PERTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

DOMESTIC COMPETITIONS

HANDBOOK

2023/2024 SUMMER EDITION

DOMESTIC RULES MATRIX

DIVISION	OLDEST DOB	YOUNGEST DOB	TIMING (NON FINALS)	TIME OUTS (NON FINALS)	3PT LINE	FREE THROW	CHARGE CIRCLE	ZONE DEFENCE	DEFENCE WITHDRAWAL	RING HEIGHT	BALL SIZE
YEAR 3/4	1/7/2013	30/6/2017	2 x 20 MIN HALVES, RUNNING CLOCK, 2 MIN HALF TIME	1 PER HALF (NOT IN LAST 3 MIN OF EACH HALF)	NO	VOLLEYBALL END LINE	NO	NOT PERMITTED	WITHDRAW TO HALF COURT – AT ALL TIMES	8 FOOT	SIZE 5
YEAR 5/6	1/7/2011	30/6/2013			INNER*	NORMAL			WITHDRAW TO HALF COURT WHEN UP BY 20 POINTS	10 FOOT	SIZE 5
YEAR 7/8	1/7/2009	30/6/2011			INNER*	NORMAL				10 FOOT	SIZE 6
YEAR 9/10	1/7/2007	30/6/2009			OUTER	NORMAL		PERMITTED		10 FOOT	BOYS – SIZE 7 GIRLS – SIZE 6
YEAR 11/12	1/7/2005	30/6/2007			OUTER	NORMAL				10 FOOT	

where venue allows*

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INTRODUCTION

These are the rules and conditions that apply to all domestic basketball competitions conducted by the Perth Basketball Association.

If you require clarification of any rule, please direct your enquiry in writing to the PBA Competitions Manager at the details below.

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Definitions

BA Basketball Australia
BWA Basketball WA
BWA Affiliation fee An annual and separate fee payable to BWA upon registration
CEO A PBA ratified person with the responsibility of overseeing the efficient running and development of the domestic competition operations across all centres
Club Two or more teams that are bound together by a constitution and preferably incorporated
Competition fees Upfront season fees covers the costs of: i. Court Hire. ii. Game Day staff iii. Referees
Competitions Manager A PBA ratified person tasked with the running of the Domestic Competition
Court Controller 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
Division The relevant competition experience level within a particular grade. Experience is via descending order (Division 1 is a stronger competition than Division 2 etc)
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
FIBA International Basketball Federation
Grade Refers to the common school year and comprised of one or more divisions, determined by participants date of birth
Illegal Player Forfeit where a team has fielded an illegal player
NBL 1 West National Basketball League
Notified Forfeit Notification is received by PBA 12pm two (2) days before prior to the scheduled game.
PBA Perth Basketball Association
Official An Individual either volunteer or paid, who assists with the operations of a match, like a scorer
Registration Fee A fee collected by the PBA that covers insurance, software programs and administration of the competition
Referee Coach A PBA ratified person who has the responsibility of supporting and developing Referees for and on behalf of the Perth Basketball Association
Team A minimum number of eight (8) fully registered players who play in a common uniform
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 BWA, BA and FIBA
Un-notified Forfeit where sufficient notifications has not been provided as per Notified Forfeit
Unregistered player A player who is not registered and hasn't paid the appropriate fees with PBA for that season
WABL Western Australian Basketball League.

1. Playing Rules

1.1 All competitions and/or games conducted by Perth Basketball Association (PBA) shall be conducted in accordance with the official rules of basketball as adopted by Basketball WA, with modifications as outlined below.

2. Rule Modifications

2.1 Timing

2.1.1 All matches shall consist of two (2) twenty (20) minute halves, with a running clock. Half time will be two (2) minutes.

2.1.2 All teams will have one (1) time-out per half. No time-outs in the last three (3) minutes of both halves, unless the last three (3) minutes are fully timed as described in 2.1.5.

2.1.3 In the event of an equal score at the conclusion of full time, there shall be no extra time to be played, except as per 2.1.4.

2.1.4 FINALS ONLY Overtime will be 3 minutes and the clock will stop for all whistles during each overtime period, with one (1) timeout per overtime per team. As many overtime periods will be played as required to ensure a result.

2.1.5 GRAND FINALS ONLY will consist of two (2) twenty – minute halves with the last three (3) minutes of the game fully timed.

