



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BASKETBALL LEAGUE

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RULES OF OPERATION

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1.0 Nominating Conditions

All Associations must be affiliated and financial members of Basketball WA.

All Associations participating in the Western Australian Basketball League (WABL) must abide by the rules and regulations as set by Basketball WA.

All players and coaches must be registered with their Association. All coaches must hold a minimum level accreditation of Community Coach.

All Coaches and Managers must be registered with their Association and have a Working with Children Check that will be current for the whole of the calendar year of the competition which must be submitted to Basketball WA.

All Associations must nominate a Games Controller and a Referees Co-ordinator to assist with the WABL competition.

All Associations must supply a competent Level One accredited referee for all games above Under 16.

2.0 Age Groups

2.1 The following Age Groups are offered in the WABL competition:

Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18, Under 20/21 & Open

2.2 Associations can nominate up to 4 teams in the U12s-U18s Age Groups. For U20 Boys, up to 2 teams can be nominated. For U21 Girls, Open Champ Women and Open Champ Men, Associations can nominate 1 team.

2.3 Once the official fixtures for all have been completed and distributed, Associations will be fined if they choose to withdraw any teams.

Withdrawal of a team after official fixtures distributed \$500.00

3.0 Playing Rules

The WABL competition shall be conducted under the playing rules of FIBA with modifications as outlined below or where applicable.

3.1 WABL will not adopt the following rules:

- Article 46.12 (2008) – Be authorised to approve and use the technical equipment, if available, to decide, before he signs the scoresheet, if a last shot at the end of each period or any extra period was released during playing time.
- Article 4.4.3 – During the game, a player may wear shoes of any colour combination, but the left and right shoe must be matching.
WABL will still apply the rest of the wording of the rule – No Flashing Lights, reflective material or other adornments are permitted

3.2 WABL rule change:

- Article 38.3.2 – a disqualified player, under the age of 18 years, must remain on the team bench under the supervision of the Manager and or the Coach. At the end of the game the player should be escorted from the court by coach, manager, or parents. If there are extenuating circumstances, the games controller or court manager can use their discretion if removal is required.
- Article 2.5.4 – 3-point goal area – All age groups Under 16 and above will use the “new FIBA three-point line”. All age groups Under 14 and below will use the

“old FIBA three-point line.” Any courts without the old FIBA markings will use “new three-point line” for all age groups.

- Article 29 – In the Under 14 age group, the 24 second shot clock is not to commence until the offensive team is in their front court (i.e. whenever a player gains control of a live ball in their team’s front court, their team must attempt a shot for a field goal within 24 seconds.) The 8 second restriction in the back court would remain.
- Article 28 – In Under 12s Divisions 2–5, the 8 second restriction in the back court will be increased to 10 seconds.

4.0 Premiership Table

- 4.1 The team that has scored the greater number of points at the end of the game shall be the winner.
- 4.2 If the score is tied at the end of playing time for the fourth period, the game shall continue with as many extra periods as is necessary to break the tie.
- 4.3 A win is designated 2 premiership points; a loss is designated 0 premiership points. Where a competition utilises BYE rounds, a regular season BYE is considered a win (2 points). In the event of a washout, both teams will be awarded 1 point each.
- 4.4 2 Environment Points (E-Points) will be allocated to both teams. A maximum of 2 E-Points can be deducted from a team for breaches outlined in **Appendix E** (page 18). E-Points will be totalled in combination with premiership points. BYE teams and teams involved in washouts will receive 2 E-Points.
- 4.5 Premiership ladder

4.5.1 Regular Season

- (a) For the purpose of displaying each competition’s ladder during the regular season, teams shall be placed in order of number of premiership points.
- (b) If two (2) or more teams have the same number of premiership points, the ladder order will be determined by total points for / total points against expressed as a percentage.

