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## PRESENTS

# THE BMBA INVITATIONAL AND YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us in an exciting new basketball  
competition with your best team

**UNDER  
12, 14 16 & 18  
AGE GROUPS**



**BOYS  
&  
GIRLS**

**CUT-OFF DATE: - 31/12/2025**

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Welcome to our BMBA Invitational information booklet.

Over the past eight years, I have become increasingly frustrated with what has been offered by domestic competitions at various Associations.

Domestic competition should be a stepping stone for players to progress into representative competition or to provide junior athletes who cannot participate in representative competition on Fridays, an opportunity to play in its equivalent. It would also be great to have a competition that representative teams/clubs can use to develop their player's skills and game knowledge.

Currently, when participating in domestic competitions, your teams and players will be subjected to : -

- Much shorter game times where games go for between 40 minutes at worst and 50 minutes at best.
- Matches where the clock doesn't stop and you cannot take time-outs as a coach when the game is close. This also doesn't develop player's game management skills and leads to varying degrees of poor sportsmanship where players take extraordinarily long time at the foul line for example to allow the clock to continue to run to deny your team a chance to win a game.
- Playing under or against coaches with little to no understanding of the game. Their intentions are honourable but their understanding of the game and their ability to develop individual players, their teams are limited. This does nothing to raise the standard competition ensuring teams and players are engaged in a never ending cycle of poor development.
- Competitions where by-laws are not enforced leading to frustration and at times confrontation due to the above-mentioned coaches either manipulating those by-laws or simply ignoring them.
- Average to horrible refereeing standards, where on a number of occasions you need to even tolerate only one referee officiating your match.
- A competition administration that ignores any legitimate concerns that you may raise, as they only see your players and teams as dollar signs to finance wages and facilities.

These issues and more can make coaches and coordinators more frustrated as every domestic season goes by. I have also been contacted by a number of representative club contacts who are as equally frustrated at being restricted in regards to how many teams they can enter into representative competitions.

So as one wise mentor taught me, ***"Don't come to my door with a problem, come to my door with a solution"***. This booklet covering the BMBA Invitational competition concept I believe will be the solution to the above for those who would like to embrace.

For those who do embrace it, their teams will enjoy the following:

- Longer fully timed games comprising four eight-minute quarters. Our full timing regulations are listed later in this booklet.
- No points for rep players will be allocated, we want you to bring your best teams.
- The provision of shot clocks during games. There will need to be training completed for score bench delegates from each team before this is implemented.



- Clubs, programs and even schools that we know will provide coaches that are independent and knowledgeable, people who know how to develop teams and players and more importantly embrace the opportunity to do so.
- By-laws that are not only understood by coaches, but by-laws that will be moulded, embraced, committed to and abided by those very same coaches. The recruitment of legitimate referees who will be properly remunerated and taught how to treat coaches, players and most importantly the game with respect and who in turn will be returned that respect by all participants.
- A competition administration that will have at its front of mind the development and education of its players and will provide the best of customer service for its participants.

Not only will we put in place the above but we believe one of the most important things will be our new competition format. Six team groups will be formed and initially, competitions will be played across a school term. The intention is to grow this across a two-term season as more teams enter.

To begin with, our one-term format will include six teams playing each other in a round-robin format where every team plays each other at least once. While these games will have a scoreboard and a team that wins and a team that loses, no ladders will be kept. The entire purpose of these lead-up round-robin games is the development of players. We want coaches to be focused on development and not winning.

In this format having your players try something new in game conditions whether be a new dribble, a shot attempt or running a play will not impact on your team whether you win or lose.

Instead, coaches will be encouraged to use these games to develop and educate their players for an end of term round robin tournament, where over two week-ends the same teams will play in competitive games where ladders will be kept and the top two teams will play off in a grand final to crown that term/season champions.

Ultimately, our preference is for a two-term season, where teams will play each other across fifteen rounds and then participate in an end of season round-robin tournament.

