



FUEL TO GO AND PLAY BWA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS/TITLES

2024 RULES

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1.0 Organising Authority

The ***Fuel to Go and Play BWA State Championships*** are under the control of Basketball WA.

2.0 Purpose

The Championships and Titles, for both Boys and Girls, are held each year in November and December for the purpose of establishing the leading Association teams throughout the state for each age division.

It is also used to help create more interest and competition in our younger boys and girls and improve the standard of Junior Basketball throughout the state.

3.0 Dates and Venue

The 2024 BWA State Championships/Titles will be held on the following dates:

- **Week 1:** 16/17 November – U11 Boys & U13 Girls (Divisions 2–5) @ Bendat
- **Week 2:** 23/24 November – U11 Girls & U15 Boys (Divisions 2–5) @ Bendat
- **Week 3:** 30 November / 1 December – U13 Boys & U15 Girls (Divisions 2–5) @ Bendat & Warwick
- **Week 4:** 7/8 December – U17 Boys, U17 Girls, U19 Boys & U20 Girls (Divisions 2–5) @ Bendat & Warwick
- **Week 5:** 13/14/15 December – State Titles – All Championship Divisions across all age groups @ Bendat

Most games will be held at Bendat Basketball Centre. Overflow games in Weeks 3&4 will be held at Warwick Stadium.

4.0 Age Groupings

The 2024 BWA State Championships/Titles will have the following age groupings:

- Boys Under 11, 13, 15, 17 & 19
- Girls Under 11, 13, 15, 17 & 20

5.0 Eligibility to Participate

Any Basketball WA affiliated association is eligible to enter a team in any of the age groupings in the first four weeks of the Championships. State Titles in Week 5 is limited to WABL Associations only.

Regional sides will be permitted into State Titles as South West, Great Southern, Goldfields, Mid West, Pilbara and Kimberley. These teams will be selected through collaboration with the BWA Regional Development Officers.

6.0 Nominations

Each Association may enter a maximum of 4 teams across Divisions 2, 3, 4 & 5. A maximum of 2 teams can be nominated in any one division. WABL Associations and the Regions may enter 1 team in Championship Division on State Titles weekend.

Basketball WA's decision on acceptances and placement in pools is final.

7.0 Cost of Nominations

The 2024 nomination fee is \$400.00 per team (*GST Included*). Basketball WA will invoice each Association upon acceptance of nominations.

The nomination fee is non-refundable once the nomination due date has elapsed.

Any Association that withdraws a team after fixtures have been released will be fined \$300.00

8.0 Age Limitations

To be eligible to participate, all players must be under the prescribed age as at the 31 December of the year in which they will be participating in the BWA State Championships.

9.0 Restrictions

In all weekends excluding State Titles weekend, players are limited to playing for one team per weekend. In addition to this, up to 1 player per age group and gender per club is able to play up in a State Titles team.

Example

U11s Div 2 player playing up in U11s Div 1 for State Titles weekend – limited to 1

U11s Div 2 player playing up in U13s Div 1 for State Titles weekend – unlimited

U13s Div 1 player playing up in U15s Div 2 – unlimited

For State Titles weekend, players may play for more than one team for that weekend, providing it is for the same club they are registered to, and they are playing an age group up, not down.

Example

U13s Div 1 player is permitted to play up in U15s Div 1 on State Titles weekend

NOTE: Basketball WA cannot guarantee that age groups will not overlap on the State Titles weekend and cannot guarantee there will not be clashes between age groups for players playing in two teams.

Players intending to play on State Titles weekend cannot play in a division lower than Division 2 in State Champs Weeks 1–4.

10.0 Player Nominations

Each team may only select ten (10) players for each game. Players must be registered into teams via PlayHQ prior to the weekend commencing.

If the game is delayed due to unregistered players, a penalty of 2 points per minute will be enforced.

11.0 Finals Participation

Players must play at least a third of qualifying games to participate in the finals.

12.0 Format of Pools

The formation of pools will be determined by the number of teams nominating and the court time available for each weekend.

Semi finals or Crossovers **may** be played prior to the Grand Finals if time and court space permits.

13.0 Team Control

Since the BWA State Championships is a Junior Championship, each team nominated must name a coach and manager to be responsible for the players on and off the court.

14.0 Referees

Referees are to be supplied and paid by the nominating Association for the first four weekends of State Championships. Failure to supply a referee will result in a \$200.00 fine per offence.

Basketball WA will roster and pay referees for all Finals games. The State Titles weekend will have referees centrally rostered by Basketball WA.

15.0 Scoretable Officials

Each team must provide a competent Scoretable Official for each of its games, including Finals.

For U15, U17 and U19 Championship divisions, BWA will roster and pay shot clock officials.

16.0 Fixtures

The compilation of fixtures will be the responsibility of Basketball WA. It is anticipated that play will commence at approximately 7.00AM each day. If need be Friday games may be required to accommodate all fixtures.

Finals will be played on the Sunday, with the time being determined by nomination numbers.

17.0 Equipment

All scoring devices and time-clocks will be supplied by the host stadium.

Teams will supply their own Basketballs.

18.0 Door Charges

The Nomination Fee covers all personnel for entry and Car Parking across the weekend.

