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1 Overview

The Western Australian Basketball League (WABL) 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 WABL related competitions, including WABL Grading, regular season, and finals.

3 Document Author and Approving Authority

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

The BWA General Manager of Competitions is the approver of these rules, with any material changes requiring Chief Executive Officer engagement. Suggestions for changes should be communicated to the BWA Head of Junior Competitions.

4 Eligibility Requirements

4.1. Affiliation and Membership

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

4.2. Compliance

All Associations participating in the Western Australian Basketball League (WABL) must abide by the Rules of Operation as set by Basketball WA.

4.3. Association Requirements

All Associations must provide a weekly home venue for games.

Associations are responsible for ensuring the presence of game day staff, including:

- Games Controllers
- First Aiders

Refer to Appendix A and Appendix B for duty statements.

4.4. Referee Co-ordinator

All Associations must nominate a Referee Co-ordinator to fill WABL's Association referee rostering and development requirements. Associations must provide the details of this person and position to Basketball WA prior to each season. This position works in tandem with Basketball WA's Technical Officials department to foster positive referee pathways and game day operations.

5 Nominations

5.1.1. Age Groups Offered

The following age groups are offered in the WABL competition:

- Under 12
- Under 14
- Under 16
- Under 18
- Under 20/21

5.2. Team Nominations

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

5.3. Number of Divisions

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

5.4. Team Withdrawal Penalty

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: \$750.00 per team. There are no grounds for appeal of this penalty.

6 Playing Rules

6.1. FIBA Rules with Modifications

The WABL competition shall be conducted under the playing rules of FIBA with the following modifications:

- Article 46.12 (2008): WABL 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: WABL will not force players to have left and right shoes of matching colours. However, WABL will still enforce the rest of the rule, prohibiting flashing lights, reflective materials, or other adornments.

6.2. WABL 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 16 and above will use the "outside FIBA three-point line."
 - Age groups Under 14 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 14 age group, 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 12 Divisions 2 and lower, the 8-second restriction in the back court will be increased to 10 seconds.

6.3. Game Ball Specifications

The preferred game ball must be a Spalding (no other brands can be used), 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 12
- Size 6 for Under 14 Boys
- Size 6 for Under 14 Girls and above
- Size 7 for Under 16 Boys and above

7 League Standings

7.1. Championship Points Allocation

- Win: A win is awarded 2 championship points.
- 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.

7.2. Environment Points (E-Points) Allocation

- Allocation: Both teams will be allocated 2 Environment Points (E-Points).
- Deductions: A maximum of 2 E-Points may be deducted from a team for breaches as outlined in Appendix F.
- Total Calculation: E-Points will be totalled in combination with championship points to determine overall standings.
- BYE and Washouts: Teams involved in BYE rounds or washouts will receive 2 E-Points.

7.3. Classification of Teams and Determination of Rankings for Finals

Ladder ranking order

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

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. 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.

8 Uniforms and Attire Regulations

8.1. 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.

8.2. 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.

8.3. Registered Uniform 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.

8.4. 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

8.5. 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.

8.6. 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.
- Any player whose number does not comply with these requirements is ineligible to play.
- 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.

8.7. 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

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.

8.8. 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.

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.

8.9. 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.
- Long black pants.
- Fully enclosed, non-marking shoes.

8.10. Jewellery

Exposed jewellery is not permitted during any WABL 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.

8.11. 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.

9 Game Timing and Procedures

9.1. Warm-Up Period

- There shall be a warm-up period of not less than ten (10) minutes.
- Games Controller discretion is permissible in extenuating circumstances such as severe delays

9.2. Game Duration

Under 16 and above:

- Games will consist of four (4) quarters of ten (10) minutes each, fully timed.
- Half-time interval: No more than eight (8) minutes.
- Breaks at the end of the first and third quarters: Two (2) minutes.

Under 12 and Under 14:

- Games will consist of four (4) quarters of eight (8) minutes each, fully timed.
- Half-time interval: No more than five (5) minutes.
- Breaks at the end of the first and third quarters: Two (2) minutes.

9.3. Timeouts

Each team is allowed:

- First Half (First and Second Quarters): Two (2) charged timeouts.
- Second Half (Third and Fourth Quarters): Three (3) charged timeouts.
- A maximum of two (2) timeouts are allowed in the last two (2) minutes of the fourth quarter.
- In any extra period, one (1) additional timeout is allowed.

9.4. Overtime

If the game is drawn at the conclusion of the fourth quarter, a two (2) minute break will be taken before overtime commences.

