



State Championships/Titles – Rules of Operation

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1 Overview

The State Championships/Titles Rules of Operation are the responsibility of Basketball WA. Basketball WA recognises the need to maintain up-to-date rules that ensure fair and consistent gameplay.

2 Scope

These rules apply to all State Championships/Titles related grading games.

3 Document Author and Approving Authority

These rules are subject to the [Competition Rule Change Procedure \(BWA-COMP-PRO-001\)](#).

The BWA Chief Basketball Officer (CBO) is the approver of these rules. Suggestions for changes should be communicated to the BWA Head of Junior Competitions.

4 Nominations

4.1. Age Groups Offered

The following age groups are offered in the State Championships/Titles competition:

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

4.2. Eligibility to Participate

Any Basketball WA affiliated association is eligible to enter teams in any of the age groupings in the State Championships weekends. State Titles is limited to WABL Associations and Regional sides only.

WABL Associations are subject to compliance with the Continuous Performance Assessment (CPA), as outlined in the [WABL Association Standards, Expectations, and Expansion Guidelines \(BWA-CMP-MP-008\)](#).

4.3. Team Nominations

Team Nominations will be called for by Basketball WA each year by mid October at the latest. Associations will be notified the maximum number of teams no later than late August each year.

4.4. Number of Divisions

Basketball WA is responsible for determining the number of divisions in each age group.

4.5. Team Withdrawal Penalty

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

Once the official fixtures have been completed and distributed, Associations will incur a fine for withdrawing any teams. Penalty for withdrawal after official fixtures are distributed: \$300.00 per team. There are no grounds for appeal of this penalty.

5 Players

5.1. Age Eligibility

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 State Championships/Titles.

5.2. Registration

All players must register via the online player registration form before participating in any game.

Associations are responsible for ensuring player registrations are complete.

5.3. Team Size

A maximum of 10 players can play for a team in each game.

5.4. Minimum Player Requirement

A minimum of 6 players must be present for a match to commence.

5.5. Restrictions

Association-based players

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

Players who play on State Titles weekend – both Metro and Regional – are not permitted to “fill in” for any lower graded team during the State Championships weekends.

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.

A State Titles player may play up an age group in the State Championships weekends, but only via exemption for a team that drops below 8 available players e.g. U15 State Titles player can play U17s Div 2 if that team drops below 8 available players. The number of allowed fill ins will only be

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up until minimum of 8 is reached. This fill in clause will not apply to invitational BWA State Team entries.

5.6. Finals Participation

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

6 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.

7 Team Control

Each team nominated must contain a registered coach and manager to be responsible for the players on and off the court.

8 Coach Accreditation

All head coaches must hold a minimum accreditation level of Community Coach.

- Non-compliance of Community Coach accreditation: \$50.00 per offense
- All head coaches in all State Titles divisions must hold Club Coach accreditation.
- Non-compliance of Club Coach accreditation: \$50.00 per offense

9 Referees

Referees are to be supplied and paid by the nominating Association for the State Championships weekends. Failure to supply a referee will result in a \$200.00 fine per game not supplied.

The referee may not be a player from the same division.

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

10 Timekeeper and Scorer Responsibilities

The home (left) team will supply a timekeeper (scoreboard), and the away (right) team will supply a scorer (tablet).

On State Titles weekend, BWA will roster and pay shot clock officials.

11 Uniforms

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11.1. Player Uniform and Coach Components

Player uniforms consist of:

- Playing singlet
- Playing shorts (must not extend past the kneecap and must be without pockets)
- Warm-up top
- Tracksuit
- Any other club apparel that is approved by BWA for players to wear.

Coach/Team Manager/Support Staff uniforms consist of:

- All coaches must wear an Association branded polo, plain black shorts or pants, and enclosed shoes.
- All team managers and support staff must wear a minimum of an Association top with logo visible (polo is preferred) and enclosed shoes.
- Any other club apparel that is approved by BWA for coaches, team managers or support staff to wear.

All items must be endorsed by the Association and approved by Basketball WA.

11.2. Correct Uniform Requirement - Players, Coaches, Team Managers and Support Staff

All players must warm up and play in their Association's correct, registered uniform.

- Uniforms or clothing that deviates from Association-endorsed (and BWA approved) merchandise or branding are not permitted.
- Where an association has an approved warm-up top, this must be used as the official warm-up item (for example, a polo is not acceptable).
- Players, coaches, team managers or support staff not wearing the approved registered uniform are ineligible to play or participate.
- All player singlets and player shorts must be of a matching design unless Basketball WA approves otherwise.

Failure to comply will result in a fine of up to \$300.00, and if an ineligible player is played (or coach, team manager, support staff is in the bench area), the game may result in a forfeit. For absolute clarity, an ineligible coach, team manager or support staff is someone who is not wearing a uniform that is correct, registered and includes the Official WABL logo.

11.3. Registered Uniforms and Changes to Registered Uniform

All Associations are required to register their uniform with Basketball WA.

Any changes to the registered uniform must be lodged with Basketball WA for approval.

This includes playing singlets, playing shorts, warm-up tops, coach polos, tracksuits, and any other items that may be worn on game day.

