



RBRA Domestic Competition Rules and By-Laws

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Foreword

It is the intention of these rules to facilitate and foster the development of social and competitive Basketball within the Rockingham District.

We urge all participants to read the Rockingham Basketball and Recreation Association Domestic Competition Rules and By-laws.

The Rockingham Basketball and Recreation Association reserves the right to amend or introduce these Rules mid-season, should they feel it is necessary.

If you require clarification of any rule, please direct your enquiry in writing to:

- Competition Manager: admin@rockinghamflames.com.au

Change History

Version	Date	Revised By	Description
2.1	07.2013	DBC	Existing Competition Rules - prior history and change dates unknown
3.0	01.08.2017		Complete revision due to changed process. Numerous changes. Reformatting to include change history recording
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3.3	26.08.2021	- Karina Tudor - Dean Horsington - Sharon Matenga	Revised and updated. - U08s will now play first round of club semi-finals - Player transfer rule will have 7-day limit for actioning from exiting Club/ team - Players out of uniform will be penalised by a deduction of 10 team points per game - rule for abandoned games updated
3.4	03.12.2021	- Karina Tudor - Sharon Matenga	Revised and updated Appendix regarding WABL/ State rules
3.5	13.01.2023	- Karina Tudor - Sharon Matenga	Revised and updated wording
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WABL player restrictions limits updated to include relaxed rules for trial selections and grading placement - Added in U17-girls - Revised penalties for uniform infringements and late starts - Revised taping of piercing rule - Updated wording to make rules read clearer - Redesigned layout
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1 Interpretation of the Rules

1.1 Definitions

Term	Definition
Age Group	Team categories based on the birthyear of the players
Association	Rockingham Basketball and Recreation Association will be referred to as the RBRA
Board	The RBRA Board of Directors duly appointed under the Constitution of the RBRA
CC	Court Controllers are person/s in charge of game-day operations
CM	Competition Manager oversees all Domestic competitions
Division	The various skill levels used to group teams within a grade.
Domestic Club	One (1) or more teams identified by name or uniform
Domestic Club Official	President/Chairperson or Vice President/ Chairperson of a Club
Employees	RBRA Staff, Referees, Referee Coaches, Court Controllers
Electronic Scoring Device	A tablet or laptop that is used to record scores and fouls of the game. The electronic score board controller is the device used to put scores and fouls up onto the score board
Grading Committee	RBRA appointed committee assigned to oversee the grading of all Competitions
New Players	Players who have not played in the previous season of an RBRA Domestic Competition
PCDM	Player Coach Development Manager
Player Transfers	Any player looking to move to a different Club or Team
RC	Referee Coordinator
Referee	An official who enforces and maintains order in the game
Referee Coach	Official responsible for overseeing Referees during a game
Representative Player	Any player who is playing in, or played in a Team in the most recent completed Season/ Competition in: NBL1, BWA State program teams. This applies to all players
Restricted Player	Guidelines defining restricted player eligibility are outlined in Section 2.1.5 and are categorised by age group and season.
SM	Stadium Employees of Management
Team	A group of between 4 and 10 players (teams with 7 players are considered viable)
Volunteers of the RBRA	Board members, Committee Members, Advisory Members, RBRA Coaches and Managers, Tribunal Panel
WABL	Junior representative players who play in the Basketball WA run Western Australian Basketball League
Website	rockinghamflames.com.au

1.2 Interpretation

- 1.2.1 Day to day interpretation of the rules is the responsibility of the Court Controllers, Referee Coaches and Referees. Their decision will be adhered to, to enable continuation of a game

- 1.2.2 Disputation of interpretation must follow the procedure. For further clarification refer to section 16 'Reports and Protests'