4.4.2 End of Regular Season

- (a) For the purpose of displaying each competition’s ladder at the end of the regular season in order to determine a finals fixture, teams shall be placed in order of most premiership points.
- (b) If two (2) or more teams have the same number of premiership points, the ladder order for the tied teams shall be decided by;
 1. Head to head with mini ladder and percentage for/against **only considering the results between the tied teams**. (Only if all teams equal on premiership points have played identical number of games against one another.)
 2. Overall percentage for/against of all regular season games.
 3. Largest win margin percentage for all regular season games.

If these criteria still cannot decide, a draw shall decide on the classification.

5.0 Uniforms

- 5.1 All players must warm up and play in the correct, registered uniform. Uniforms or clothing that deviates from any Association-endorsed merchandise or

branding cannot be worn. Any player who is not clothed in the team's approved registered uniform is not eligible to play.

- 5.2 The playing uniform for each Association must be photographed front and back and submitted to Basketball WA prior to the start of the season.
- 5.3 Any changes to the registered uniform must be lodged with Basketball WA for approval.
- 5.4 Uniforms consist of playing singlet, playing shorts (must not extend past the knee cap and must be without pockets), warm-up top and tracksuit as endorsed by the Associations and approved by Basketball WA.
- 5.5 In accordance with FIBA regulations, arm and leg garments, including undershirts and undershorts, are permitted provided they are made of compression material. All under garments must be black, white or of the same dominant colour as the playing uniform.
- 5.6 Hats are not permitted to be worn by players or coaches.

Failure to comply, \$50.00 fine

- 5.7 Uniform Numbers:
 - Numbers must be on the back of the playing singlet and no less than 20cm tall and on the front of the singlet no less than 10cm tall. (All numbers shall not be less than 2cm wide).
 - In accordance with the FIBA rules, teams may only use numbers 0, 00 and 1 to 99.
 - Players on the same team shall not wear duplicate numbers
 - No sponsorship, manufacturers or Association logos, names or player names to infringe on the playing number
 - Where uniform colour clashes occur, it is the responsibility of the Home team to ensure a clash set is acquired and worn.
 - Any player whose number is not in accordance with these requirements shall not be eligible to play.
- 5.8 Advertising:
 - The WABL logo shall be placed on the right-hand leg of the shorts and right breast of the singlet of all playing uniforms.
 - Excluding the uniform number, any line (player name or sponsor) on the back of a singlet must comply to a maximum height of 8cms. The singlet number must not be encroached and the colours must match the Association predominate colours.
 - Association name or logo of the team must appear on the front written in 1 line (max 8 cms) or 2 lines (max 6 cms each).
 - Team logos:
 - a) On the front of shirt must not exceed:
25cm in width x 25 cm length
 - b) On the front of shorts must not exceed:
12cmW x 12cmL
 - Manufacturer's logo or advertising (on front of shirt or shorts) must not exceed 12cm in width x 12cm in length.

- 5.9 All coaches and team managers must wear appropriate attire with a minimum Association top (with logo visible) and covered shoes.

Failure to comply, \$50.00 fine

- 5.10 All Basketball WA appointed officials (Games Controller & Referee Coaches) must wear Basketball WA approved clothing.
- 5.11 All Referees must wear appropriate attire including a Basketball WA issued referee shirt (*Black & White for Level 1 or higher or Basketball WA issued Green shirt for junior referees*) with current league sponsorship displayed, long black pants and fully enclosed, non-marking shoes when refereeing.
- 5.12 Exposed jewellery is not to be worn during any WABL game. This includes any items that are used for decoration e.g. rings, earrings/studs, nose rings/studs, lip rings/studs, necklaces, bracelets, anklets and watches. Items that cannot be removed must be covered with a suitably protective device such as medical tape.
- 5.13 All of the above shall be controlled by the Games Controllers & Referee Coordinators.