2.2 Uniforms

2.2.1 Players are required to wear matching team uniforms, approved by PBA, consisting of:

a) a playing top number 00-99 front and back. The numbers on the back should be 20cm high, at least 2cm wide, while the front number should be 10cm high. Logos are permissible, provided they do not obscure the playing numbers.

b) Shorts are to be PBA branded, or approved PBA-affiliated domestic club branded or plain black shorts with the maximum of one (1) logo the size of 5cm in diameter. All shorts are to have no pockets

2.2.2 Players not wearing a matching team uniform will be penalised four (4) points per player out of uniform from Round 4 onwards. The penalty points will be added to the opposition Team Points for that game.

2.2.3 Players are allowed to wear compression clothing only, under their playing uniform provided it is the same colour as their team jersey, or black only. Compression clothing will be interpreted as skin-tight compression. Exemptions can be made on the grounds of medical reasons, disability or other. Exemption request determined by the Competition Manager.

2.2.4 In the event of team having the same uniform (clash), the Second-named team (Away team) will be required to obtain a set of playing bibs from the Court Controller.

2.2.5 The Court Controller and/or Referee Coach shall have the final decision regarding uniform requirements.

2.3 Games Commencement and Penalties

2.3.1 Games must commence by the ten (10) minute mark of the first half or will be deemed a forfeit. Teams will be penalised two (2) points each minute late to start, providing the other team is ready to play. The penalty points will be added to the opposition Team Points. Late teams will forfeit their use of time outs for the first half.

2.4 Number of Players

2.4.1 Teams are permitted to start with four (4) registered players and finish the match with only two (2) registered players, provided a minimum of eight (8) players are registered.

2.5 No Charge Semi- Circle

2.5.1 The no charge semi-circle will be ignored for all competitions.

2.6 Modified Rules

2.6.1 3/4 Grade - Double teaming is not permitted. Referees will give a warning to the coach and players; subsequent infractions will result in a technical foul being charged against the offending team coach and issuing of the required penalty.

2.6.2 3/4 Grade - Competition coaches may walk around the basketball court to assist in the development of the player's basketball skills. However, they must not interfere in any way with the progress of the game. (i.e. referees, basketball or opposition players). Coaches must keep out of the middle third of the court lengthwise.

2.6.3 3/4 Grade - Backboards will be lowered to eight (8) foot.

2.6.4 3/4 Grade - Free throws will be taken from the volleyball end line.

2.6.5 3/4 Grade – No score shall be shown.

2.6.6 3/4 Grade – After each score, rebound or on a dead ball the defending team must withdraw to half court. Any turnover (travel, double dribble etc.) in the back court will result in play stopped, the referee explain the rule and the offending team to retain possession of the ball.

2.6.7 3/4 Grade – The three (3) point line will be disregarded.

2.6.8 In venues which have an inner three point line, this will be used in 5/6 and 7/8 competitions. In venues that do not have an inner three point line and/or in competition 9/10 and above, the outer line will be used.

2.7 Mercy Rule

2.7.1 All divisions - If the lead is 20 points or more, after each score, rebound or on a dead ball the defending team must withdraw to half court. Referees will give a warning to the coach and players; subsequent infractions will result in a technical foul being charged against the offending team coach and issuing of the required penalty.

2.8 Zone Defence

2.8.1 Zone defence is not permitted in all 3/4, 5/6, 7/8 Competitions.

2.8.2 The definition of zone defence shall be prescribed from the Zone Buster Manual available on the BWA website.

2.8.3 If a coach/manager believes the opposition team is playing a zone, they need to request the Referee Coach or Court Controller to observe the game who will play the role of “Zone Buster”. This is not the role of the game referee.

2.8.4 Referees shall issue a warning to the offending team upon instruction from the Zone Buster. A technical foul is issued for subsequent breaches, recorded on the electronic scoring device or scoresheet against the coach followed by the required penalty.

2.9 Technical Fouls

2.9.1 Players, coaches or spectators that are disqualified (ejected) from a game will automatically receive a one (1) game suspension for the next fixtured game. This does not include byes.

2.9.2 An automatic suspension does not preclude the matter from also being referred to a tribunal.

2.9.3 Any appeals will be solely at the discretion of the Competitions Manager

3 Rules Interpretation

3.1 In any instance where a ruling is required as to the intent or purpose of any rule as included in the official rules of basketball, or in these competition rules, or in the event of a dispute arising as to the interpretation of any rule, the matter shall in the first instance be referred to the Referee Coach or Court Controller present during the match. If agreement cannot be reached between the parties involved, the matter shall be determined by the Competitions Manager (CM) or by a rule’s interpreter appointed by the CM.

