

22 Clearances

22.1. Process

A player wishing to move from one WABL Association to another WABL Association must complete the online clearance form. The submission will be received by Basketball WA and must include the online clearance payment via PlayHQ.

Upon receiving the clearance form and payment, Basketball WA will advise the Previous Association and the Destination Association of the clearance submission. Basketball WA will require the Previous Association to respond with approval within five (5) business days. Failure to respond within this timeframe may result in an automatic approval.

The player and Destination Association must wait until the player's name appears as APPROVED in the online WABL clearance list before the player is eligible to play an official game for the Destination Association.

A player does not need a clearance to train or try-out for another Association.

A player who has not participated in WABL or State Championships for 12 months, does not require a clearance.

A player who has received an NBL1 West clearance does not require a separate WABL clearance.

22.2. Refusal of Clearance

An Association may only refuse a clearance if the player is unfinancial with the Association or holds equipment that belongs to the Association.

22.3. Clearance Windows

There will be two (2) clearance windows each calendar year:

- The first window begins the first business day after the end of the WABL Season (after all Grand Finals are completed) and ends five (5) business days before the first weekend of State Championships/Titles.
- The second window begins on 1 January and ends five (5) business days before the start of the next WABL Regular Season.

Players who have not played in a regular season WABL game (i.e. only played grading games) may apply for a mid-season clearance exemption.

22.4. Clearance Restrictions

This clause will come into effect from 1 January 2026.

It will apply only to players in the U16 age group or younger from the previous WABL season.

Associations will be granted permission to accept a maximum of two (2) players per gender per age group in total who are clearing from another association's Team 1 in the

previous WABL season. This applies in total across both Clearance Windows for the WABL calendar year.

Example: If an U16 Team 1 player from 'Association X' and an U16 Team 1 player from 'Association Y' transfer to 'Association Z' for State Champs/Titles, 'Association Z' cannot accept any more U16 Team 1 players from any association, in either Clearance Window.

For the purposes of the very first Clearance Window (September 2025–December 2025), if an association has had two or more Team 1 players from a given gender and age group cleared to them, then for the second Clearance Window starting 1 January 2026, the Association will be deemed to have exhausted their allocation and no more can be accepted.

Exemptions may be granted with proof of family relocation.

22.5. Interstate Clearances

Any player who has moved to Western Australia after having played representative basketball in another state will be required to complete the Basketball Australia domestic clearance Form, obtaining signatures from their previous Association and State Body.