19.0 Playing Rules

The BWA State Championships will be conducted as per the FIBA Rulebook with the following modifications:

19.1 Game Timing

45 minute time slots comprising of:

- First Half - straight fifteen (15) minutes running clock from main clock.
- Half Time - three (3) minutes

- Second Half - straight thirteen (13) minutes running clock from the main clock, with an **additional** 2 minutes fully timed from own clock.
- Time Outs - one per half each team.
- Approx 5 minutes between games

19.2 Premiership Points

Win	2 Points
Draw	1 Point
Loss	0 Points
Bye	2 Points

19.3 Drawn Games

In qualifying games the result of a drawn game is to stand. Each team will receive one (1) point. In Finals games, teams will play extra periods of two (2) minutes, all fully timed.

One (1) Time-out per team each extra period.

There will be one (1) minute intervals between each extra period

19.4 Ball Size

Under 11	Size 5
Under 13	Size 6
All other Girls Age Groups	Size 6
All other Boys Age Groups	Size 7

19.5 No Zone Rule

All divisions in the Under 11 and Under 13 age groups must play man to man defence as per WABL rules.

Coaches are responsible for ensuring their team does not play a zone defence in accordance with the Basketball Australia Zone Busters manual (available on www.wabl.asn.au).

All penalties will be issued by the nominated Zone Busters in accordance with the Basketball Australia Zone Busters Manual.

19.6 Backboard Height

Lowered backboards are not used for any age group.

19.7 Forfeit Points

If a team is not ready to play 5 minutes after the scheduled starting time a forfeit will be declared, with the result of 10-nil win to the opposition.

19.8 24 Second Device

A 24 second device will be used for the U15CH, U17CH and U19CH/U20CH games in the BWA State Titles weekend.

19.9 Final Placing

Should two (2) teams be level on competition points at the conclusion of the qualifying games,

eligibility to compete in Finals shall be based on previous results between the tied teams (Head to Head).

Should three (3) or more teams be level on competition points at the conclusion of the qualifying games, eligibility to compete in Finals shall be determined by a mini ladder, only considering the results between the tied teams.

If the teams are still tied, then the ladder order for the tied teams shall be decided by:

- Overall percentage for/against of all round robin games.
- Largest win margin percentage for all round robin games.
- If these criteria still cannot decide, a draw shall decide on the classification.

In the event of two (2) teams finishing equal on points due to a draw against each other in the qualifying games, the overall percentage shall determine the higher position.

19.10 Best Second Placed Team

When there are three pools in a division for finals the best second placed team may be required. The top team in each pool go through to the finals with the best second placed team to make up the fourth team.

The best second placed team will be decided on which second placed team finished with less points separating them from the top team (premiership points).

If tied, head to head record against the respective top teams will decide second top team overall (narrowest losing margin).

19.11 Clearance/Permits

Players changing associations must follow the WABL Rules in relation to clearances.

No player may participate in the BWA State Championships without obtaining a fully completed clearance form from Basketball WA.

19.12 Appeals/Protests

All appeals, or protests must be in writing and accompanied by a \$100.00 cash bond within 10 minutes of game conclusion.

Teams may only appeal at the conclusion of a game. Refusal to take the court during an active game will result in forfeit.

Protests must be lodged with Basketball WA at the front desk. During this process, all Basketball WA staff must be approached in a calm and respectful manner.

The bond is repayable if the appeal upheld.

Basketball WA decisions are final.

19.13 Code of Conduct

A "Code of Conduct" for players, parents and Officials will be adhered to for all teams in the Championships. Associations entering teams will be responsible for the behaviour of their spectators.

BWA State Championships adopt the Zero Tolerance Policy (www.wabl.asn.au).

Players, team officials and spectators not abiding by the Code or Policy will be asked to leave the stadium.

19.14 Mouthguards

All U11-U17 players must wear a mouthguard to participate in the Championships.

19.15 FIBA rule adoption

State Championships 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

State Championships 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 15 and above will use the “new FIBA three-point line”. All age groups Under 13 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 28 – In Under 11s Divisions 2–5, the 8 second restriction in the back court will be increased to 10 seconds.

20.0 Impacts on WABL Grading

The 4 State Titles semi finals teams in U11s–U19s will automatically qualify for Championship Division in U12s–U20s respectively for WABL 2025. The seeding for WABL Grading will then start with the 3rds of each pool, then 4ths etc. State Champs Div 2 onwards will have no impact on WABL Grading.

21.0 Tribunals

The normal tribunal rules of Basketball WA apply.

22.0 Photography

Sports Imagery Australia will be the official photographer of the BWA State Championships. Photography will solely be used for promotional material.

No SLR Cameras will be allowed in the venue for the BWA State Championships. Only the Official Photographer will be allowed to use SLR Cameras in the venue. Non SLR Cameras may be used throughout the event.

All players participating in the Championships adhere to the WABL Terms and Conditions that outline the acknowledgement of game photography. Any players who wish not to be photographed must inform Basketball WA.

23.0 Items not provided for

Any matter not covered by the scope of these Rules, provided that it comes within the objects of the BWA, shall be dealt with by the Western Australian Basketball League Competitions Manager and Administrator.