- Under 12 and Under 14: Extra periods will be three (3) minutes each.
- Under 16 and Above: Extra periods will be five (5) minutes each.
- Overtime periods will continue until a result is achieved.
- The team's fouls will continue from the last quarter into any overtime period.

9.5. Scorers and Timekeepers

- The home team is responsible for supplying the timekeeper.
- The away team shall provide the scorer for the electronic device (iPad, tablet).
- Refer to 17.0 Officials – Duty Teams for more details.

Failure to comply may result in a \$50.00 fine.

9.6. Shot Clock Requirement

Each home venue shall have at least one (1) court equipped with an operational 24-second shot clock.

Failure to comply will result in a \$50.00 fine.

9.7. Shot Clock Usage

- The 24-second shot clock is mandatory for the following divisions: 14CH, 16CH, 18CH, 20CH, and 21CH.
- These age groups will be scheduled to play by Basketball WA on courts with a 24-second timing device where possible throughout the season.
- For Division 2 games, shot clock is to be provided where possible and practical.

9.8. Shot Clock Operator

- The 24-second shot clock operator for each Championship game will be sourced by Basketball WA.
- The 24-second shot clock operator for Division 2 games will be sourced by Basketball WA in collaboration with the Associations, where possible and practical.

10 No Zone Defence

10.1. Under 12 and Under 14

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

10.2. 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.

10.3. Game Day Reference

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

11 Mouth Guards

11.1. Mandatory Use

- It is compulsory for players in the Under 12 to Under 21 age groups (inclusive) to wear a mouthguard during WABL competition games.
- Players not wearing a mouthguard are not permitted to enter the court.

11.2. Responsibility

- Referees are responsible for enforcing this rule.
- Team Coaches and Managers must ensure all players subbing in are wearing a mouthguard

11.3. Exemptions

- Only players with written medical advice provided to Basketball WA will be exempt from Rule 8.1.
- Players/guardians may apply for exemptions by emailing Basketball WA. BWA will review the medical advice and if satisfactory, provide an exemption notice for an appropriate duration no longer than 12 months.

12 Players and Forfeits

12.1. Age Eligibility

All players must meet the age requirement as of 31st December in the year of the competition.

12.2. Registration

All players must register via the online player registration form before participating in any game. Associations are responsible for ensuring player registrations.

12.3. Playing in Multiple Age Groups

Players may participate in regular season games for one or more age groups in WABL, provided they meet the age criteria. This includes Open Championship.

12.4. Team Switching

After Round 4, no permanent switching of players between teams within the same age group is permitted.

12.5. Fill-In Players

- Players may fill in for a higher-graded team within the same age group for up to five (5) games.
- After playing a sixth game for the higher-graded team, the player is permanently considered part of that team and may no longer represent the lower-graded team.
- A player can only be finals eligible for one team per age group. The team they qualify for finals first is the only team in that age group they are eligible to continue playing for.

- For clarity, a player can qualify for finals for two teams in two different age groups e.g. U16s and U18s.

12.6. Team Size

- In graded competitions, a maximum of 10 players can play for a team in each game.
- In all other competitions, a maximum of 12 players can play for a team in each game.
- U14 Touring Teams may apply for an exemption to carry a 12-player roster.
- For finals games, teams may select and suit up 12 players.

12.7. Minimum Player Requirement

A minimum of 6 players must be present for a match (U12s to U21s inclusive) to commence.

12.8. Late Substitutes

Substitute players arriving late may participate in the match if they are registered on the scoresheet or scoring device before the game starts.

Players not physically present by the end of the game must have their names removed from the scoresheet or scoring device.

12.9. Forfeits

- A forfeit occurs when insufficient players are present 10 minutes after the scheduled start time.
- If a team's opponent forfeits, all registered players of the non-forfeiting team will be credited as having played that game.
- Teams fielding an ineligible or unregistered player will forfeit the game.
- Any uncleared player will be deemed ineligible.

Playing an ineligible or unregistered player (game deemed a forfeit): \$100.00 fine.

12.10. Forfeiture Penalties

Forfeiting teams will receive:

- 0 Championship Points
- 0 E-Points

The opposing team will receive:

- 2 Championship Points
- 2 E-Points

Fines for forfeiting teams:

- 2+ days notice: \$150.00
- 1 day notice: \$250.00
- Un-notified or notified Sunday: \$500.00

If a team forfeits for a second time, the team may be deemed ineligible for finals at the sole discretion of Basketball WA.

13 Coaches and Managers

13.1. Registration

All team managers and coaches (including assistants) must be registered with their respective Association using the prescribed online form.

