



FUEL TO GO AND PLAY BWA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS/TITLES

2023 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 2023 BWA State Championships/Titles will be held on the following dates:

- 18/19 November 2023 – Under 11 Boys and Under 13 Girls (Divisions 2–5)
- 25/26 November 2023 – Under 11 Girls and Under 15 Boys (Divisions 2–5)
- 2/3 December 2023 – Under 13 Boys and Under 15 Girls (Divisions 2–5)
- 9/10 December 2023 – Under 17 Boys, Under 17 Girls, Under 19 Boys and Under 20 Girls (Divisions 2–5)
- 15/16/17 December 2023 – State Titles – All Championship Divisions across all age groups

All games will be held at Bendat Basketball Centre in Floreat.

4.0 Age Groupings

The 2023 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 2023 nomination fee is \$375.00 per team (*GST Included*). Basketball WA will invoice each Association upon acceptance of nominations. The nomination fee includes \$110 team registration, \$210 player/spectator entry and \$55 free parking levy at Bendat Basketball Centre.

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

Any Association that Withdraws a team after the close of nomination 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

Players are limited to playing for **one team per weekend**.

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 will be supplied and paid by the nominating Association for the first four weekends of State Championships. Non-appearance of any nominated referee at the time and the court rostered may result in the team concerned being eliminated from the competition. A fine of \$50.00 per offence will be levied by Basketball WA.

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

Associations are responsible for the payment of their own referee for all qualifying games. Basketball WA will roster and pay referees for all playoff games and Grand Finals.

Members of the National Referees Development Program (NRDP) will be present over the period of the BWA State Championships to co-ordinate evaluations and to assist Basketball WA in the appointment of referees for the Finals.

All referees will be evaluated on these weekends and these evaluations may be used for accreditation purposes. All accreditation requests should be sent to the Basketball WA Education & Training Officer with as much notice as possible.

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/U20 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 some games maybe played on Friday night 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 Basketball WA.

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

In the event of two or more teams being level on points at the end of the qualifying games, position on the premiership table shall be on the basis of:

- a) Qualifying game head to head.
- b) If teams have drawn or not all played one another in the tie, overall percentage will be used.

- 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.

20.0 Impacts on WABL Grading

State Titles will be used to seed the 2024 WABL Division 1 grading. State Champs Div 2 onwards will have no impact on WABL Grading.

21.0 Tribunals

Any alleged charges as a result of a report lodged by an official at the BWA State Championships will be dealt with by the Tournament Manager and Officials Co-Ordinator as a minimum, and an independent third panel member were possible. This panel will follow an Administrative Tribunal.

22.0 Photography

Sports Imagery Australia Photography 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.