6.0 Timing

- 6.1 There shall be a warm-up period of not less than ten (10) minutes.
- 6.2 For all age groups Under 16 and above, games will consist of four quarters of ten (10) minutes each, fully timed, with a half time interval of no more than eight (8) minutes, and a two (2) minute break at the end of the first and third quarter.
- For the Under 12 and Under 14 Age Groups, games will consist of four quarters of eight (8) minutes each, fully timed, with a half time interval of no more than five (5) minutes, and a two (2) minute break at the end of the first and third quarter.
- 6.3 Each team is allowed two (2) charged time outs at any time in the first half (first and second quarter). Three (3) charged time outs are permitted in the second half (third and fourth quarter). A maximum of 2 timeouts are allowed in the last 2 minutes of the fourth quarter. An additional time out is allowed in any extra period.
- 6.4 If the game is drawn at the conclusion of the playing time for the fourth period, a two-minute break will be taken before overtime commences. For Under 12s and Under 14s, the extra periods will be three (3) minutes. For Under 16s and above, the extra periods will be five (5) minutes. This will continue until a result is achieved.
- 6.5 The team's fouls will continue from the last quarter.
- 6.6 The home team is responsible for supplying the time keeper and the away team shall provide the scorer. Refer to *16.0 Officials – Duty Teams*.
- 6.7 Each home venue shall have at least one court with an operational 24 second shot clock.
- 6.8 The 24 second shot clock is to be operated for the divisions 14CH, 16CH, 18CH, 20CH, 21CH and CHM/CHW. These age groups shall be rostered to play on a court with a 24 second timing device where possible throughout the season.
- 6.9 The 24 second shot clock operator for each Champ game will be sourced by Basketball WA based on availability.

- 6.10 Team members and their equipment are required to vacate the player's bench completely within a reasonable time after the conclusion of the match.

Failure to comply with rules 6.6 and 6.7 will result in a \$50.00 fine per infringement.

7.0 No Zone Defence

- 7.1 All Under 12 and Under 14 Age Groups will play no zone defence in the back court. i.e. All players must play man to man defence.
- 7.2 If an opposition coach believes a zone is being played, the referee coach or games controller should be consulted. This person will observe the game, determine whether a zone is being played or not and advise if a technical foul should be awarded and appropriate penalty applied.
- 7.3 The Basketball Australia Zone Busters manual is to be used for all Under 12 & 14 WABL Games.

8.0 Mouth Guards

- 8.1 It is compulsory for players in the Under 12's to Under 18's age groups (inclusive) to wear a mouthguard when playing games in the WABL competition.
- 8.2 If a player is not wearing a mouth guard he/she is not permitted to enter the court.
- 8.3 Only players with written medical advice that has been approved by BWA will be exempt from 8.1.
- 8.4 All players in the Under 20/21 and Open Age Groups are encouraged to wear a mouthguard while playing.
- 8.5 The referees will be responsible for the enforcement of this rule. Team Coaches and Managers are to ensure all players subbing in are wearing a mouthguard.

9.0 Players and Forfeits

- 9.1 All players must be under age as at 31st December in the year of the competition.
- 9.2 All players must register via the Online Player Registration form prior to playing any game. All Associations shall assume the responsibility with regard to the registration of players.
- 9.3 A player can play in the qualifying games of one or more age groups in WABL provided they meet the age criteria.
- 9.4 After Round 4, there may be no permanent switching of players between teams within any age group.
- 9.5 Within an age group, players may participate as a fill-in in a higher grade for a maximum of 3 games. Once a 4th game is played that player is considered to have moved to the higher graded team and may no longer represent the lower graded team.
- 9.6 In graded competitions, a maximum of ten (10) players can play for their team in each game. In all other competitions, a maximum of twelve (12) players can play for their team in each game. U14 Touring teams may apply for exemption to carry a 12-player roster. A team may select and suit up 12 players for finals games.