This will allow coaches and teams to focus on:

- Player Development
- Team development
- Trialling different skills, offensive and defensive concepts.
- All of this will be done with experienced and knowledgeable coaches in charge of each team.
- Games will be conducted with proper timing regulations, by-laws and shot clocks
- Games will have referees that will be provided with the remuneration and environment to ensure every game enjoys the highest standard of officiating possible. This won't happen immediately, but will be one of our priorities to build over time.

This booklet covers all the above in detail. Hopefully, after reading this document you will join us in this wonderful concept to develop your players whether they be the more enthusiastic and committed domestic players or a representative team looking to continue to develop.



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# BMBA Invitational Timing Rules

- 4 x 8 Minute Quarters
- Each team may be granted two (2) time-outs in the first half.
- Three (3) time-outs in the second half with a maximum of 2 of these time-outs when the game clock shows two (2) minutes or less in the final quarter.
- The clock will stop on every whistle throughout the game and for made field baskets in the last 2 minutes of the final quarter.
- Players will be given 6 fouls due to longer game times
- The shot Clock operates in all games except the Under 12s.
- Where specified the shot clock will be in operation as per the FIBA rules, except the shot clock won't reset to 14 seconds.
- Shot Clock Rules for Under 12 and 14's shall be as follows:  
The 24-second device will not be started until the Ball enters the team's frontcourt.
- Quarter time and three-quarter time shall be one (1) minute. The Half time interval shall be two (2) minutes.



# BMBA Invitational Season Structure

- For our first season we will be conducting competitions for Under 12, 14 16 & 18 for both boys and girls. Competitions will have the normal basketball cut-off date of December 31st 2025.
- If the concept proves to be successful and clubs/schools and basketball programs jump on board we will expand the competitions offered to other age groups and junior girls competitions.
- Our first season will be set across term three 2024 where we will accept up to six teams. We can commence with as few as two teams to begin with, while progressing with the intention of adding teams as the term progresses.
- At the end of the term over the last two weekends we will be conducting a round-robin tournament
- From term four we will be looking to provide a full summer season across Term Four 2024 and term One 2025 where six teams will play each other three times and a round robin tournament over the last two weekends of term One 2025.
- This will then bring our BMBA invitational seasons into line with the vast majority of domestic teams and for rep clubs their rep season.
- The lead-up games will be played on a rotational basis at a venue nominated by each club/program.
- The round-robin tournament will be played at a venue that can accommodate all games under the one roof.





# BMBA Invitational By-Laws

By-law features will include the following

- No point rules for rep players, bring your best teams.
- A strict no zone rule, to be implemented by the coaches and not the referees
- A fall back rule that can be waived by the losing coach.
- The same timing rules used in Victorian Championship representative matches. In other words fully-timed games.
- The same shot clock rules that operates in Victorian Championship representative matches.
- Rules that cover season structure as outlined in this booklet.
- Rule resolution guidelines to be determined by coaches where breaches can be reported and judged upon.
- Guidelines for spectator, player, coach and referee behaviour.



# BMBA Invitational Venue Setup & Requirements

Initially all our matches will be played at Stonnington Sports Centre in Malvern East, De La Salle College in Malvern and Orrong-Romanis stadium in Prahran. Once we reach capacity at those venues, we will look at more venues. All venues will require the following. Priority for Venue allocation will be given to clubs/programs and schools that support the BMBA Invitational the most.

- Full court dimensions, with visible line-markings, shot clock and scoreboards.
- Suitable rings and backboards with adequate run-offs on sidelines and baselines.
- Seating for spectators opposite player/team benches and the score tables.
- The ability to video games.
- Adequate toilet and changing facilities.
- Legitimate first aid kit and blood equipment.
- Match basketballs.
- The provision of a venue manger to oversee venues for each game and to act as an escort for referees.
- Venues will need to be inspected and approved before hosting games.





