Member Club or Participating Club through which a player is registered with the Association;
"Registrar"	means the Registrar of the Kilsyth and Mountain District Basketball Association.
"Junior"	Individual player 17 years old and under
"Senior"	Individual player over the age of 18.

1.2.0 The By-Laws of Basketball Victoria applicable to domestic competitions shall apply as if they were an integral part of these By-Laws.

2.0 ADMINISTRATION

2.1.0 The Administration of Association Competitions is the responsibility of the Executive of the Association, and the conduct of all Association Competitions is the responsibility of the Competition Committees.

2.1.1 The administration and conduct of Association competitions shall be determined:

- Firstly by the Statement of Purposes of the Association,
- Secondly by these By-Laws; with the exception of the After School Competition.

2.2.0 The After School Competition shall be conducted by the by-laws of that competition as approved by the Association Executive.

3.0 SEASONS

3.1.0 Seasons shall be those periods of time determined by each Competition Committee, and approved by the Executive, for the conduct of an Association Competition.

4.0 PLAYER REGISTRATION

- 4.1.0 Players competing in an Association Competition must be a member of K&M.D.B.A Inc. by completing an Application for Membership form, payment of the set fee and being accepted by the Association.
- 4.1.1 Registration to play with a team playing in a competition run by K&M.D.B.A is effected by the lodgement of a Registration Sheet on application for team entry. Additional players must be members of the Association. To register with their team during the season they must fill out the required details on the back of the scoresheet on the day of their first match. i.e. If a player is playing junior, senior, open age and championship then four (4) separate entries must be made by that player.
- 4.1.2 A player can only be registered with one Club in any one Association Competition.
- 4.2.0 A junior player who has not competed in Association competitions for three (3) consecutive seasons does not require a transfer to recommence playing, unless the absence has been the result of suspension or disqualification by the Association or any affiliated Association.
- 4.2.1 A player in the Senior Competition does not require a clearance to change clubs between seasons.
- 4.2.2 Players competing in senior competition must be at least 14 years of age.

5.0 TRANSFERS

- 5.1.0 A player can transfer registration from one club to another by lodging a clearance form signifying the consent of the registered club to the transfer or by a decision of the "Appeals" Committee.
- 5.1.1 Uncontested Clearance - The player must lodge with the registrar, a completed clearance form signifying the consent of both the club with which he is currently registered and the new club, before competing for the new club.
- 5.1.2 Contested Clearance - The player must lodge a completed clearance form signifying the opposition of the registered club (or an explanation of its absence) with the Registrar who shall convene a meeting of the Appeals Committee to be held within seven (7) days. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final.
- 5.1.3 Clearances whether granted or refused must be signed and returned by the club within seven (7) days or the player may take it to the Appeals Committee.
- 5.2.0 No transfer will be granted if a clearance form is lodged with the Registrar after the completion of three (3) weeks of play for Juniors, or six weeks for Seniors, byes included.
- 5.2.1 A player can only have one transfer each season.
- 5.3.0 A player who has been granted a transfer may not compete with the new club in a lower grade competition than that in which he was competing with the previous club except with the approval of Appeals Committee. The clearance form must be accompanied by a full explanation of the circumstances.
- 5.4.0 A junior player who has not competed in Association Competitions for three (3) consecutive seasons shall not require a transfer and shall be eligible to register with any club, unless such absence has been the result of suspension or disqualification by the Association or any affiliated Association.

6.0 UNREGISTERED OR ILLEGAL PLAYERS

Unregistered Players

- 6.1.0 Teams playing unregistered players who remain unregistered in excess of seven (7) days of first playing, or who play an unregistered player in the last non-finals game of a season, will incur a penalty of loss of 3 premiership points.
- 6.1.1 Notification of loss of points shall be by a notice placed on the notice board and on the website.

Illegal Players

- 6.2.0 Teams playing a player using a false name or another players' name shall forfeit each game in which the offender played.
- 6.3.0 Any player using a false name or another players' name will be reported to the tribunal.
- 6.3.1 An official can ask any player to sign the back of the scoresheet during competition.
- 6.3.2 Any player may be required to present to an Appeals Committee for proof of identity.
- 6.4.0 Any player who refuses to sign the back of the scoresheet will be disciplined by the Tribunal.