- 9.7 A forfeit occurs when insufficient players attend by the required time, which is ten minutes after the scheduled start time.
- 9.8 A minimum of five (5) players must be present before a team is permitted to commence a match.
- 9.9 A substitute player arriving late may play in the match provided that they are a registered player to that team on the scoresheet or scoring device, prior to the game commencing. If any player is not physically present by the end of the game, their name must be removed from the scoresheet or scoring device.
- 9.10 When a team is not required to attend due to a forfeit by opponents, all of the registered players for the non-forfeiting team will be credited with having played that game.
- 9.11 If a team plays an ineligible or unregistered player, the game will result in a forfeit.
- 9.12 Any uncleared player will be deemed ineligible.
- 9.13 The team that has forfeited will receive zero (0) premiership points and zero (0) E-Points. The opposition team will receive two (2) premiership points as well as two (2) E-Points.

**Playing an ineligible or unregistered player, game deemed a forfeit
\$100.00**

Forfeiting teams will be fined:

Basketball WA notified Wednesday to Friday	\$150.00
Basketball WA notified Saturday	\$250.00
Un-notified forfeit or notified Sunday	\$500.00

NOTE: If any team forfeits on a third occasion, the club may be required to meet with Basketball WA and provide a legitimate justification for the team to remain in the WABL competition.

10.0 Restricted Players

- 10.1 Each club shall be limited to no more than two (2) players per team who are not eligible to represent the Australian National Team in the Main Official Competition of FIBA, pursuant to all FIBA regulations as determined from time to time. These players will be known as "Restricted Players".
- 10.2 Players may apply to Basketball WA to revoke their restricted classification by:
 - providing to the Basketball WA office a certified copy of his/her Australian Citizenship Certificate, or
 - permanently living in Australia before their 15th birthday.
 - upon written application stating exceptional circumstances.
- 10.3 No NBL1 West Restricted Player is eligible to play in the WABL unless that player has been on the NBL1 West "Injured List". This eligibility will cease once the Restricted Player's name has been reinstated on the NBL1 West playing list.
- 10.4 Approval must be received from the Basketball WA office before the restricted player takes the court in a WABL game.

11.0 NBL1 West “starter rule”

- 11.1 If a female player over the age for WABL Under 21 competition or a male player over the age for WABL Under 20 competition starts in an NBL1 West game for their club, they are ineligible to play WABL (Div1/D-League) until their NBL1 West starter status is cleared (when they next come off the bench). Starter status is carried from weekend to weekend until cleared.
- 11.2 If a regular NBL1 West bench player is required to start in extenuating circumstances, an exemption may be granted for their starter status to be waived.

Playing an ineligible player, game deemed a forfeit \$100.00

12.0 Eligibility for WABL Finals

- 12.1 To be eligible to play for any team in the WABL finals, a WABL player must have played at least a third of all qualifying games for that team during the season.
- 12.2 If for any reason a player does not qualify by completing the required games, he/she may petition Basketball WA three (3) weeks prior to the finals starting to waive this restriction.
- 12.3 Injured players may register as having participated in a game provided a medical certificate is submitted to Basketball WA within fourteen (14) days of the injury. NBL1 West injury certificates will be acceptable.
- 12.4 Any WABL player who has a state or national commitment, for basketball, (Basketball WA state teams, AIS and Australian camps/competitions) will be registered as having played in the WABL competition for the dates they are unavailable in Western Australia provided they are granted approval by BWA.
- 12.5 A team may select and suit up 12 players for finals games.
- 12.6 A player’s name on the scoresheet shall be sufficient proof that he/she has represented that team for that game. The Games Controller for each game is responsible to ensure that all players named on the scoresheet are present and suitably attired to take part in the game.
- 12.7 If a team is found to have played a player who has not qualified to play finals, the team will automatically forfeit the game and be fined accordingly.