# BMBA Invitational Unique features

The Unique features that we are looking at for the BMBA Invitational competition will be:-

- Longer game times
- Shot Clocks.
- No points system for rep players. Bring your best teams.
- Match Videos and full stats.
- Development emphasis in lead-up games to the end-of-season tournament.
- A round-robin tournament at the completion of the season to decide the season's champions.
- Competition development, by-laws and standards to be driven by independent knowledgeable coaches.
- A profit-sharing rotation for every club/program invited into the program to host games once the competition is established and clubs can provide an adequate venue.
- An end-of-season prize for the champion team and their club.
- This will be a privately run competition, much in the same way an AAU competition would run.
- Naturally the BMBA will have Public Liability insurance which we will be happy to share with all participants.



# BMBA Invitational Proposed Costs and Revenue

## Revenue

Match Scoresheet Fee \$100.00 per game.

Door Entry — No Fee

Player Registration — No Fee

Team Registration — \$200.00 (to cover admin and trophy fees)





# BMBA Invitational Venues

To begin with we will be conducting our matches from the following venues.

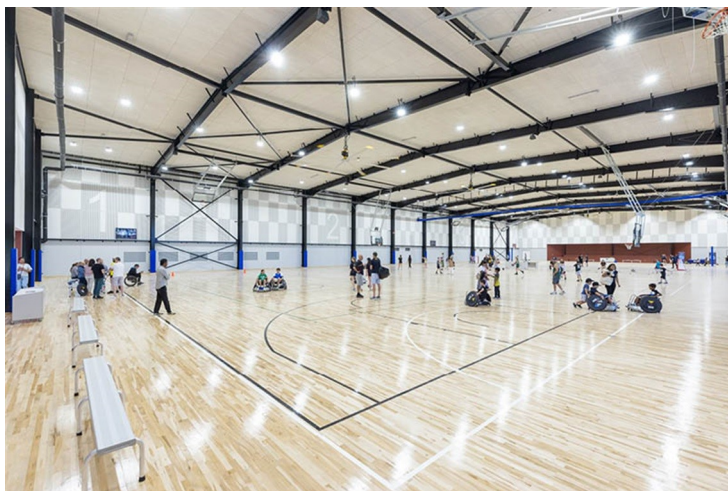
## Margaret Connellan Stadium

Margaret Connellan Stadium is a newly built sporting facility in the City of Stonnington.

Located next to Chadstone Shopping Centre and within the Percy Treyvaud Park.

**Address:** Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park,  
Chadstone Road, Chadstone 3145

(off Chadstone Road)



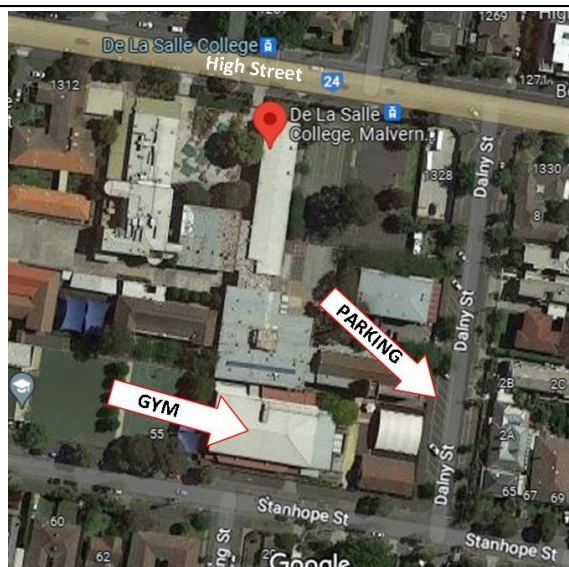
## De La Salle College

The gym at De La Salle College is located within the schools grounds as shown on the image on the right.

Entrance is via Stanhope Street in Malvern.

There is plenty of parking on both Stanhope and Dalny Streets.

**Address:** Stanhope Street, Malvern, 3145.



## Orrong-Romanis Recreation Center

The Orrong-Romanis Recreation Center is within close walking distance to Toorak Train Station and has two courts, one which is at a competition standard and is located

**Address:** 2 Molesworth St, Prahran .







# BMBA Invitational Competition Summary



The BMBA Invitational presents  
**CENTRAL DISTRICTS  
REP COMPETITION**

**JOIN TODAY**

- Longer game times, shot clocks,
- development by-laws and focus,
- unique competition structure,
- State of the art modern courts
- and much, much more
- Ideal for Rep Clubs
- Domestic teams welcome,
- School teams welcome,
- Play rep standard basketball
- Stay local in one LGA.