7.0 TEAM ENTRY

- 7.1.0 Club registration is effected by concurrently:
- Lodging a completed Club Registration form with the Registrar
 - The payment of all fees and bonds.
- 7.2.0 Team entry is effected by:
- Lodging a completed Team Entry Form with the Registrar.
 - The payment of all fees and bonds.
- 7.3.0 Team entries received after the closing date will be entered into competitions as vacancies are available.
- 7.4.0 Applications for single team entries shall be considered as applications for club registrations and a completed Club Registration Form shall be lodged by the person nominated as the Club Secretary, together with the Team Entry Form, and fees and bonds.
- 7.5.0 Any club withdrawing teams after the fixtures have been compiled may incur a penalty, as determined by the relevant Competition Committee, or forfeiture of the Bond.
- 7.6.0 A club entering more than one team in an Association Competition or in an age level of a junior domestic Competition shall number each team in order of ability and provide the phone number of the person to contact for each team.

8.0 BONDS AND FEES

- 8.1.0 Clubs applying to register with the Association shall lodge a Bond with the Association.
- 8.1.1 Application for return of bond money must be made in writing within 12 months of ceasing to compete in Association competitions.

Any uncollected money will then return to the general funds of the Association.
- 8.1.2 The amount of the Bond shall be determined by the Association.
- 8.2.0 At the discretion of the Executive of the Association, the Bond may be forfeited if the club:
 - 8.2.1 Withdraws any team from Association Competition after the fixtures have been compiled;
 - 8.2.2 Has a team disqualified from Association Competitions.
- 8.3.0 The amount of fee payable for team entry shall be determined by the Executive of the Association prior to the commencement of each season and shall be due and payable upon the lodging of the Team Entry Form.
- 8.4.0 A club which fails to pay its bond or fees shall not compete in Association Competitions.
- 8.5.0 Monies owing to the Association will be deducted from the Bond before any refund is made.

9.0 APPEALS OR DISPUTES COMMITTEE - Appeal to the Association Executive.

- 9.1.0 An Appeals or Disputes Committee of three persons shall be appointed on an ad hoc basis by the President of the Association, in order to hear appeals of any matter relating to Association competitions.
- 9.1.1 Generally the Appeals or Disputes Committee will comprise the President, Vice-president and one other who would be the convenor of the committee to which the dispute applies. If one or more of these persons is directly involved in the dispute then that person or persons would be substituted by another person or persons from the Executive as determined by the President or Vice-president as applicable.

10.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 10.1.0 In addition to the by-laws applicable to player registration, the following by-laws shall determine the eligibility of players to compete in different grades.
- 10.1.1 No player may compete in more than one grade in any age group per round. Junior players may play in different age groups in which they are eligible.
- 10.1.2 Once a team has been entered, a player in that team may not play in a lower grade that season without prior approval of the Appeals Committee.
- 10.1.3 A player who has competed in six games with a higher grade may not return to the lower grade for that season, except for the provisions applicable to junior players in by-law 10.1.1.

- 10.1.4 Players may be added to "A" grade teams at any time however if players are added to a lower grade team that team may be regraded at the discretion of the Junior or Senior Committee.
- 10.2.0 Where a club has more than one team in the one grade, each team will be treated as if they were separate clubs and the transfer provisions will apply.
- 10.3.0 Players competing in N.B.L., S.E.A.B.L., Development League, or domestic Championship competition may not also compete in any other domestic teams below A Reserve or Section 1 standard.
- 10.4.0 Junior players are required to play in the K & M.D.B.A. domestic season prior to attending try-outs for Junior Cobras, and play enough games to qualify for the finals. The exception being under 9 players in their first season of basketball, who must be competing in a current K & M.D.B.A. domestic competition.
- 10.4.1 Upon being selected players are required to continue playing K & M.D.B.A. domestic competition.
- 10.4.2 K & M.D.B.A. Executive may consider any exception if a written application is made.

11.0 GRADING

- 11.1.0 The grading of teams shall be determined by the Junior/Senior Committee based on the Team Entry Forms.
- 11.1.1 If all players are not listed on the Team Entry Form or new players are introduced to the team during the season, re-grading of that team may be made by the Junior/Senior Committee.
- 11.1.2 Any team may be re-graded at the discretion of the Junior/Senior Committee after the third round of matches in any season.

