



DOMESTIC BASKETBALL BY-LAWS

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1 INTRODUCTION

These By-laws apply to domestic basketball programs conducted by the Perth Basketball Association Inc.

Australian Basketball Association By-laws shall apply unless otherwise provided for in these By-laws.

Game day interpretation of these By-laws shall be the responsibility of the Game Day Coordinator and/or Game Day Referee Coach. They have the authority to act on arising matters during the day.

Appeals against any By-law interpretation can be lodged in writing to the PBA Domestic Director within forty-eight (48) hours following an incident.

2 DEFINITIONS

- a. PBA - Perth Basketball Association.
- b. BWA - Basketball WA.
- c. BA - Basketball Australia.
- d. FIBA - International Basketball Federation
- e. SBL - State Basketball League.
- f. WABL - Western Australian Basketball League.
- g. Domestic Director - A PBA ratified person and Board Member who has the responsibility of overseeing the efficient running and development of the domestic competition across all centers.
- h. CEO - A PBA ratified person who assists the Domestic Director responsibility of overseeing the efficient running and development of the domestic competition operations across all centers.
- i. Domestic Operations Manager - A PBA ratified person who assists the Domestic Director with the running of the Domestic Competition.
- j. Game Day Coordinator - A PBA ratified person who has the responsibility of organizing, supervising and controlling domestic games played for and on behalf of the Perth Basketball Association.
- k. Referee Coach - A PBA ratified person who has the responsibility of supporting and developing Referees for and on behalf of the Perth Basketball Association.
- l. Club - One or more teams that are bound together by a constitution and preferably incorporated.
- m. Team - A minimum number of seven (7) fully registered players who play in a common uniform.
- n. Unregistered player - A player who is not registered and hasn't paid the appropriate fees with PBA for that season.
- o. Registration Fee - A fee collected by the PBA that covers insurance, soft ware programs and administration of the competition.
- p. BWA Affiliation fee - An annual and separate fee payable to BWA upon registration.
- q. Competition fees - Upfront season fees covers the costs of:
 - i. Court Hire.
 - ii. Game Day staff
 - iii. Referees

- r.** Tribunal - A hearing set, generally to resolve any serious breaches of the PBA Code of Conduct, By-laws or other significant dispute, and held in accordance with the Tribunal rules of BA and FIBA.
- s.** Electronic Scoring Device - Ipad that records players details, points and infringements in the game and is confirmed by the Game Day Coordinator at the end of the day and uploaded to SportsTG, via our website/Game Day app within 24 hours.
- t.** WABL players are determined as players who played WABL, or equivalent representative level in another state, country or jurisdiction, in the current season (for winter domestic) or preceding season (for summer domestic) WABL season in Division 1 or 2 of the top age grouping (train-on or development players selected in these teams are considered WABL players).

3 REGISTRATION

- a.** All registrations are completed online via the SportsTG platform, appropriate links will be provided by the Association to domestic clubs and independent teams.
- b.** When teams or clubs are registering for a new season they are expected to adhere to the following:
 - i.** Register teams of at least seven (7) players.
 - ii.** Ensure players are placed into their appropriate age group in accordance with Regulation 4a.
 - iii.** Teams are to be single gender.
 - iv.** Teams are permitted up to a maximum of four (4) WABL players.
- c.** Each team nomination is to be lodged with the PBA Operations Manager by the closing date of each season.
- d.** The PBA Domestic Director and Operations Manager have the right to review any individual or team nomination.
- e.** A player may play in an additional team within the PBA provided:
 - i.** The player is formally registered in each team with the PBA and having paid the competition fee separately for each team.
 - ii.** Each additional team is in a separate and higher age group.
- f.** New players may be introduced up to the last six (6) weeks prior to the completion of the season provided they comply in full with Registration and By-law requirements.
- g.** Registration fees are payable at the commencement of each season.

