



## TRAVEL & NEUTRAL GAME POLICY

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### INTRODUCTION

The MUVJBL as per its Charter, is a state wide home and away competition open for all BV affiliated associations, but must and should consider the health and safety of all its members.

Whilst it is not possible to eliminate travel it is a duty of care of the MUVJBL to wherever possible minimise risks by reducing long distance travel.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that a consistent approach is followed by all Association Delegates, Coaches and Players when it comes to safety due to long drives and will encourage all games where travel exceeds 100km each way to consider playing the game at a neutral venue or at a more suitable time and day.

### POLICY

#### CURRENT RULES THAT MUVJBL OPERATE UNDER

##### 1. Charter

##### 1.1 Melbourne United Victorian Junior Basketball League:

The Melbourne United Victorian Junior Basketball League incorporate competitions conducted state-wide and provide the highest level of junior competition in Victoria. They include the Under 12 to Under 20 age groups, in a graded structure from Victorian Junior Championship League to the Regional Competition. Regional Basketball is a delegated body answerable to the MUVJBL.

##### 2. Competition Entry

##### 2.1 Conditions of Entry into the MUVJBL:

The Championships are open for entry by all Associations, both Metropolitan and Country and nominated by the Melbourne United Victorian Junior Basketball Leagues

The MUVJBL is a home and away competition with the ability for administrators to schedule neutral venues where appropriate. If it is deemed necessary to conduct a game at a neutral venue then this will occur for both games between the teams involved.

##### 7.5 Other Re - fixtured games:

7.5.1 The Administrator has the power to re-fixture any game that it deems necessary. Reasons include last minute unavailability of a venue due to power restrictions, floods, heat, fixturing errors, team withdrawals, walkovers state and national team involvement etc.

## PROCESS FOR ALLOCATION OF NEUTRAL GAMES

- The process of allocating possible neutral games shall commence at the start of Grading Phase 1 for the 2015/16 season
- Associations will be sent a travel survey prior to completing the travel grid to assist the MUVJBL Administration in finalising games that may require being played at a neutral venue.
- The MUVJBL Administration will also take into account the following additional factors when completing the neutral game grid. These factors will include information from the association surveys, timing of games, cross city travel, nature of access roads (windy/ narrow roads) and major events including football and concerts.
- Prior to the commencement of Grading Phase 1 the MUVJBL will send to all associations a distance and travel grid highlighting games that may required to be played at a neutral venue.
- The distance used for the grid will be set at >250 km each way for the 2015/16 season and will be reassessed prior to the commencement of each season
- Prior to the commencement of each phase, associations will be notified of possible neutral games due to excessive travel or time constraints
- Associations will be required to nominate a contact who will be in a position to respond on behalf of the association any arrangements required for the highlighted games (At times responses may be required within 4 hours to assist MUVJBL Administration with fixturing)
- The home association will be given a deadline to advise the MUVJBL of one of the following –
  - ❖ Agree to play the game as a home game with the return game to be played at the opposition's venue as per fixture (MUVJBL to be notified that both teams agree, and an assurance that the teams have considered travel with due diligence)
  - ❖ Agree as above, but on an alternative time and day (MUVJBL to be notified that both teams agree, and an assurance that the teams have considered travel with due diligence)
  - ❖ Agree to play at an agreed neutral venue for both home and away games (subsidies will be paid to home association per below)

## OR

- If the teams cannot agree on one of the above options by a time set by the MUVJBL Administration, then the MUVJBL Administration will
  - ❖ Move the game to a neutral venue and.
  - ❖ Pay a subsidy to the home team for the loss of their home game (Rate to be set for neutral games prior to commencement of season)
  - ❖ Fixture the return game also at a neutral game with the home team receiving the subsidy
  - ❖ The subsidy for the 2015/16 season be set at \$120.00 plus GST and paid to the allocated home team association.

## **PROCESS FOR HOSTING OF NEUTRAL GAMES**

- A Hosting of Neutral Games agreement form will be sent out to all associations with their entry form for the new season.
- Any associations that wish to be considered for the hosting of neutral games will need to return the signed hosting form prior to the commencement of the season.
- Associations will be required to pay \$5.00 per neutral game played at their venue. The MUVJBL will invoice the association at the end of each phase and at the end of the Championship season.
- The rate is set for the 2015/16 season at \$5.00 per game and will be reassessed at the end of the season at the same time as the rate for the travel subsidy is reassessed.
- The MUVJBL administration will have the authority to fixture and schedule games where it sees fit and any decision by the MUVJBL administration will be final.

## **AUTHORISATION**

<Signature of Board Secretary>  
<Date of approval by the Board>  
<Name of organisation>