12.0 WALKOVERS AND FORFEITS

- 12.1.0 If a team is not on the court ready to commence play with four players within ten minutes of the scheduled time of commencement as shown on the fixture, the game shall be awarded to the opposing team if it is on the court ready to play within the scheduled time and it shall gain three premiership points and the score will be recorded as a twenty points to nil win for that team.
- 12.2.0 If both teams fail to be on the court ready to commence play with four eligible players within ten minutes of the scheduled time of commencement as shown on the fixture, the score shall be regarded as nil all and no premiership points shall be awarded to either team. The only exception shall be when the Secretary of the Competition Committee has advised a team not to attend following advice of an intended Walkover by a team, when the premiership points and score shall be awarded as in 12.1.0.
- 12.3.0 A team giving a walkover shall be liable to a fine for each walkover given.
- 12.3.1 The amount of the fine for Walkovers shall be determined by the Executive of the Association.
- 12.4.0 A team which gives two or more walkovers during a season may be disqualified for the remainder of the season.

12.5.0 A team playing an illegal player, ie. a player who is not eligible to play in that team (eg. a player registered with another club in the same competition) forfeits the game but is not liable for a fine.

12.5.1 Premiership points in the case of a forfeited game shall be the same as in 12.1.0

12.6.0 No premiership points will be awarded to teams with outstanding walkover fines.

13.0 FINALS

13.1.0 The four teams leading in premiership points at the completion of the non-finals games will play in a final series to be conducted on the following system

- First Semi-Final - 3rd plays 4th
- Second Semi-Final - 1st plays 2nd
- Preliminary Final - Loser of Second Semi-Final plays winner of First Semi-Final
- Grand Final - Winner of Second Semi-Final plays Winner of Preliminary Final.

or by a finals system chosen by the relevant committee with a minimum of a half season's notice on an intended change to a system.

13.1.1 If any teams are level on premiership points at the completion of the non-finals games, the team having the higher percentage taking into account the ratio of points for and against, shall take the position higher.

13.1.2 If any teams are level in all respects, an elimination series shall be conducted on conditions decided by the Competition Committee.

13.2.0 Eligibility for finals

13.2.1 In order to be eligible to compete with a team in any finals a player must have registered with the team and then competed in 1/3 of the possible non-finals games with that team (entered by the player's registered club), or as determined by the respective competition committees when exceptional circumstances occur. Byes are not counted as games. Any games played prior to registration do not count for finals' eligibility.

13.2.2 Where players are injured during the current season they can become qualified during the injury period by a medical certificate being sighted by an authorised representative of Kilsyth Basketball prior to recommencing play or by signing the back of the scoresheet at the required games.

13.2.3 In the case of a walk-over all players present may sign the back of the scoresheet in order to have the game counted for finals' eligibility.

14.0 CONDUCT

14.1.0 If in the opinion of the Competition Committee any player, official, team, club or supporter conducts themselves in a manner contrary to the best interest of Basketball, that player, official, team, club or supporter may be required to attend a meeting of the Executive of the Association for action to be considered.

15.0 **FINES AND PENALTIES**

- 15.1.0 Where any fine, penalty, suspension, disqualification or ruling is given or imposed by the Association, the Executive of the Association or Competition Committee upon any player, official, team, club or supporter, such person or persons shall not be permitted to participate in Association Competitions or other events conducted by the Association until such fine, penalty, suspension, disqualification or ruling has been complied with.

16.0 **UNIFORMS**

- 16.1.0 All members of a team must wear identical uniforms which shall consist of uniform colour and style shorts, base colour of singlets or top as approved by the Association, with numbers of a contrasting colour. Shorts of mid-thigh length or shorter are deemed to be short; shorts longer than mid-thigh are deemed to be long.
- 16.1.1 Trim, panels, emblems or brand names are optional providing they are less than 10cm in width.
- 16.2.0 A player who competes in any game with an incorrect, faded or tattered uniform will incur a penalty of ten points awarded against their team, for each item of incorrect uniform.
- 16.2.1 An incorrect uniform being a singlet or top and/or shorts of a colour or colours not consistent with the team colours.
- 16.2.2 A faded uniform being a singlet or top and/or shorts faded to the extent that the colour or colours differs noticeably from that of other members of the team.
- 16.2.3 All players shall be correctly numbered with all numbers being identical in colour, and numbers must be either printed or bonded onto the singlet.
- 16.3.0 Shorts must be sports type (eg. football style or the longer basketball style) without pockets or tabs, or women's sports briefs. Bicycle shorts may only be worn under the uniform shorts and must be the same colour as the shorts.
- 16.4.0 Any new uniform or change to colour or design of uniform must be registered and endorsed by the Executive prior to use.
- 16.5.0 All jewellery except flat wedding rings is to be removed.
- 16.6.0 Fingernails must be cut short or taped in an acceptable manner.