- Coaches must be selected on the scoring device.
- Associations must provide evidence to Basketball WA of their registered coaches prior to the WABL season commencing.
- Non-registered coaches will result in a fine: \$50.00 per offense

13.2. Working with Children Check

All coaches and managers must hold a relevant Working with Children (WWC) Check, providing they don't have a legal exemption. Refer to the WWC website.

13.3. Coach Accreditation

All head coaches must hold a minimum accreditation level of Participation Coach (former Community Coach).

- Non-compliance of Participation Coach accreditation: \$50.00 per offense
- All head coaches in all Championship divisions (U12-U21) must hold Competition Coach (former Club Coach) accreditation.
- Non-compliance of Competition Coach accreditation: \$50.00 per offense

14 Restricted Players

14.1. Non-Restricted International Players

Female international (do not hold Australian Citizenship or Permanent Residency) players eligible for the WABL Under 21 competition, or male international players eligible for the WABL Under 20 competition are considered non-restricted players. All players are still subject to any requirements by FIBA.

15 Eligibility for WABL Finals

15.1. Minimum Game Requirement

To be eligible to play for any team in the WABL finals, a player must have played at least one-third of all qualifying games for that team during the season.

15.2. Petition for Waiver

If a player does not meet the game requirement, the Association may petition Basketball WA three (3) weeks prior to the finals starting to waive this restriction.

15.3. Injured Player Registration

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.

15.4. State or National Commitments

Players with state or national basketball commitments (e.g., Basketball WA state teams, AIS, Australian camps/competitions) may be credited with a game played if the Association notifies Basketball WA prior to the impacted game(s) taking place.

15.5. Finals Team Selection

A team may select and suit up 12 players for finals games.

15.6. Proof of Participation

- A player's name on the scoresheet shall be sufficient proof that they have represented that team for that game.
- The Referees allocated to each game are responsible for ensuring all players named on the scoresheet are present and taking part in the game.
- The Games Controller is responsible for making the final decision on any participation disputes.

15.7. Ineligible Player Penalty

If a team is found to have played a player who has not qualified for the finals, the team will automatically forfeit the game and will be fined accordingly.

\$100.00 fine for playing an ineligible player, resulting in a game deemed a forfeit.

15.8. Association Responsibility

It is the responsibility of all affiliated Associations to carefully assess the eligibility of players before permitting them to participate in the finals.

15.9. Eligible Player List

Basketball WA will send a complete list of eligible players on the Monday following the last round of competition.

15.10.E-Points Penalty

Teams that accumulate 3 or more E-Points deductions during the season will be deemed ineligible for finals.

- In an 8-team division, the ineligible team will be assigned 8th place, causing the teams ranked lower to move up in position. The team in 1st place will subsequently advance to the Semi Finals automatically.
- In divisions with more than 8 teams, if the ineligible team finishes in the top 8 at the conclusion of the regular season, they will be removed from the top 8, with teams ranked below them being moved up accordingly.

16 Finals Format

The Finals Format will consist of three weeks, with the top eight teams in each competition participating.

16.1. Week One – Quarter Finals

1st vs. 8th

2nd vs. 7th

3rd vs. 6th

4th vs. 5th

16.2. Week Two – Semi-Finals

Winner of 1st vs. 8th vs. Winner of 4th vs. 5th

Winner of 2nd vs. 7th vs. Winner of 3rd vs. 6th

16.3. Week Three – Grand Finals

Winners of the Semi-Finals

17 Under 14 National Club Championships

- The three places for each gender will be determined by a qualifying tournament.
- The Top 3 teams from this tournament will be the WA representatives for the current year.
- See Appendix C for full rules.

18 Changes of Fixture

18.1. General Rule for Fixture Changes

Fixture dates and times will not be changed unless there is mutual agreement between two Associations.

If a Basketball WA sanctioned tournament results in multiple players being made unavailable from a WABL team, mutual agreement is not required to reschedule an impacted game.

Any rescheduled fixtures must be played within fourteen (14) days or as agreed to by Basketball WA.

18.2. Application Process

Applications to change fixtures must be made in writing to Basketball WA for approval.

19 Officials – Duty Teams

19.1. Official Rostering

Basketball WA is responsible for rostering officials for all 14CH, 16CH, 18CH, 20CH and 21CH, games.

19.2. Home Team Referee Responsibilities

The home Association will be responsible for supplying two referees for all games in 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 for a game will result in a \$200.00 fine per offense.

19.3. Timekeeper and Scorer Responsibilities

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

Failure to supply a scorer or timekeeper will result in a \$50.00 fine.