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11.4. Under Garments

In accordance with FIBA regulations, arm and leg garments, including undershirts and undershorts, are permitted if made of compression material.

- Compression material that is not skintight is not permitted

All undergarments must be:

- Black, white, or
- The same dominant colour as the playing uniform.
- It is not a requirement for all players to be wearing a consistent colour

11.5. Prohibited Items

- Hats and sunglasses are not permitted to be worn by players, coaches or team managers.
- Shoes that are not enclosed are not permitted to be worn by coaches or team managers.
- Examples of inappropriate shoes: thongs, slides, sandals, crocs

Failure to comply will result in a \$100.00 fine

11.6. Uniform Numbers

- Numbers must be displayed on the back of the playing singlet (minimum 20 cm tall) and the front of the singlet (minimum 10 cm tall). All numbers must be no less than 2 cm wide.
- In accordance with 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, manufacturer, or Association logos, names, or player names may infringe on the playing number.
- In the event of a uniform colour clash, the home team is responsible for changing into their alternate colour. Should this not be possible (i.e. no reversible uniforms), the away team is expected to change into their alternate colour if available. Basketball WA recommends home Associations always have a clash set available should either team not be able to reverse to their alternate colour.
- Any player whose number does not comply with these requirements is ineligible to play.

11.7. WABL logo

The Official WABL Logo is determined by Basketball WA, and may include a sponsor integrated into the Official WABL logo.

For WABL Associations, the Official WABL logo must be placed:

- On the right-hand leg of the player shorts.
- On the right breast of the player singlet.
- On the right breast of the player/coach/manager Association polo.
- On the right breast of the player warm-up top

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Any change to the WABL logo will require amendment to uniforms (via heat transfer or through purchase of new uniforms).

Existing uniforms of all teams will be required (as a minimum) to undertake heat transfer with patches provided at the expense of Basketball WA. For absolute clarity, this includes player shorts, player singlets, player warm-up tops, and coach / team manager / support staff polo shirts.

If existing WABL logos are the horizontal version, the heat transfer may be the horizontal version of the logo.

For all future uniforms, the vertical WABL logo must be used on all shorts, singlets, polos, warm-up tops, tracksuit, or any other apparel featuring the official WABL logo.

Note: if BWA has not provided the heat transfers in time for the competition, then the heat transfers component will not be enforced.

Any Association apparel that includes the WABL logo, must be the official WABL logo. This applies to any new apparel.

11.8. Advertising on Uniforms

Excluding the uniform number, any line (e.g., player name or sponsor) on the back of the singlet must:

- Comply with a maximum height of 8 cm.
- Not encroach on the singlet number.
- Match the Association's predominant colours.

The Association name or team logo must appear on the front of the singlet:

- Written in 1 line (max 8 cm) or 2 lines (max 6 cm each).

Team Logos:

- On the front of the singlet must not exceed 25 cm (W) x 25 cm (L).
- On the front of the shorts must not exceed 12 cm (W) x 12 cm (L).

Manufacturer's Logo or Advertising:

- Must not exceed 12 cm (W) x 12 cm (L) on the front of the singlet or shorts.

11.9. Referees

Referees must wear appropriate attire, including:

- A Basketball WA-issued referee shirt (Black & White for Level 1 or higher; Green shirt for junior referees).
- Current league sponsorship displayed, if appropriate.
- Long black pants.
- Fully enclosed, non-marking shoes.

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11.10. Jewellery

Exposed jewellery is not permitted during any game. This includes, but is not limited to: Rings, earrings/studs, nose rings/studs, lip rings/studs, necklaces, bracelets, anklets, and watches.

Items that cannot be removed including those listed above must be covered with a protective device, such as medical tape.

11.11. Enforcement

All the above regulations shall be controlled by the Games Controller and Referee Coaches.

A BWA staff member may enforce such regulations if they are present at an event that requires WABL uniforms to be worn.

12 Equipment

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

Teams will supply their own Basketballs. The game ball must be a Spalding, specifically:

- Spalding TF 1000 (Legacy/Precision)
- Spalding Elite

The game ball should prioritise quality over bounciness, especially for Under 12 games. The Referees have the final say in the determining the ball.

Ball sizes:

- Size 5 for Under 11
- Size 6 for Under 13 Boys
- Size 6 for Under 13 Girls and above
- Size 7 for Under 15 Boys and above

13 Mouth Guards

All players must wear a mouthguard to participate in the State Championships/Titles.

14 Playing Rules

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

14.1. Game Duration

45 minute time slots comprising of:

- 3-minute warm-up minimum before the game.
- 8-minute fully timed halves

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- 2-minute halftime
- Time Outs - one per half each team.

14.2. Draws/Overtime

- If the score is tied at the end of a round robin game, the draw will stand.
- If scores are tied at the conclusion of a Finals game, there will be as many periods of 2 minutes of Overtime as necessary to break the tie.
- One (1) Time-out per team each extra period.
- There will be one (1) minute intervals between each extra period

14.3. 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.

14.4. Shot clock

Shot clock will be used for the U13CH, U15CH, U17CH and U19CH/U20CH games in the BWA State Titles weekend.