4 AGE GROUPS

- a.** All players will be allocated by their year of birth as per current WABL guidelines.

For the summer competition – the age group will be based on the following year’s WABL competition

For the winter competition – the age group be based on the current year’s WABL competition.

Please refer to the current domestic guidelines for age groups.

- b.** Any player considered to be “ineligible” to play shall be reviewed on game day by the Game Day Coordinator and communicated to the Domestic Director.
- c.** The Domestic Director shall have the final jurisdiction over player or team placement and any concerns or queries should be directed to the Operations Manager.

5 EXEMPTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

- a.** Requests for exemptions or consideration to current age restrictions shall be made in writing to the Domestic Director prior to the season commencing. Exemptions can be made on the grounds of:
- i. Medical reasons
 - ii. Disability
 - iii. Other
- b.** An application for consideration shall be reviewed and actioned by the Domestic Director and/or CEO. and feedback shall be provided to the applicant in a timely manner.

6 UNIFORMS

- a.** A team's uniform shall consist of any of the following.

Infringements will incur a two (2) point penalty for all players not adhering to the items described below:

- i. Matching singlet and shorts set.
- ii. PBA branded shorts.
- iii. PBA affiliated domestic club branded shorts.
- iv. Plain black shorts (whilst logos and other markings and patterns are discouraged, they are to be small, discreet and not detract from the overall uniform).
- v. All playing singlets are to have numbers on the front and back and be of the same dominant colour/design.
- vi. All shorts are not to have pockets.

- a.** Skins and T-shirts:

- i. Skins are allowed to be worn providing they are black or skin tone and without other markings and patterns, as identified in Regulation 7a(iv).
- ii. T-shirts under singlets are permitted to be worn providing they comply with the overall dominant colour of the team uniform (shorts and singlet) and if worn by other players in the team they must be wearing the same colour.
- iii. Different coloured t-shirts within a team shall incur a two (2) point penalty for all players wearing t-shirts.

- c.** The first three (3) weeks of any season shall be exempt from uniform infringements.

- d.** This regulation shall apply to new players joining a team during the course of a season, wherein new players shall be required to be in correct uniform at the first game played.
- e.** Players are not permitted to wear jewellery during a game, unless required for medical reasons. Permission must be granted by the Domestic Director prior to game day, and the item shall be appropriately secured and not cause any potential safety risk to the player or others on the court.

- f.** Under current FIBA Rules, the following is not allowed:
 - i. Finger, hand, wrist, elbow or forearm guards, helmets, casts or braces made of leather, plastic, pliable (soft) plastic, metal or any other hard substance, even if covered with soft padding.
 - ii. Any objects that could cut or cause abrasions (such as fingernails which shall be closely cut).
 - iii. Hair accessories including clips, beading, jewellery.
- g.** Mouth guards are always strongly recommended but not mandatory.
- h.** In the event of team having the same uniform (clash), teams shall be required to wear playing shirts inside out or obtain a set of playing bibs from the office area.
- i.** The Game Day Coordinator and/or Referee Coach shall have the final decision regarding uniform infringements.

7 INJURIES

All injuries outlined below will be recorded by the Game Day Coordinator and forwarded to the Domestic Director at the end of the day for review, follow up and record keeping.

a. Blood rule:

- i. Any player who is bleeding or has an open wound will be directed by the referee to leave the court. A substitute player can be called on.
- ii. The wound shall be properly treated, and the affected area completely and securely covered.
- iii. When there is blood on the player's uniform, then the uniform shall be changed. A substitute uniform may be worn, and no penalty will be applied.
- iv. If there is blood on the ball, it shall be replaced and cleaned.
- v. A blood kit is available from the Game Day Coordinator and is to be used to remove any spilt blood on the floor or benches.
- vi. The Game Day Coordinator, based on Basic First Aid principles, shall have the final decision regarding a player returning to the court.

b. Other injuries:

- i. If during a game a player sustains an injury that requires substitution, the Game Day Coordinator shall be required to attend and based on basic first aid principles, shall assess the injury.
- ii. If ice is applied, it is recommended that the player remain substituted for the entirety of the game and an incident form will be completed by the Game Day Coordinator.
- iii. An incident form will be completed by the Game Day Coordinator outlining the injury sustained and first aid applied.
- iv. The Game Day Coordinator, in the absence of the player's parent or legal guardian, will have the final decision regarding a player returning to the court.
- v. If a parent or team official elects not to follow the advice of the Game Day Coordinator, then the Game Day Coordinator will make a record identifying that the player had retaken the court contrary to advice provided, along with details of the injury, advice provided, player and club details and final outcome. This will be submitted to the Domestic Director at the end of the day.

8 GAME DAY RULES

- a.** All players shall be registered and be able to prove their age at registration or where required by the Game Day Coordinator.
- b.** Teams are responsible for activating their game day players on the Electronic Scoring Devices prior to game commencement.
- c.** Teams have up until the end of the first half of the game to have all players present and their full names on the Electronic Scoring Device. A player not present and ready to play before the end of the first half cannot play in the second half, and if their name has been entered on the Electronic Scoring Device, it shall be deleted.
- d.** Teams may play with four (4) players and this does not constitute a forfeit.
- e.** Any club that has two (2) or more teams within the domestic competition shall not be permitted to interchange players from one team to another after the third (3rd) match of the season without the approval of the Domestic Director and CEO.
- f.** A late start shall incur a penalty of two (2) points per minute by the offending team.
- g.** No unregistered player is to be added to the Electronic Scoring Device at any time on game day.
- h.** A player who is present and ready (correctly attired) to play but does not actually participate in the match shall be considered a legal player.
- i.** A player is not permitted to play in more than one game in the same age grade on any day (except where 8j(ii) applies).
- j.** In the event of an equal score at the conclusion of full time there shall be no extra time to be played.
- k.** A player suspended from any other Association is not eligible to play until the conclusion of the suspension period.
- l.** Any player considered to be “ineligible” to play shall be reviewed on game day by the Game Day Coordinator and communicated to the Domestic Director.
- m.** WABL Rule:
 - i.** Teams are permitted up to a maximum of four (4) WABL players in the top age grouping and have played in Division 1 or 2 outlined in definition 2t.
 - ii.** Teams fielding more than four (4) WABL shall incur an immediate or retrospective forfeit for that game.

n. Backfilling:

- i. Where the player is required to “fill in” to avoid a forfeit they shall be from a younger age group and can only be used as the fourth (4th) and up to the sixth (6th) player.
- ii. U10's are permitted to backfill from their own grade.
- iii. Backfills must be registered in the current domestic season with the PBA and have paid BWA affiliation fees.
- iv. Requests for backfill players need to be submitted to the Game Day Administrator no later than close of business on a Thursday so they can be placed on the IPad for that Saturday's game.
- v. This procedure needs to occur each week as backfill players will be removed from that team following each weekend's game.
- vi. A player can backfill a maximum of three (3) games per season.
- vii. Any backfills that occur on game day (unforeseen absences/injuries) shall be notified directly to the Game Day Coordinator for approval prior to game commencement and prior to a player taking the court.
- viii. These players shall only play under the team name and backfills must to be from a lower grade (except where *regulation 9j(ii)* applies), wherein their scores and fouls are simply allocated to the team. A separate record of personal fouls shall be kept by the Score Bench Officials a supplied by the Game Day Coordinator
- ix. “Backfill” players are never to be placed under another player’s name. Teams found breaching this rule shall receive an automatic forfeit, as well as receiving the loss of one (1) premiership point for that and any other game where this has occurred.

o. Scratch matches:

- i. Unregistered players are not permitted to play in scratch matches.
- ii. A player from a younger age group should have appropriate physical and athletic attributes to play in an older age group scratch match.
- iii. A scratch match shall not be played without the approval of the Game Day Coordinator and Referees must be present and active in the game.

p. Forfeits:

Forfeits are deemed as either notified or un-notified.

