ALTONE PARK LEISURE CENTRE

JUNIOR BASKETBALL BY-LAWS
(Revised May 2013)

1. INTERPRETATION
1.1 All current FIBA rules shall apply unless otherwise provided for in these by-laws.
1.2 Day to day interpretation of these by-laws shall be the responsibility of the most senior official present at the time. Appeals against interpretation shall be lodged in writing with the Management of Altone Park.
1.3 Zone defence is not permitted in Under 10’s & 12’s competitions. For the purposes of these by-laws, zone defence means players defending an area in the keyway.
1.4 Back court defence is not permitted in Under 10’s.

2. REGISTRATION
2.1 All players must have their current names and contact numbers registered with the centre prior to the commencement of each game.
2.2 Teams are allowed a maximum of ten nominated players for each game/season.
2.3 If a player, including a guest player, has not provided sufficient information, then the designated team contact will be required to take the responsibility of identifying and informing that player of any issues which arise, in relation to that player's involvement in games at the centre.
2.4 Failure to assist in these matters may result in disciplinary action against the team, including withdrawing the team from the program.
2.5 Grading and regrading of teams will be the sole responsibility of the Centre Management.
2.6 A team representative must disseminate copies of the City of Swan Code of Conduct and Conditions of Entry to all players and supporters.

3. FORFEIT
3.1 If no match is played, then forfeit fines will apply.
3.2 In the event of a forfeit and no match conducted, a refund of game fees will be given. However, if a scratch match or "friendly" game occurs between the two fixtured sides, then all members from both teams must still pay their admission fee to cover court/umpire costs incurred by the centre. Once a scratch match is played, no ‘credit’ will be given to either side.
3.3 Any team forfeiting twice in any one season may be replaced without notice at the discretion of the Management of Altone Park. Any club forfeiting six games in any one season may be replaced without notice at the discretion of the Management of Altone Park.
3.4 No further premiership points will be awarded to forfeiting teams until such time as the forfeit fine has been paid in full. Lost points are NOT redeemable.
3.5 Nominations for new seasons will not be accepted from teams with outstanding debts.

4. TEAM UNIFORMS
4.1 All players in each team are required to present themselves in conforming shirts/tops for each match. If this does not occur, then the team will be penalised uniform points.
4.2 Three games grace will be allowed from the commencement of a season for players to produce conforming uniforms. If players are not in correct uniforms after this time a three point (3) penalty will be enforced for each offending player. Any new player/s joining a team during the course of a season will be allowed one week to produce a conforming uniform.
4.3 A team replacing another team at any time during the season in progress shall be allowed three weeks grace to comply with conforming team uniform.
4.4 Team shirts must be complete with numbers OR bibs must be worn.
4.5 In the event of two teams with similar coloured uniforms, the team listed first on the draw must wear bibs provided by the centre.
4.6 Uniform points may only be applied up until half time.

5. **ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS**

5.1 Teams are required to ensure that the full names of players ready to play in the match are written on the official match scoresheet before the commencement of play. Teams found to have played players not recorded on their nomination form will lose 3 premiership points. These points are not redeemable. Teams who do not ensure the full names of players are recorded on the scoresheet will be given a warning. 3 warnings will incur a loss of three premiership points. These points are not redeemable.

5.2 Penalty for including the names of players who are not present and ready to play in the match is a loss of all premiership points accrued for that season.

5.3 Late arriving players who are ready to play may have their name included on the official match scoresheet before half time. Should it be discovered during the course of a match that the name of an on-court player does not appear on the scoresheet, the players name may be added without penalty.

5.4 A substitute player who is present and ready to play but does not actually participate in the match shall be considered a legal player as long as they are financial (i.e. paid their game fee) and had their name added to the scoresheet.

5.5 Any club with two or more teams in the same grade shall not be permitted to interchange players from one team to another after the third match of the season.

5.6 A player may play in more than one age division provided they are age appropriate or younger.

5.7 A fill in player is only permitted to play in more than one game on any one day at the same venue to assist a team to avoid a forfeit. A team must have at least three team members for a game to proceed. A maximum of two fill-ins only is permitted to make up a team of five. In this case, only three names may be entered onto the assisted team's score sheet. Therefore fill in players are ineligible for finals. Should other team members arrive and take the court the "fill in" must leave the court.

5.8 The last date by which players may be permitted to move during a season is the last week of Term 2 for the Winter Season and the last week of Term 4 for the Summer season.

6. **FINAL MATCHES**

6.1 To qualify for finals matches, a player must have played at least four minor round matches for that team during the season.

6.2 Centre Management has the right to ask for proof of identification for any player believed to be playing under another name.

7. **TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES**

7.1 All teams must collect receipts from players prior to the start time and hand to the game officials.

7.2 All teams must provide a competent scorer for the duration of the game. Failure to provide a scorer will result in a player from the offending team being required to take the place of a scorer. Interchanging from the scorebench is not permitted.

7.3 All patrons must observe the Code of Conduct, Conditions of Entry and By Laws. Failure to do so may result in removal and/or suspension from the facility.

7.4 A team shall be held responsible for the conduct of its members and spectators. Umpires and other centre officials have the capacity to penalise offending teams and teams from which offending spectators come.

7.5 Team/Club representatives are responsible for disseminating the City of Swan Code of Conduct, Conditions of Entry and By Laws to team members and parents.

7.6 All players must ensure, to the satisfaction of the senior match official that fingernails, rings and other apparel do not present a hazard to other players. (This may include cutting, taping, removal or making safe the hazard).
8. PLAYER AND TEAM REPORTS BY OFFICIALS OR CENTRE MANAGEMENT

8.1 Players, teams, team officials and supporters shall be subject to report by any official of the centre for any form of misconduct.