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Location  Stonnington Sports Centre

Time  06:00 Pm onwards

Days  Fridays

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## BMBA Invitational - Central Districts Representative

This competition will be conducted on Friday nights starting at 6:00 pm. It is designed to provide an alternative for rep teams that cannot play in the Victorian Junior League competitions or would simply prefer an option that doesn't require the same travel. It will involve the following age groups for both boy's and girl's competitions.

- Under 12,
- Under 14
- Under 16
- Under 18 (where numbers permit)

These competitions will be conducted with the same features and format as our Elite Division competitions to be conducted on Saturdays.



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# BMBA Invitational Elite Division

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- Longer game times, shot clocks,
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- unique competition structure,
- State of the art modern courts
- and much, much more
- Ideal for Rep Clubs
- Domestic teams welcome,
- School teams welcome,
- Play rep standard basketball
- Stay local in one LGA.

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Location: Stonnington Sports Centre  Time: 04:00 Pm onwards  Days: Saturdays 

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## BMBA Invitational - Elite Division

This competition is in effect the same as the "Central Districts Representative" competition, except it will be played on Saturday afternoons commencing at 4:00 pm and will provide for the most eager of players and teams the opportunity to play with their mates in one domestic competition and then another game with more features and a format which will deliver a higher standard through the BMBA invitational at Stonnington Sports Centre.



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# BMBA Invitational Domestic Division

**JOIN TODAY**

- Longer game times, shot clocks,
- development by-laws and focus,
- unique competition structure,
- State of the art modern courts
- and much, much more
- Designed for Domestic teams
- Ideal for School Teams,
- Enjoy a second game,
- Higher standard of basketball
- Stay local in one LGA.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER](#)

Location: Stonnington Sports Centre  Time: 4:00 Pm onwards  Days: Fridays & Saturdays 

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## BMBA Invitational - Domestic Division

We are also determined to provide games and competitions that will also embed many of the features offered in the above two competitions. This competition will be made available to teams not confident enough or not ready to enter the above competitions.

They will still provide longer game times, shot clocks and a development focus with unique competition formats.



# BMBA Invitational Summary

Everything listed in this booklet is ideas and concepts for this new format for basketball.

The competition is designed for junior players within your club or program to participate in an environment committed to helping them improve their game while being a part of a competition that every week will look to raise its standard of play to an elite level.

One of the key goals for the competitions is for it to be driven by knowledgeable basketball people, not administrators. In particular, we want to draw on the knowledge and experience of the coaches who will be in charge of teams within the competition. They will be the group that we will be relying on to drive and abide by the competition by-laws. In doing so they will encourage the development of players and teams as a priority. Uniquely we will also be looking for them to drive the standards of the referee to encourage higher standards, while actively working to develop respectful relationships between players, coaches, referees and spectators.

It is our intention, for this competition to be like nothing seen before in Melbourne basketball circles. We believe after the initial concept is trialled in term three, that word will spread to ensure its growth. That growth must be managed so we ensure only clubs and programs with the correct attitudes to the concepts of the competition outlined in this booklet will become a part of it. Hence the name "Invitational".

You have received this booklet to make a judgement as to whether you wish for your club/team/program to become one of the inaugural ones to be invited to take part. We hope you can see and share our vision and become a part of something that we believe will evolve into something very special, unique and exciting for all involved.

We are looking to play games on Friday evenings/nights and late afternoon/evenings on Saturdays, but we wish to be flexible with a floating fixture that can cater for team preferences.

If you would be keen for your team to participate please get back to me and we can discuss all of this. I will also be arranging either a Zoom meeting or an in-person meeting for interested parties to attend for a presentation, general discussion and some Q & A.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Owner/Director

BMBA Basketball