- i. Teams providing forty-eight (48) hours' notice will not incur a forfeit fine and opposing teams will be notified by the Game Day Administrator.
- ii. In the event of an un-notified forfeit, zero (0) points will be awarded for the forfeiting team and three (3) points awarded for the non-forfeiting team (score 0 - 20).
- iii. If a team does not have four players (4) on the court and ready to play within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled start time, the match will be deemed a forfeit.
- iv. If the fourth (4th) player arrives late but within the first 10 minutes, the opposing team shall be awarded two (2) points for every minute the opposition is late.
- v. In the event of a notified forfeit, one (1) point will be awarded for the forfeiting team and three (3) points awarded for the non-forfeiting team (score 0 - 20).
- vi. Teams forfeiting without providing at least forty-eight (48) hours' notice will incur a \$60.00 fine.
- vii. Teams subject to forfeit penalties shall be invoiced by the PBA Administration Officer and are required to pay the forfeit fine prior to the next scheduled game.

q. Abandoned matches:

- i. The Game Day Coordinator in consultation with the Referee Coach shall be responsible for decisions relating to game abandonment.
- ii. Games may be abandoned on the basis of significant misconduct by a player, coach, team or spectator, risk to personal safety or any other reason as deemed necessary by the Game Day Coordinator.
- iii. If a game is abandoned based on (ii) above, the non-offending team will be awarded three (3) points for a win and zero (0) for the offending team.
- iv. If a game is abandoned outside of the PBA's control (ie heat rule, unsafe playing surface etc), the game will be deemed a draw.

9 GRADING

A three (3) week grading period will be held at the commencement of each season for the purpose of balancing the competition and ensuring that teams are appropriately placed.

10 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY FOR FINALS

- a. For a player to be eligible to participate in finals matches, the following will apply:
- i. The player is to be fully registered with the PBA.
 - ii. The player is to have played at least six (6) games in their nominated team during the season.
 - iii. Byes are considered as qualifying games.
 - iv. Forfeits for the non-forfeiting team are considered as qualifying games.
 - v. A player is only permitted to play finals in the team or teams they are registered in.

11 ILLEGAL PLAYERS

- a. Illegal players are defined as:
- i. Not being registered with PBA.
 - ii. Playing in more than one grade on the same day except where acceptable under Regulation 8j(ii).
 - iii. Playing under another player's name.
 - iv. Playing whilst under suspension or under disciplinary action from any other Association or Club affiliated with BWA or BA.
- b. The penalty for any team that fields an illegal player is automatic forfeiture of the match or matches in which the illegal player has played, and points awarded as per *regulation 8n(ii)*.

12 TRANSFERS

- a. A player may transfer from one team to another during a season provided that:
- i. The transfer complies with the requirements of these By-laws.
 - ii. The player is financial with and does not possess any assets belonging to the team or club from which the player is transferring.
 - iii. A clearance has been approved by that club.
 - iv. The Domestic Director and Operations Manager agree to the transfer.

13 GAME RULES

a. Times:

- i. First half twenty (20) minutes.
- ii. Half time two (2) minutes.
- iii. Second half twenty (20) minutes.
- iv. Time out - One (1) time out per half per team, for a duration of one (1) minute

b. Zones:

- i. Zone Defense is not permitted for age groups up to and including Under 14's.

c. Three-point shots:

- i. Successful three (3) point shots score as two (2) points for all age groups up to and including Under 14's Division 2.
- ii. Successful three (3) point shots score as three (3) points for Under 14's Division 1 and from the inner line.
- iii. Successful three (3) point shots in all other age groups will count as three (3) points.
- iv. In the likelihood of a twenty (20) point difference between teams, a "mercy" ruling will apply that enforces the leading team be removed from the front court and only allowed to defend after the ball has passed half court.