Playing an ineligible player, game deemed a forfeit \$100.00

- 12.8 For the purpose of this rule, it shall be the responsibility of all affiliated Associations to carefully assess the eligibility of players before permitting them to participate in the final series.
- 12.9 Basketball WA will send a complete list of eligible players on the Monday following the last round of competition. Approximate records are displayed on the WABL competition platform all season.
- 12.10 Any protest or dispute concerning the eligibility of a player to participate in a final series shall be referred to Basketball WA and dealt with as a matter of urgency.

13.0 Finals Format

- 13.1 For all WABL Divisions (both Under Age and Open), the Finals Format will consist of Three Weeks with the top eight teams in each competition participating.

- Week One (Quarter Finals) 1v8, 2v7, 3v6 and 4v5

- Week Two (Semi-Finals) *Winner of 1v8 v Winner 4v5 & Winner of 2v7 v Winner of 3v6*
- Week Three (Grand-Finals) *Winners Semi Finals*

14.0 Under 14 National Club Championships

- 14.1 The three places for each gender will be determined by a qualifying tournament open to all Basketball WA affiliated associations. The Top 3 teams from this tournament will be the WA representatives for the current year.

See Appendix B for full rules.

15.0 Changes of Fixture

- 15.1 As a general rule, fixture dates and times will not be changed unless there are compelling reasons. Any reschedule fixtures must be played within fourteen (14) days or as agreed to by Basketball WA.
- 15.2 Applications must be made in writing to the WABL League Manager to approve any change.

16.0 Officials - Duty Teams

- 16.1 Basketball WA is responsible for rostering officials for all 14CH, 16CH, 18CH, 20CH, 21CH and Open games.
- 16.2 Under Home Rostering Rules, the home association will be responsible for supplying two referees for all games Div 2 and below with a minimum Level one accreditation (Under 16 Div 2 and above) or an Association Beginner Referee (Under 16 Div 3 and below).
The home association will also be responsible for covering any neutral games fixtured at their venue.

Failure to supply two referees \$200.00 fine

- 16.3 The home team will supply a time keeper (scoreboard), the visiting team will supply a scorer (tablet)

Failure to supply a scorer or timekeeper \$50.00

17.0 Services at Venue

- 17.1 It shall be the responsibility of the Home Association to ensure that all equipment and personnel necessary for the correct and safe conduct of the game are supplied.
- 17.2 All courts are to be swept prior to Sunday games.
- 17.3 Reports of stadiums providing less than satisfactory equipment, services and personnel will be submitted to Basketball WA for its attention and actions, which may include re-fixturing to other venues and fines for offending Associations.
- 17.4 The Home Association is required to appoint a Games Controller who will adhere to the requirements of the WABL Duty Statement (Appendix B).
- 17.5 The Home Association/Venue are required to appoint a first aid person for duty when all WABL games are in progress.
- 17.6 Before commencement of each season, Games Controllers may be required to attend a meeting conducted by Basketball WA.

- 17.7 In the case of dangerous conditions applying in any venue the Games Controller in conjunction with the Referee Co-ordinator and the referees have the right to cancel or reallocate a game to another court.
- 17.8 In the event of any game being cancelled due to dangerous conditions, the Home Association will be responsible for the payment of the two referees.
- 17.9 Should any game be cancelled due to dangerous conditions, a written report must be submitted to Basketball WA.
- 17.10 All games cancelled due to dangerous conditions will be;
- Re-played at the discretion of Basketball WA.
 - Should the original game have reached half time or more, the score at that time will stand.
 - If the game is to be re-played, the League Manager will liaise with the Associations involved to find a suitable reschedule.