17.0 **UNIFORM PRIORITY**

- 17.1.0 The Association will provide a set of colours free whenever two teams from one club meet.
- 17.2.0 The Association will provide a set of colours for use by any team upon payment of the prescribed fee as determined by the Executive.
- 17.2.1 Teams will be liable for the cost of replacement of any colours not returned immediately upon completion of the game, and for the cost of replacement of any colours considered by the Competition Committee to

have been excessively damaged on return. Costs will be payable within fourteen days of demand by the Competition Committee. Non payment will result in forfeiture of the bond for that club and cancellation of all premiership points from the time of demand until full payment is made. Demand for payment will be considered to be the posting of account to the offending club's Secretary.

- 17.3.0 Teams are given three (3) weeks at the start of each season to arrange correct uniforms before penalties are imposed.

18.0 REGISTRATION OF COLOURS

- 18.1.0 All clubs must apply to the Registrar to have their colours registered. (It is suggested that no club order uniforms until approval of their colours by the Association).
- 18.2.0 Once a member club has been granted Registration of Colours, any club with similar colours will not be granted registration but the Executive of the Association may grant use of the colours, and the club granted use must change to another colour when playing a club with registered colours or hire a set of colours from the Association.
- 18.3.0 Registered colours of member clubs will be ranked in an Order of Priority, which is based upon length of time of registration as a member club.
- 18.3.1 If in the opinion of the floor supervisor on duty, either team, or the referee in charge of the game, there is likely to be confusion caused by the similarity of the colours of the competing teams, the team with the lower priority must change to another colour or hire a set of colours from the Association. It is the responsibility of the lower ranked team to seek a ruling from the floor supervisor on duty before the scheduled starting time of the match or incur late start penalties in By-Law 23.9.0.
- 18.3.2 If there is confusion caused by similarity of colours of two participating (non-member) clubs then a toss of a coin shall decide which team is to change colours.
- 18.3.3 If a member club enters less than three teams in a particular season (and therefore becomes a participating club) it loses its colour priority rating. Upon becoming a member club again it goes to the bottom of the priority list for that colour.
- 18.3.4 Lists of colour priority for senior teams (schedule 1) and for junior teams (schedule 2) are to be displayed on the noticeboard.

19.0 OFFICIALS

- 19.1.0 Each team must provide one competent bench official (scorer or time-keeper) for each game in which the team is competing. Failure to do so could result in the game being forfeited by the offending team.

20.0 **DISPUTES, PROTESTS**

- 20.1.0 Any dispute or protest between teams or clubs not provided for elsewhere in these By-Laws shall be decided by the Appeals Committee.
- 20.1.1 Teams or clubs likely to be affected by any decision of the Appeals Committee as a result of a dispute or protest shall be entitled to send one representative to the meeting which is hearing the dispute or protest.
- 20.1.2 All disputes or protests must be made by lodging a detailed written report with the Association Secretary within 48 hours of the dispute or protest arising.

21.0 **TIME REGULATIONS**

- 21.1.0 In non-finals games the clock shall not stop except for Referees time-out.
- 21.1.1 No time outs in the last three (3) minutes.
- 21.1.2 5th foul substitution to be regarded as a normal substitution.
- 21.2.0 Regulations regarding games and finals shall be determined by the Competition Committee.