d. Under 10's and younger matches:

- i. A half court rule shall apply.
- ii. No scoreboard shall be displayed.
- iii. Rings shall be lowered for all Under 10's and younger grades at all venues.
- iv. Double teaming is not permitted.

e. Premiership points:

- i. Three (3) points for a win.
- ii. Two (2) points for a draw.
- iii. One (1) point for a loss.
- iv. Two (2) points for a scheduled bye.

f. Finals Matches:

- i. Finals matches will be determined by ladder positions.
- ii. Semi-finals - 1 v 4 and 2 v 3 with the winner of each progressing to a grand final.
- iii. Other matches may occur for lower ladder positions (5 v 6 and/or 7 v 8) although not part of the actual finals' series.
- iv. One (1) time out per team per half is permitted.
- v. Timed (stopped) clock will be utilized for the last three (3) minutes in the last half for grand final games only as per FIBA rules.
- vi. Time outs are permitted during a stopped clock, provided a team has not already utilized their allotted time out.
- vii. In the event of an equal score at the conclusion of full time, the match shall be continued by three (3) minute periods until a winner has emerged. A timed (stopped) clock shall continue to be used.
- viii. For grand final matches, referees shall occupy the scoring bench.

14 PREMIERSHIP LADDERS

- a.** Premiership ladders:
 - i. Final positions for finals on ladders will be decided by championship points awarded throughout the season.
- b.** If two or more teams have the same total championship points between them, further criteria shall be applied in the following order.
 - i. Head to head results between the contending teams during the regular season (win/loss ratio).
 - ii. Total game points for and against differential in reference to the contending teams and their previous head to head games.
 - iii. Finally, the higher percentage from the regular season will be considered.

15 MISCONDUCT, PROTESTS AND TRIBUNALS

a. Misconduct:

- i. Players, spectators, team officials and other people associated with a team, club or individual may be subject to a report by a referee or any other official of the PBA or Domestic Centre staff.
- ii. Reports shall be lodged in writing (on an incident report form) forty-eight (48) hours from the time of the incident occurring with the Domestic Director for processing and response.
- iii. The Domestic Director will review and action all instances of misconduct in a timely manner.

b. Codes of Conduct:

- i. All players, officials, spectators and visitors are expected to comply with PBA's Code of Conduct at all times. This can be found on our website or a hard copy can be provided on request.
- ii. Breaches to the PBA's Codes of Conduct will result in a written warning.

c. Protests:

- i. All protests are to be lodged in writing with the Game Day Coordinator within twenty-four (24) hours following the game.
- ii. The Domestic Director will review and action all protests.

d. Tribunals hearings:

- i. A tribunal hearing will be called by the Domestic Director for any misconduct in accordance with BWA tribunal By-Laws.
- ii. Tribunal hearings will be conducted in accordance with the BWA tribunal By-Laws and procedure guidelines.

16 COMPLAINTS AND DISPUTES

Any complaint or dispute shall be lodged in writing with the Game Day Coordinator and Domestic Director within forty- eight (48) hours following an incident. The PBA Domestic Director shall respond to any such report in a timely manner.

17 CHANGES TO BY-LAWS

These By-laws remain subject to change as required by the Perth Basketball Association for the betterment of the domestic competition. A reasonable effort shall be made to consult/communicate with domestic clubs and teams in seeking feedback regarding changes made to By-laws.

18 ITEMS NOT PROVIDED FOR

Any matters that have not been covered in these By-laws, provided that it comes within the objectives of the PBA, shall be dealt with by the Domestic Director and Registrar.

19 VIDEOING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

The Perth Basketball Association is conscious of possible issues regarding the taking of video footage or photographs of children during games and as such, the WABL and BWA videoing/photographing policy and social media policy will apply.



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