20 Services at Venue

20.1. Responsibility of Home Association

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.

20.2. Court Preparation

All courts are to be swept prior to Sunday games.

20.3. Reporting of Unsatisfactory Equipment/Services

Reports of stadiums providing less than satisfactory equipment, services, and personnel will be submitted to Basketball WA for its attention and actions.

Actions may include re-fixturing to other venues and fines for offending Associations.

\$50.00 fine per offense

20.4. Appointment of Games Controller

The home Association is required to appoint a games controller who will adhere to the requirements of the Games Controller Duty Statement (Appendix A).

20.5. Appointment of First Aider

The home Association/venue is required to appoint a first aid person for duty when all WABL games are in progress. This person will adhere to the requirements of the First Aider Duty Statement (Appendix B).

20.6. Games Controller Meeting

Before the commencement of each season, games controllers may be required to attend a meeting conducted by Basketball WA.

20.7. Dangerous Conditions and Game Cancellation

In the case of dangerous conditions applying in any venue, the games controller has the right to cancel or reallocate a game to another court.

20.8. Payment for Cancelled Games

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.

20.9. Reporting Cancelled Games

A written report must be submitted to Basketball WA by the home Association if any game is cancelled due to dangerous conditions.

20.10. Replaying Cancelled Games

All games cancelled due to dangerous conditions will be:

- Re-played at the discretion of Basketball WA.
- If the original game had reached half-time or more, the score at that time will stand.
- If the game is to be re-played, Basketball WA will liaise with the Associations involved to find a suitable reschedule.

21 Clearances

21.1. 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.

21.2. 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.

21.3. 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..

21.4. Clearance Restrictions

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.

21.5. 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.

22 Game Scoresheets

22.1. Recording of Active Players

All active players shall be recorded on the electronic scoring device scoresheet. It is mandatory for at least one coach from each team to be recorded on the game scoresheet.

22.2. Submission of Game Results

The Home Association is required to ensure all game results are submitted at the conclusion of each game. Reasonable internet connection is expected for live scoring. Should internet connection be limited on each court, all results should be submitted at the conclusion of the day.

23 Tribunal

The WABL competition 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.

24 Protests

24.1. Right to Lodge a Protest

Associations shall have the right to lodge a report in 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)
- The result of any competition match

24.2. Submission of Written Report

The above notification shall then be followed up by a written report from the impacted 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
- The names of the team and/or players concerned
- The officials in control of the match

24.3. Monetary Security Bond for Protest

A \$100.00 monetary security bond is required, which is refundable if the protest is upheld.

24.4. Deduction of E-Points

Deduction of E-Points cannot be protested.

25 Unfinancial Associations

25.1. Payment of Fees

All Associations must pay nomination and registration fees prior to the start of the season.

25.2. Payment of Fines

All fines must be paid within fourteen (14) days of notification by Basketball WA of the fine.

25.3. Eligibility for WABL

Any Association that is unfinancial with Basketball WA shall not be eligible to compete in the WABL.

26 Jurisdiction

For these rules, members of the WABL Associations are 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.

27 Items not Provided For

27.1. 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.

27.2. Decisions Outside the Rules

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

28 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 21 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.

29 Appendix B First Aider Duty Statement.

Purpose Of Role:

- To help deliver sport-specific First Aid that fits the needs of players.

Principal Duties:

- Monitor and deliver First Aid
- Monitor players during games with regards to potential injuries or occurrence of injuries and initial treatment of.
- Assess, record and document players' injuries that occur in games.

Expectations:

- The appointed person holds Current First Aid Qualification
- The First Aider be in a dedicated first aid capacity on game day as opposed to a dual role

30 Appendix C 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.

Qualifying criteria for the Qualifying Tournament:

- 4 semi-finalists from State Titles
- 2 top teams after Div 1 grading
- 2 Country Champs U14 grand finalists

30.1. 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.

30.2. Items Not Provided For

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

31 Appendix D 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.

32 Appendix E 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.

33 Appendix F Environment Points (E-Points)

33.1. E-Point System Overview

The purpose of the E-Point system is to weight game day behaviour with the same importance as winning a match and reward teams for displaying positive game day behaviour. The system deters players, coaches and parents from engaging in negative game day behaviour prior to it taking place. The E-Point model is applied to all divisions in U12s to U21s.

33.2. Reporting Process

Who is responsible for E-Point Reporting?

The Games Controller with the assistance of the referees will fill out the online incident report immediately after each game. The Games Controller is responsible for submitting the report.

Who decides whether E-Points will be deducted?

All E-Point Reports in 2026 will first come through the Host Association before being submitted to Basketball WA.