18.0 Clearances

- 18.1 Subject to any by-law, rule or regulation made by an Association, a player registered with an Association and playing in a non-representative competition may also play within another Association in a non-representative competition without a clearance.
- 18.2 Clearances are required for a player to be eligible to represent another Association in any game conducted by Basketball WA.
- 18.3 All Associations have a responsibility to ask all new players who attend training sessions for any age group whether they are registered with another Association within the Basketball WA.
- 18.4 An Association shall conduct negotiations for a clearance with courtesy to the player and the player's current Association, with minimum pressure on the player and in a spirit of fairness
- 18.5 Where a player is playing in the WABL competition, a clearance on a form approved by Basketball Western Australia shall be obtained from the player's Association before the player may register with another Association.
- 18.6 An Association receiving a request for a clearance shall reply to the request within fourteen (14) days of its receipt, either by granting or refusing the request.
- 18.7 If a club fails to reply to the request for clearance within the required fourteen (14) days, the player may immediately notify Basketball WA and request that Basketball WA grant the clearance.
- 18.8 Basketball WA shall make enquiries with the players current Association as to whether there are exceptional circumstances delaying granting the clearance and if not, Basketball WA shall grant the clearance.
- 18.9 A WABL Transfer Fee must be paid to Basketball WA via the Online Clearance Form prior to clearance being granted.
- 18.10 Basketball WA will not allow the clearance of a player from one affiliated Association to another affiliated Association after the fourth playing date of the season.
- 18.11 An Association may only refuse a clearance at the completion of a season if the player has not fulfilled their obligations to, or is unfinancial with the Association or Basketball WA.

- 18.12 No clearance is required by a player who has not played in a Basketball WA competition for an affiliated Association during the previous twelve (12) months.
- 18.13 It is the responsibility of all Associations to register with Basketball WA all players that are unfinancial. This will assist Basketball WA to ensure that:
- clearances are not granted to unfinancial players
 - players who have previously been registered with an Association, but have not played for that Association for the previous twelve (12) months, and are unfinancial, from being allowed to register until they have paid all outstanding fees

An Association which breaches the clearance by-laws may be fined a sum not exceeding \$500 by Basketball WA.

19.0 Interstate Clearances

- 19.1 All interstate players wishing to play for an Association in a representative competition in WA conducted by Basketball WA shall register to play.
- 19.2 Basketball WA may, after consultation with the Association with which the player is currently registered, grant an application for a clearance to a player who wishes to play in another State.
- 19.3 All interstate clearances are to be completed on a Basketball Australia clearance form.

20.0 Game Scoresheets

- 20.1 All active players shall be recorded on the game scoresheet. It is mandatory for at least one coach from each team to be recorded on the game scoresheet.
- 20.2 The Home Association is required to ensure all game results are submitted at the conclusion of each game. Should internet connection be limited on each court, all results should be submitted at the conclusion of each day.
- 20.3 Any Association not complying with the requirement as set out in 20.2 maybe subject to a fine.

Failure to lodge game results \$100.00

21.0 Tribunal

The normal tribunal rules of Basketball WA apply.

22.0 Protests

- 22.1 Associations shall have the right to lodge a report in the nature of a charge or protest, or giving notice of a dispute in relation to the conduct of a competition match, the eligibility of any player taking part in the match, the behaviour of any person(s), or the result of any competition match.
- 22.2 The above notification shall then be followed up by a written report from the Association and submitted to the Basketball WA office within 24 hours of the conclusion of the game. Such a report shall include a comprehensive account of the incident or happening giving rise to the charge, protest or dispute, shall name the team and/or players concerned and the officials in control of the match

- 22.3 A \$100.00 monetary security is required which is refundable if the protest is upheld.
- 22.4 Deduction of E-Points cannot be protested.

23.0 Unfinancial Associations

- 23.1 All Associations must pay nomination and registration fees prior to the start of the season.
- 23.2 All fines must be paid within fourteen (14) days of notification by Basketball WA of the fine.
- 23.3 Any Association that is unfinancial with Basketball WA shall not be eligible to compete in the WABL.

24.0 Jurisdiction

For the purpose of these rules, members of the WABL Associations are considered to be within the jurisdiction of Basketball WA whilst they are in the precincts of any court or building being hired or used by Basketball WA for the purpose of conducting any match or competition or any other business of Basketball WA.