3.2 It shall be the duty of the rules interpreter to report to CM the nature of all matters referred to them for determination, together with their decision regarding the matter.

3.3 Any rules interpretations supplied by Basketball WA shall be reviewed for consideration to incorporating into local competitions where possible.

4 Team Nominations

4.1 Clubs, teams, or Associations desirous of participating in any competition or match conducted by the Association shall complete the online nomination form in the manner prescribed on or before the advertised closing date, as set down by PBA.

4.2 Late nominations may be accepted provided there are vacancies in the competition and full nomination fee payment is received with nomination. Late nomination fees may apply.

4.3 The Association reserves the right not to accept any nomination.

5 Grades and Exemptions

5.1 PBA competitions will run with the following single-gender grades: Year 3/4, Year 5/6, Year 7/8, Year 9/10, Year 11/12. Accepted dates of birth can be found in the preceding domestic rules matrix.

5.2 Requests for exemptions or consideration to play in a younger league than current age restrictions shall be made in writing to the Competitions Manager prior to the season commencing. Exemptions can be made on the grounds of medical reasons or disability only.

6 Grading into divisions

6.1 Within each grade, the competition is divided into divisions. Teams will be nominated to specific divisions at the time of team entry. PBA will evaluate all team entries and allocate teams to divisions.

6.2 Divisions range from 1, 2, 3 etc. with the most skilled teams placed in first (1) divisions and the least skilled at the lower end of the range of divisions for that season.

6.3 Grading will be conducted in the first three (3) weeks of season. Remaining season fixtures will only be released after the completion of grading.

6.4 PBA reserves the right to review grading and may alter or amend the division a team is in throughout the season.

7 Player Movement

7.1 Any club that has two (2) or more teams within the same grade 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 Competition Manager.

7.2 A player may transfer from one team or club to another during a season provided that all of the following are met:

- The transfer complies with the requirements of these By-laws
- The player is financial with and does not possess any assets belonging to the team or club from which the player is transferring
- A clearance has been approved by that club
- The Competition Manager agrees to the transfer

7.3 A player may 'fill in' for a grade one grade higher than their registered grade, or the same grade for Year 3/4, provided all of the following are met. Players not meeting all of the following criteria will be deemed an ineligible player:

- Compliant with Rule 14 & Rule 17
- Players fill in for the same Club
- They are used as up to and including the fifth player in a team
- A player can fill in a maximum of three (3) games per season total, across one or more teams.
- Game day fill-ins shall be notified directly to the Court Controller via the established process and approved prior to game commencement.

8 Competition Fixtures

8.1 PBA shall be responsible for the creation and issuing of fixtures to all teams participating in the competition.

8.2 An official fixture cannot be altered without the approval of PBA.

8.3 A team requesting a specific date for a bye must do so at least fourteen (14) days prior to the first round. There is no guarantee this request can be fulfilled.

8.4 Where any teams requests consideration of a fixture change, they must do so five (5) days prior to that fixture. There is no guarantee that this request can be fulfilled.

9 Competition Points

9.1 Premiership points shall be allocated for each game completed in accordance with the official fixtures as follows:

Win 3 Points

Loss 1 Point

Draw 2 Points

Bye 3 Points

Forfeit 0 Points

When a team is being forfeited against, the team that is not forfeiting will receive a three-point win with a scoreline of 20-0.

9.2 Final premiership ladder positions for teams finishing on equal competition points will be decided on a Head to Head basis, this being; team with the greatest number of wins against the other team is ranked higher. If the teams cannot be split using this method it reverts to game points scored differential in the games between the subject teams. In the event this still results in the teams being unable to be split it reverts to the overall for/against points percentage.

10 Abandoned Matches

10.1 The Competitions Manager, in consultation with the Court Controller, shall be responsible for decisions relating to game abandonment.

10.2 Games may be abandoned based on significant misconduct by a player, coach, team or spectator, risk to personal safety or any other reason as deemed necessary by the Competitions Manager.

10.3 If a game is abandoned based on 10.2 above, the non-offending team will be awarded three (3) points for a win and zero (0) for the offending team.

10.4 If a game is abandoned outside of the PBA's control (ie heat rule, unsafe playing surface etc) prior to the end of the first half, the game will be deemed a draw.

10.5 If a game is abandoned outside of the PBA's control (ie heat rule, unsafe playing surface etc) after the completion of the first half, the game result will stand.