8.2 If the Centre Management receives a written complaint about any player, team, team official or spectator or if the management deems it necessary, then they may tender a report against that player, team, team official or spectator for misconduct.

8.3 Misconduct shall include but not be limited to abusive language, unsporting conduct, undue rough play, resisting, striking and attempted striking or any action or behaviour that contravenes the Code of Conduct or Conditions of Entry.

8.4 The official shall complete an Official’s Report Form or Incident Report Form which shall be lodged at the centre.

8.5 The Centre may deem it necessary, at the Centre Management's discretion, to conduct a Management Inquiry or convene a Tribunal.

8.6 A Management Inquiry is independent to a Tribunal and the process will be conducted entirely at the discretion of Centre Management.

8.7 All players, teams, team officials, parents and supporters are required to participate in a Management Inquiry and provide requested information to Centre Management. The outcome from a Management Inquiry shall be final.

8.8 If a Tribunal is convened by Centre Management, any player and team official that has been reported for any form of misconduct shall receive the following:
  - A copy of the Official Report Form relating to their incident of misconduct.
  - A notice of the date, time and venue of the Altone Park Misconduct Tribunal (“Tribunal”) hearing.

8.9 The tribunal shall consist of one to three members appointed by the centre. The number of tribunal members sitting at the hearing will also be determined at the Centre Management's discretion. The tribunal shall be attended by the reported player and a parent, coach or club representative.

8.10 Non attendance at a Tribunal hearing or failure to cooperate with a Management Inquiry by the reported person or other relevant participants without prior written notification to the centre may be interpreted as an admission of guilt and the Tribunal or Centre Management may hand down any penalty they consider appropriate in that person's absence.

8.11 A player or team official found guilty by the Tribunal or Management Inquiry may appeal the decision.

8.12 The appellant player or team official shall tender written grounds for his or her appeal together with the appeal fee of $70 within 21 days from the date of the Tribunal decision to the management of the centre.

8.13 The appellant player or team official will be notified in writing of the date, time and venue of the appeal hearing.

8.14 All appeals will be heard by the Management of Altone Park or his nominee.

8.15 All appeal decisions will be final.

9 ABANDONED MATCHES

9.1 In the event of misconduct by players, substitutes, coaches or spectators, the most senior match official has the authority to abandon matches. Decisions in relation to the outcome of abandoned matches will be determined by Management of Altone Park.

10 ILLEGAL PLAYERS

10.1 If a team includes illegal players in a game, then that team will automatically forfeit any match in which the offences occurred.
10.2 Illegal players are defined as follows:
   - Playing in a division for which they are ineligible.
   - Failing to pay the appropriate game fee.
   - Playing under an assumed name.
   - Non-observance of the qualifications criteria for finals matches.
   - Playing while under suspension.
   - Playing while under suspension by any affiliated association.

11. PREMIERSHIP POINTS

11.1 Points shall be awarded on the following basis:

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11.2 Teams joining the competition after the commencement of the season will receive premiership points as follows:
- weeks 2-10: team will receive points equal with the last team, nil for or against scores
- weeks 11+: team will receive no points, nil for or against scores

12. PROTESTS

12.1 Protests from teams or players are to be lodged in writing to the Management of Altone Park with seven days of the alleged incident.

13. COMMENCEMENT OF MATCHES

13.1 When a team has four (4) players, the match must start. If 4 players are not available to start a penalty of 2 points for every minute or part thereof that the defaulting team did not have at least four players will be awarded to the opposing team. Should the other player/s arrive ready to play before the expiration of ten (10) minutes after the official starting time, the match will proceed as a normal game. If no other players arrive within ten (10) minutes of the start time the game will be considered a forfeit and points awarded to the opposition team accordingly.

14. DRAWN MATCHES

14.1 In the event of an equal score at the conclusion of full time of any non-final match, then the match will be considered a draw and each team will be awarded two premiership points.
14.2 In the event of a draw in any finals match with the conclusion of full time then the match will be continued by successive five minute extra time periods with the winner being the team with the greater number of points at the end of the soonest extra time period.

15. TIME CLOCK OPERATION

15.1 In final matches play shall only be stopped for an injury at the umpires discretion for a period not exceeding three minutes after which the match shall be recommenced.
15.2 In minor round matches time can not be held for injury.
15.3 Any injured player who cannot be moved from the court should not be moved. If due to injury the game is abandoned, the Centre Manager shall decide the outcome of the match.
15.4 Grand finals will be fully timed in the final three minutes of the final quarter only.
15.5 The stop clock operation will be abandoned (see 15.4) if one team is 20 points or more ahead with 3 minutes of game time remaining.
15.5 Games shall commence and finish on the referee’s whistle.
15.6 No time outs may be taken in the last three minutes of final quarter, except for grand finals, when time-outs may be taken in final three minutes of the final quarter.

16. LENGTH OF MATCHES

16.1 All matches shall consist of the following times unless indicated otherwise by Centre Management. Four ten minute quarters. Interval at quarter and three-quarter time will be one minute. Half time is a two minute interval.

17. PRIZES

17.1 Prizes shall be awarded to winning premiership teams and runners up to a maximum of 8 players.

18. HANGING ON RINGS/NETS

18.1 Any player/person found hanging on the ring or net before, during or after a game will be suspended from the centre. The length of the suspension will be determined by Centre Management.

19. AGE APPROPRIATE GRADES

19.1 All players must be playing in their appropriate age grades according to the Altone Park Junior Basketball Division & Age Grid.

20. WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

20.1 All clubs and teams participating in junior sporting competitions at the Altone Park leisure Centre must comply with the Working With Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004. The Centre reserves the right to request information regarding a coach or other club/team representative's compliance with the Working With Children Act 2004.