25.0 Items not Provided For

- 27.1 Any matter not covered by the scope of these rules, provided that it comes within the objectives of Basketball WA, shall be dealt with by Basketball WA.
- 27.2 Basketball WA reserve the right to arrive at decisions outside these rules, in special circumstances and upon written application.

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Appendix A

Games Controller Duty Statement.

1. Prepare scoring tablets for each court.
2. Submit all results immediately after the game concluding. Should internet connection not be available on each court, results must be submitted at the conclusion of the day.
3. Make sure that referees and Referee Coaches check in prior to their first game.
4. Ensure that all equipment is available and working satisfactorily including the 24 - second shot clock.
5. Do not change referees from one game to another unless in conjunction with the Referee Co-ordinator.
6. Make sure that all players warm up in the correct playing uniform, warm up top or tracksuit. No hats are permitted on court. Players not properly attired should not be permitted to either warm up or take position on the team bench.
7. Make sure all players in the under 12 to under 18 Age Groups are wearing a mouthguard.
8. Supervise the court areas, especially the position of spectators and control any aggressive outbursts or bad behaviour by parents or club supporters. Encourage everyone to abide by the Code of Conduct.
9. Be available for referees to consult with in the event of a possible cancellation of game due to dangerous conditions.
10. Any tribunal report made by the referee must be sent to Basketball WA at the end of the day. Notify Competitions Manager of any tribunal reports via phone call or email.
11. Record any injury report forms when required.
12. E-Points reporting for when an incident has occurred.
13. Be familiar with the Rules and By-laws as set by Basketball WA.

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Appendix B

Under 14 National Club Championships Nomination Rules

Western Australia is entitled to be represented by three female and three male teams at the Under 14 National Club Championships. The three teams within each gender will be represented by three different associations.

The six teams selected to represent Western Australia will be the top 3 boy's and girl's teams of the Qualifying Tournament as run by Basketball WA. Only those Associations who will accept the opportunity to represent WA at the under 14 National Club Championships should nominate for the Qualifying Tournament. The tournament is open to all Basketball WA Affiliated Associations.

1.0 ELIGIBILITY FOR PLAYER PARTICIPATION

Twelve players may be named in each team to travel.

All players must be under 14 years of age as at the 31 December of the year in which they will be participating in the National Club Championships.

All players on the final team listing to represent their Association at the National Club Championships (September/October) must have competed for their association during that year of the WABL competition.

2.0 ITEMS NOT PROVIDED FOR

Any matter not covered by this Appendix, provided that it comes within the objects of the Basketball WA, shall be dealt with by Basketball WA.

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Appendix C

Guidelines for the use of Video and Stills Cameras

WABL Guidelines for the use of Video and Cameras

The issue of photography of minors, both still and video is an increasing concern in our society. Basketball Australia has a policy requiring the use of permission forms for individuals for National Championships. This is enforceable under such a controlled environment but would be impractical to facilitate under WABL conditions.

Basketball WA is mindful of the importance of recording of basketball contests to parents, coaches and relatives.

The following guidelines are designed to assist WABL Associations and Games Controllers:

- Photographs / Video recordings may be made of WABL games unless the venue Games Controller is notified of an issue with this taking place.
- If a complaint or privacy notice is received by the Games Controller, they are to approach the photographer / video operator in a non-threatening manner, ask what the purpose of their recording is and ascertain the person's name and contact details.
- The Games Controller is then to explain to the photographer / video operator of the notice that has been received and that another person has requested that their child not be recorded. The Games Controller should then request the person's cooperation in not making any further recordings of the relevant game.
- If the photographer / video operator refuses to co-operate, only the stadium manager is to then enforce any venue policies. The refusal should then be reported to the complainant and the detail noted on the Games Controller's Report Form. If the complainant wishes to take the matter further, then this is up to them.
- At no stage should the Games Controller threaten to throw the photographer / video operator out of the stadium or report them to the police as this could possibly amplify the situation.