A designated administrator at Basketball WA will review all relevant reports and determine whether E-Points should be deducted.

33.3. Infractions and deductions

E-POINT REPORTING GAME DAY BEHAVIOUR & DEDUCTIONS		
Infraction	Pillars	Reasons (including but not limited to)
Head Coach Behavioural Technical Foul First tech of the season for a head coach = Warning All subsequent techs: Automatic E-Point deduction per tech	Unsportsmanlike conduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arguing with referees • Showing disrespect through tone, gestures, or body language • Sarcastic clapping, waving, or mocking officials • Publicly questioning an official's integrity or competence • Inciting spectators
	Dissent and protest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disputing decisions after an explanation has been given • Leaving the coaching box to confront an official • Deliberately delaying the game to protest a call
	Abusive or inappropriate language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swearing at referees, table officials, opponents, or players • Using insulting, demeaning, or threatening language • Yelling comments that incite hostility
Player Ejection Automatic E-Point deduction	Two Unsportsmanlike Fouls	A player is automatically ejected if they receive two unsportsmanlike fouls in the same game. Unsportsmanlike fouls typically involve actions such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Not legitimately attempting to directly play the ball within the spirit and intent of the rules ▪ Excessive, hard contact caused by a player in an effort to play the ball or an opponent ▪ Unnecessary contact caused by the defensive player in order to stop the progress of the offensive team in transition. ▪ Illegal contact caused by a player from behind or laterally on an opponent, who is progressing towards the basket and no opponents between the progression player and the basket
	Two Technical Fouls	A player who receives two technical fouls for unsportsmanlike behaviour (such as arguing with officials) is also ejected. Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Persistent dissent toward referees

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Disrespectfully dealing and/or communicating with the referees / scoretable / opponents ▪ Baiting and/or Taunting opponents ▪ Disrespectful gestures
	One Unsportsmanlike + One Technical	<p>If a player receives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 unsportsmanlike foul, and ▪ 1 technical foul for unsportsmanlike behaviour, <p>they are automatically disqualified.</p> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hard foul in the second quarter (unsportsmanlike) ▪ Arguing with the referee later (technical) <p>That combination results in ejection.</p>
	A Disqualifying Foul (Immediate Ejection)	<p>Some actions are serious enough that referees can call a disqualifying foul, which means immediate ejection without needing multiple fouls.</p> <p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fighting or attempting to fight ▪ Punching, kicking, or striking someone ▪ Spitting ▪ Extremely abusive language toward officials or opponents ▪ Leaving the bench during a fight situation ▪ Any violent or dangerous act
<p>Bench Technical Foul Or Multiple Bench Techs leading to an ejection</p> <p>Reviewable</p>	Unsportsmanlike conduct by bench personnel (players, assistant coaches, managers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arguing or disputing calls with referees. • Using inappropriate or offensive language, gestures, or behaviour.
<p>Poor Spectator Behaviour</p> <p>Reviewable</p> <p>If a spectator's behaviour results in their removal from the stadium,</p>	Verbal abuse or taunting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yelling offensive language at players, coaches, referees, or other spectators. • Using racist, sexist, or discriminatory comments. • Making obscene or threatening gestures toward players, officials, scorers, games controllers or staff.
	Disrespecting officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shouting insults or challenging referees' decisions from the stands. • Attempting to influence or intimidate officials, scorers, games controllers or staff.

an Automatic E-Point deduction will apply	Interfering with the game	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entering the court without permission. • Entering restricted areas such as team benches and scorer's table.
Other Conduct Reviewable	Any conduct not otherwise captured within the above categories that is determined by the games controller to be a breach of the BWA Code of Conduct or contrary to the standards of behaviour expected within the competition. This includes matters referred to a tribunal, where an E-Point deduction may be applied upon a guilty finding.	

E-POINT REVIEW PROCESS	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Assignment: On the day of the incident, the games controller may mark the E-Point Report as "Review Required." Notification: The Home Association must notify BWA of any incident marked as such. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the incident involves a Home Association team, BWA will request a statement from the Home Association. • If the incident involves an Away Association team, BWA will notify the Away Association and request a statement. Timeframes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial notification from BWA will occur by Monday following the round. • Association statements must be submitted by close of business Tuesday. Review: BWA will review the incident, including any Association submissions and other relevant information (e.g. reports, footage, or official statements). Outcome: Following the review, BWA will determine one of the following outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm the E-Point; or • Remove the E-Point. Final Notification: The relevant Association(s) will be advised of the outcome, including any further actions if applicable. 	