11 Finals Series

11.1 The finals series shall be played at the conclusion of the regular season fixtures in accordance with the format determined by PBA at the commencement of the season.

11.2 Final positions for finals on ladders will be decided by championship points awarded throughout the season.

12 Eligibility to Participate in Final Series

12.1 To be eligible to represent a team in any final, a player must have played greater than one third (1/3) of the regular season fixtures of that team for that season and/or satisfied the criteria as specified in the following sub-paragraphs.

12.2 For the purposes of this clause, "played" shall be interpreted as being physically present during the period of the game, in uniform, physically able to play and with their name listed on the official score sheet.

12.3 A Referee and/or Court Controller is required to remove Player names from the score sheet at half time of the game, for any Player that does not meet the above conditions.

12.4 A Bye or a Forfeit (in a game that has been forfeited against that player's team) is considered to be a qualifying game.

12.5 Any player who through injury or other considered just cause has not been able to play the required number of rounds to qualify for the finals, may apply to PBA for consideration. Such application is to be made in writing seven (7) days prior to the finals series commencing. A medical certificate stipulating the type of injury, date of injury and the period of time out with the injury must accompany the request.

12.6 A Team that plays a Player that has not qualified for finals will forfeit the game

13 Forfeits

13.1 Notified forfeits will not incur a forfeit fine.

13.2 Un-notified and/or illegal player forfeits will incur a $85+GST fine.

13.3 Teams subject to forfeit fines shall be invoiced by PBA and are required to pay the forfeit fine prior to the next scheduled game.

14 Eligible Players

14.1 A player shall be eligible if all of the following criteria are met:

- They are registered within the PBA competition.
- Are able to prove their age at registration or where required by the Court Controller.
- The player is physically present in the stadium and able to play prior to the completion of the first half.

14.2 It is the responsibility of all teams to ensure that players are eligible to compete. In any instance where an ineligible player has participated in a match, the match shall be forfeited to the opposition as an un-notified forfeit.

15 Illegal Players

15.1 Illegal players are defined as;

- Not Registered with the Club for which they are playing
- If a finals game, non-observance of the qualifying criteria for the finals (See Section 12)
- Playing whilst under suspension by a Basketball WA-affiliated Association.
- Playing without clearance – when required – from previous Club.
- Playing under an assumed name

15.2 A team intentionally playing a player under an assumed name will be report for misconduct.

16 Registered Players

16.1 Teams must register all players with the Competition. At least eight (8) players per team must be registered prior to the season starting. Additional players commencing to play during the season must register before they play.

16.2 A player can only be registered with one team in the PBA competition.

17 Restricted Players

17.1 All players registered for a WABL team in 2023, regardless of association, are considered restricted players.

17.2 Teams nominating for Division 1 are allowed to register up to five (5) restricted players, with up to three (3) of these being from WABL Division 1 teams in 2023.

17.3 Teams nominating for Division 2 and below are allowed to register up to two (2) restricted players.

17.4 All teams must disclose their restricted players, regardless of WABL club, prior to the season starting, to the Competition Manager via the prescribed method.

18 Player Injury and Insurance

18.1 An incident report must be completed by a Court Controller when an injury occurs.

18.2 Registered players are covered by the insurance provided via their annual Basketball WA membership fee. Click here for more information. The Association does not accept any liability for injuries sustained by any persons whilst participating in a competition fixture at the stadium or any other venue. Unregistered players are not insured.

19 Referees and Umpires

19.1 The allocation of referees and umpires to officiate at competition fixtures conducted by the Association shall be the responsibility of PBA.

19.2 It is the responsibility of the Referee Coordinator and Referee Coach to determine the method of appointment of all referees and to determine their status as referees and umpires.

20 Team Duties

20.1 It shall be the duty of each team participating in any match conducted by the Association to provide an official for the score bench. Such officials should be present at the start of the fixture and should not be a substitute player. Matches will not start until the score bench is manned.

20.2 Scorers and timekeepers shall operate in accordance with the official rules of basketball.

21 Team Requirements

21.1 All teams will required to register a team manager and coach prior to the first fixture.

21.2 Coaches must have completed the Basketball WA Community Coaching Course prior to the first fixture.

22 Stadium Scoring

22.1 PBA will provide electronic score cards for all matches. It will be the responsibility of the team's manager or coach to make sure that all players and required team details are entered on the electronic score card prior to the start of the game. Electronic score cards cannot be altered after the match has commenced other than by the referee or Games Controller. Players' names cannot be added to the electronic score card at the completion of the first half.