22.0 **SCORE-SHEETS**

- 22.1.0 Score-sheets must be completed and fees paid to the Doorkeeper before the scheduled time of the commencement of each game. Each player's number, given and surname, and the team name must be printed clearly on the score sheet provided.
- 22.2.0 Players' names are not to be crossed off the score-sheet during the game as a player can arrive up to the final whistle and take the court.
- 22.2.1 At the end of the game any player who has neither fouled nor scored in the game must sign the back of the score sheet (in order to testify their eligibility for finals games).
- 22.3.0 Failure to adhere to these rules will result in the loss of premiership points as determined by the Competition Committee.

23.0 **GENERAL PLAYING RULES**

- 23.1.0 The 24 second rule will not apply to Association Competitions.
- 23.2.0 Competing teams must sit on either side of, and adjacent to, the score table. This position must be vacated immediately the game ends.
- 23.2.1 Any person sitting with the team while playing is regarded as part of that team.
- 23.2.2 Each team must provide one competent bench official.

- 23.3.0 All substitutions and time outs are to be called through the score table except in the case of a playing coach.
- 23.3.1 5th foul substitutions to be regarded as a normal substitution.
- 23.3.2 No time outs in last three (3) minutes of game.
- 23.4.0 Matches will be played under the rules of Basketball Australia.
- 23.5.0 No street shoes or runners which will mark the court are allowed on the playing areas.
- 23.6.0 Courts to be mopped before game commences as per fixture/s.
- 23.7.0 No practice during time-out periods and only competing teams can use the court during interval and prior to the game.
- 23.8.0 The Executive of the Association reserves the right to refuse admittance to any person.
- 23.9.0 If a team is not on the court ready to commence play with four eligible players by the scheduled time of commencement as shown on the fixture, but is on the court ready to commence play with four eligible players prior to the expiration of ten minutes, a late start penalty of one point for each minute or part thereof shall be awarded to the opposing team.
- 23.10.0 After grading the following premiership points shall be awarded for Association Competitions :
 - Win 3 points
 - Bye 3 points
 - Draw 2 points
 - Loss 1 point
 - Walkover Nil
 - Forfeiting team - no points
 - Non-forfeiting team - 3 points with score of 20 - Nil
- 23.10.1 Points for grading matches shall be decided by each competition committee.
- 23.11.0 No clearances after first three (3) matches of season including byes for juniors, and the first six (6) for seniors. All clearances must comply with Section 5 of the K. & M.D.B.A. Inc By-laws.

24.0 TRIBUNAL

- 24.1.0 Tribunal members are nominated by the Executive of the Association
- 24.2.0 Hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the Basketball Victoria By-Laws relating to tribunal proceedings.
- 24.3.0 Club Secretary will be notified by the Stadium Office regarding date and time of any tribunal hearing.
- 24.4.0 It is the responsibility of the Referees' Supervisor to ascertain after each session if there have been any reports, to advise the grade secretary of these, and to fill out a results form in lieu of leaving the scoresheet with the doorkeeper.

- 24.5.0 All appeals against tribunal decisions must be lodged with the Association Secretary in writing within seven (7) days.
- 24.6.0 Members of the Executive of the Association and members of Competition Committees have the power to report players or coaches.
- 24.7.0 Hearings must be attended by the persons reported, the two officiating referees and any referee on score table duty. The reported person may call one witness and the referee, or other person reporting as per By-Law 24.6.0 may call one witness.
- 24.8.0 Players or referees shall not be allowed to have legal representation.

25.0 QUERIES AND ENQUIRIES

- 25.1.0 Each club must nominate one person to contact members of the Executive of the Association with queries and enquiries, such person to be known as the Club Secretary.

26.0 CARE OF VENUES

- 26.1.0 Venue managers are empowered to exclude any person from that particular venue. Any three members of the Competition Committee can suspend or fine a player or official for damage to a venue. In each case, the player or official so fined can appeal to a full meeting of the Executive of the Association.
- 26.2.0 Alcoholic beverages must not be consumed by any spectators, players or officials during the course of any domestic competition and any report of this offence will result in disciplinary action being taken.

27.0 GENERAL

- 27.1.0 The Executive of the Association may make a ruling on any matters not specifically covered in these By-Laws.
- 27.2.0 A By-Law may be altered in any manner and By-Laws may be added or removed by resolution of the Executive of the Association.
- 27.2.1 Clubs will be advised of changes to the By-Laws by display on the Notice Board within fourteen days of the resolution of the Executive of the Association. The changes will be effective from the date on which they are first displayed on the Notice Board.