15 Competition Standings

15.1. Championship Points Allocation

- Win: A win is awarded 2 championship points.
- Draw: Both teams in a draw are awarded 1 championship point
- Loss: A loss is awarded 0 championship points.
- BYE Round: A regular season BYE is considered a win and awarded 2 championship points.
- Washout: In the event of a washout, both teams will be awarded 1 championship point each.

15.2. Classification of Teams and Determination of Rankings for Finals

Ladder ranking order

1. Ladder points
2. Head-To-Head (refer below)
3. Percentage

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Head-To-Head (H2H) Calculations

- If there are two teams equal on ladder points, the result(s) of the game(s) between the two teams involved will be used to determine the placing.
- If more than two teams are equal on ladder points, a mini ladder will be established considering only the results of the games between the teams that are tied.
- Eligibility Check: H2H ranking is only applied if all tied teams have played each other an equal number of times (including zero). If not, the next ladder ranking method will be applied.

Tiebreakers

The following tiebreakers are applied in order:

- Point Differential: Total points scored minus points conceded in mini ladder
- Points For: Total points scored in the mini ladder
- Overall Point Differential: Point differential in the general ladder
- Overall Points For: Total points scored in the general ladder

Points difference is calculated by points scored for; minus points scored against.

- If ties persist after all tiebreakers, the next ladder ranking method will be applied.
- The H2H tiebreaker process repeats from the beginning if any team is eliminated during calculations.

15.3. 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 four teams will be re-ranked by record first then percentage in a separate mini ladder to determine the finals seeding. e.g. the best second placed team will not be automatically assigned the fourth seed.

The best second placed team will be decided on:

1. which second placed team finished with less points separating them from the top team (championship points).
2. If tied, head to head record against the respective top teams will decide second top team overall (narrowest losing margin).
3. If head to head does not apply, the following tiebreakers are applied in order:
 - a. Overall Point Differential: Point differential in the general ladder
 - b. Overall Points For: Total points scored in the general ladder

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c. Overall Percentage

16 Protests

- All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a \$100.00 online payment within 10 minutes of game conclusion.
- Online payment link - <https://www.playhq.com/basketball-wa/register/b8591d>
- 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.

17 No Zone Defence

17.1. Under 12 and Under 14

Zone defence is not permitted in all Under 12 and Under 14 age groups

17.2. Dispute Procedure

If a referee or coach believes the opposing team is playing zone defence, the referee coach should be consulted. Should a referee coach not be available, the games controller should be consulted.

The designated official will:

- Observe the game to determine whether a zone defence is being used.
- Advise on the appropriate course of action if a zone defence is confirmed, which may include awarding a technical foul and applying the relevant penalty.

17.3. Game Day Reference

Game day staff are to reference Basketball WA's "No Zone Defence Rule" guides on the WABL website.

18 Clearances

All State Championships/Titles clearances are governed by the WABL Rules of Operation.

19 FIBA Rule Adoption

19.1. FIBA Rules with Modifications

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The State Championships/Titles shall be conducted under the playing rules of FIBA with the following modifications:

- Article 46.12 (2008): the competition will not adopt the rule allowing the use of technical equipment to decide if a last shot at the end of each period or extra period was released during playing time.
- Article 4.4.3: the competition will not force players to have left and right shoes of matching colours. However, the competition will still enforce the rest of the rule, prohibiting flashing lights, reflective materials, or other adornments.

19.2. State Championships/Titles Rule Changes

- Article 38.3.2: A disqualified player under the age of 18 must remain on the team bench under the supervision of the manager and/or coach. At the end of the game, the player should be escorted from the court by the coach, manager, or parents. Games controllers may use discretion for removal in extenuating circumstances.
- Article 2.5.4 (3-point goal area):
 - Age groups Under 15 and above will use the "outside FIBA three-point line."
 - Age groups Under 13 and below will use the "inside FIBA three-point line." If the court lacks old FIBA markings, the "most outside three-point line" will be used for all age groups.
- Article 29: In the Under 13 Championship division, the 24-second shot clock will not commence until the offensive team is in their front court. The 8-second restriction in the back court remains.
- Article 28: In Under 11 Divisions 2 and lower, the 8-second restriction in the back court will be increased to 10 seconds.

20 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 the next WABL season. 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 other than the champions of each State Champs grand final potentially being used as a seeding tie breaker.

21 Tribunal

The State Championships/Titles conducts tribunals in accordance with the Basketball WA tribunal by-laws. Should a tribunal be required, a three-member panel will be convened as early as possible.

All communications related to a tribunal will be made by Basketball WA through the Association.

22 Photography

Basketball WA reserves the right to appoint an official photographer of the State Championships/Titles.

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No SLR Cameras will be allowed in the venue for the State Championships/Titles. 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 Items not Provided For

23.1. Matters Outside the Rules

Any matter not covered by the scope of these rules, if it comes within the objectives of Basketball WA, shall be dealt with by Basketball WA.

23.2. Decisions Outside the Rules

Basketball WA reserves the right to arrive at decisions outside these rules, in special circumstances and upon written application.