22.2 In the event of electronic failure or fill-ins as per 7.3, a paper scoresheet will be used.

23 Basketballs

23.1 PBA will supply 1 match basketball for each match.

23.2 Teams are to provide their own basketballs for their team warm- up. Team name must be clearly marked, and basketballs must be in control of the coach or team manager at all times.

23.3 PBA takes no responsibility for basketballs brought into the stadium. All balls brought in should be clearly marked for identification.

24 Financial Status

24.1 Forfeit fees must be paid prior to the next game or the team will be considered unfinancial. Unfinancial teams will be ineligible for games.

25 Feedback, Complaints, Protests and Reports

25.1 A player, coach or team shall have the right to provide feedback, lodge a complaint or protest 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), or the result of any competition match.

- Feedback is welcome to bring matters to the attention of PBA by email to harrison@perthredbacks.asn.au
- Complaints or in-game matters should first be brought to the attention of a Court Controller.
- Should the matter not be resolved, complaints or protests must be made in writing and received by the Association by 5.00pm of the first Monday after the completion of the match in question using the appropriate form.
- The submission shall include a comprehensive account of the incident or happening giving rise to the complaint or protest, name the team/s, player/s and/or coaches/s concerned and the specifics of the match.
- All complaints shall be referred to the Competitions Manager (CM) for consideration and if necessary, investigation. The CM may appoint a Panel to consider the findings of the investigation to resolve a decision which may include Penalties (as outlined in clause 23). Should it not be possible to arrive at a satisfactory solution they may refer the matter to the Tribunal for resolution.
- All written lodgements must be resolved within fourteen (14) days of receipt and the resultant decision communicated to the person or team in writing.

25.2 A report, lodged by a referee, umpire or Association official, which alleges misconduct in any Association match or fixture, by any player, coach, spectator, team, shall be considered a charge against the player, team, or member.

- The report must be lodged in writing on the prescribed report form and must be received by the Association 5.00pm on the first Monday following the alleged incident.
- In conjunction with 2.10, any coach, player or spectator who meets the criteria of a disqualification foul in a written incident report made by an Official and verified by PBA, shall

receive a one (1) game suspension, regardless of whether the official called for a Disqualification Foul at the time during the game

26 Tribunal

26.1 All PBA competitions will be subject to the Basketball WA Tribunal Bylaws, which may be amended from time to time.

27 Penalties

27.1 The Competitions Manager may impose penalties upon individual players, teams, spectators of game officials as appropriate and after proper investigation and referral for decision by a Panel. The Panel is in place to provide an independent view to the matter. Members may include PBA staff and external independent parties. Penalties for minor breaches may be in the form of a monetary fine for an individual or team or premiership points up to and including the time of the offence to be removed.

27.2 For serious breaches of these competitions rules, the Panel may impose sanctions including,

- Disqualification of the team/s
- Suspension of player/s
- Expulsion of team/members from the Association
- Any other penalty deemed appropriate by the Panel from time to time

27.3 All penalties will be notified in writing by the Competitions Manager

28 Conditions of Entry

28.1 All people entering a facility that is running a PBA Competition are bound by the relevant PBA Code of Conduct.

29 Heat Policy

29.1 All Perth Basketball Association (PBA) Competitions follow the Basketball WA Hot Weather Guidelines as available on our website.

30 Video and Photography

30.1 PBA is conscious of concerns raised regarding the taking of video footage or still photographs in basketball stadiums. We are also conscious that there are genuine and innocent reasons why this may happen, including the recording of family memories. This position is to reach a fair and simple compromise between these competing needs.

30.2 A person is permitted to video/photograph games involving minors provided that they are:

a) related to a player involved in the game (or guardian), or

b) approved by the Referee Coordinator for referee development/education.

30.3 If parents have concerns about people videoing or taking photographs of junior games, they should raise them with a stadium official. If the person using a camera is then unable to convince the stadium official that they fall into either of the above categories, they will be asked to discontinue taking photos/filming.

30.4 No videoing or taking of photographs will be permitted under any circumstances in the toilets or changing areas of stadiums where programs or competitions are being conducted.

30.5 PBA reserves the right to request video footage or photographs posted online or any public forum, is removed if requested to do so.

31 Amendments

31.1 The Competitions Team shall have the power to amend these competition rules at any time. The Association must inform all teams of all changes made to these competition rules.

32 Items Not Provided For

32.1 The appropriate PBA staff shall deal with any matter not provided for in these competition rules that comes within the objects of the Association.