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Appendix D

Match Result Protest Procedures

The WABL competition operates under the FIBA Rules (with some exceptions as noted in these Rules) and as such match result protests should follow the procedures contained in the FIBA Rulebook.

Basketball WA is mindful of the fact that not all teams carry a rulebook to their games so to assist team coaches and managers, the following guidelines have been issued:

- Notification of the intent to protest the result of the match must be reported to the Games Controller at the conclusion of the game and signed by the Coach. This must be submitted in writing and can be as simple as: "The X team wishes to protest the result of the game between X and Y".
- The notice should then be followed up with a written report from the Association submitted to the Basketball WA office within 24 hours of the completion of the game.
- A \$100.00 monetary security is required which is refundable if the protest is upheld.
- Deduction of E-Points cannot be protested.

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Appendix E

Environment Points (E-Points)

Environment Point

The primary objective of the E-Point system is to accord game day behaviour the same significance as the outcome of a match and to incentivise teams for exhibiting positive conduct during game days. This system serves as a deterrent, dissuading players, coaches, and spectators from engaging in detrimental game day behaviour even before it transpires.

E-Points are integrated into the premiership table on par with the win/loss outcomes, underscoring the significance of both aspects. Consequently, a team's victory in a match does not overshadow the importance of fostering a positive match day environment, as it can contribute an additional two points to their overall standing in the ladder. Conversely, even in the event of a match loss, a team that cultivates a positive game day environment can still accumulate two (2) points towards their position on the premiership table. This approach not only acknowledges the win/loss outcomes but also places equivalent emphasis on the quality of the game environment established.

By incorporating E-Points into the scoring system, we recognise the impact of game day conduct and its influence on team performance. It is not uncommon for teams to miss out on qualifying for finals due to the loss of E-Points throughout the season. Conversely, teams that have won fewer matches but consistently fostered a positive environment have earned the opportunity to participate in finals. This underscores the importance of creating a conducive and respectful game day atmosphere that goes beyond mere results.

In order to evaluate the quality of the environment fostered by the club, we have implemented an E-points system. Under this system, a maximum of two (2) points will be allocated to both teams.

- There will only be a requirement to report on games if an incident has occurred that could result in the loss of an E-Point. See Figure 1 for what constitutes a breach that could result in a E-Point loss.
- Referee Reporting Requirements: The assessment of the environment will be an integral part of the referee's reporting duties. Referees are expected to include observations and comments regarding the environment in their reports and report on any issues that have occurred.
- Final Decision by Administrator: The ultimate decision regarding the allocation of E-Points will rest with the designated administrator. The administrator will carefully review the referee reports and consider all relevant factors before making a final determination.
- For incidences that require a Tribunal Report Form to be lodged will be done in addition to the E-Points Infringement Form via [JotForm](#) report.

By implementing this E-Points system, Basketball WA aim to promote and maintain a positive environment within the club, ensuring the highest standards of quality and fairness.

Reporting Process

- 1- Who is responsible on game feedback issues – Referees/Referee Coaches/Games Controller.

We encourage the referees to fill out the E-Points Infringement Form via [JotForm](#) report with the support of the Court Controller. The Court Controller is then responsible for lodging the breach through the JotForm which will go to the Competitions Manager.

- 2- What is the process for reporting spectator behaviour by referees?

The process for reporting spectator behaviour by referees is via E-Points Infringement Form through the [JotForm](#) report.

Actions	Points Scale
Technical Foul on Coach	-1 Point
Disqualifying Foul	-1 Point
Player, coach and/or team staff reported and found guilty	-1 Point
Poor spectator behaviour. E.g., swearing at referee, abusive slurs towards players and referees.	-1 Point
Breach of Code of Conduct, Policy or By-Law breach relating to inappropriate game day behaviour.	-1 Point

Figure 1