2 Rules and General Provisions

2.1 Rules

- 2.1.1 FIBA official basketball rules and official interpretations shall apply unless otherwise provided in these by-laws
- 2.1.2 As our competition is not fully timed, minor adjustments will be made to the FIBA rules which cannot be enforced fairly without stopping the game clock
- 2.1.3 Special conditions apply to certain Competitions. For further clarification refer to section 17 'Special Rules'
- 2.1.4 RBRA Rules and By-Laws shall apply in other administrative matters not covered by these rules
- 2.1.5 Categories of Restricted Players:
- Class One Restricted Players: Where applicable, teams are limited to a maximum of two (2) Class One Restricted Players per team
 - Class Two Restricted Players: Where applicable, teams are limited to a maximum of two (2) Class Two Restricted Players per team, plus additional Class Two restricted players for any unused Class One restricted spots
 - Overall Restricted Players: This category includes all Class One Restricted Players as well as Class Two Restricted Players
 - Semi-Restricted Players: Semi-Restricted Players are a separate classification and do not count toward a team's Overall Restricted Player total. The total number of Semi-Restricted players allowed is increased by one for any unused restricted spots
- 2.1.6 Restricted Player Caps and Substitutions:
- In U14-18 boys and U14 girls there is a total cap of 4 restricted players and 2 semi-restricted players – in the case where a team does not have their maximum allotted 4 restricted players, they can use extra semi-restricted players to fill that spot
 - For example, in U14 Boys Winter, a team could have: 2x Class-1 Restricted Players, 2x Class-2 Restricted Players (which is 4 out of the 4 allowed restricted players). And they could have 2x Semi-Restricted Players to fill up to 6 with a restriction label
 - Or a team could have: 2x Class-1 Restricted Players, 1x Class-2 Restricted Players (which is 3 out of the 4 allowed restricted players). So, then they would be allowed 3x Semi-Restricted Players to fill up to 6 players with a restriction label
 - If a team only has 1x Class-1 Restricted Player, then they can use an extra Class-2 Restricted Player to fill up to a total of 4 restricted players (not including semi-restricted)
 - No Team is ever allowed to exceed the cap of 2x Class-1 Restricted Players
- 2.1.7 Determination of Restricted Status:

- Restricted player status is determined at the conclusion of Term 1 WABL team selections, when teams are finalised for Grading and WABL competition
- 2.1.8 Once WABL teams are finalised:
- Restricted player status is locked in accordance with Section 2.1.5, Section 2.1.10 and Appendix E for a 12-month cycle, covering:
 - The upcoming Winter season, and
 - The subsequent Summer season
 - Term 1 WABL selections do not affect the restricted status of players participating in a Summer season already in progress
- 2.1.9 WABL Roster Selection and Player Movement
- Restricted status is based on full WABL roster selection.
 - Players selected as Development Players (DPs) are not classified as restricted at the time of WABL selection
- 2.1.10 Roster changes are treated as follows
- If a player is elevated to the full WABL roster prior to grading games to replace a withdrawal or season-ending injury, that player will assume restricted status in line with Section 2.1.5
 - If a player is selected for a WABL team but withdraws permanently prior to the first game of WABL Grading, they do not take on the restricted status as specified in Section 2.1.5
 - If a WABL DP or non-selected player is elevated to a full-time WABL roster spot after the time of the first game of WABL Grading, their restricted status does not change for the upcoming Winter Domestic Season. The player's status would change the next domestic season, the Summer Season, as a way to give teams enough time to make plans with domestic team rosters
 - If a DP is utilised as a temporary fill-in for an injured or missing full-time rostered player, this does not alter restricted status for the DP. If a player from the age group below or a team below play up as a fill in for another WABL team, this also does not alter restricted status for the fill in. Restricted status is only determined by the team the player was selected in as a full-time rostered player at the time of grading starting
 - What classes as a full-time rostering of a player vs a fill-in at the time of determination, is at the ultimate discretion of the Competition Manager and PCDM. But will be determined based on considerations of whether there was a season-ending injury or withdrawal of a player on the team for the rest of the season, versus just an opening that will eventually be taken back

2.2 General Provisions

- 2.2.1 Parents/Guardians of Players (under 18 years of age) suffering from an illness of medical condition are responsible for the Player and asked to make the Coaches and Managers aware of that condition. This information will be kept confidential
- 2.2.2 It is the joint responsibility of the Coaches and Referees to ensure that any Player who is bleeding or has an open wound is substituted.

- 2.2.3 Any blood on the court shall be removed using the blood spill kit by the Court Controller
- 2.2.4 At the referee's final discretion:
 - The Player may return to the court only after the bleeding has stopped and affected area or open wound has been completely, and securely covered
 - If the bleeding cannot be stopped, the Player is not to return to the court. Any clothing soiled with blood is to be removed before a Player is allowed back on to the court
- 2.2.5 Injured Players should not be moved until someone with first-aid training has attended to them or their parent/ guardian decides to do so
- 2.2.6 No modifications to the court will be made
- 2.2.7 Any Official or Staff Member of the Association has the authority to ask a person over the age of 18 years old, to leave the stadium
- 2.2.8 All RBRA Policies & Codes of Conduct (available on the Rockingham Flames website) are taken to apply to **all** participants of RBRA Domestic competitions. This applies to all venues (e.g Mike Barnett Sports Complex, Baldivis Indoor Sports Complex)

2.3 RBRA Competitions – Rules & By-Laws

- 2.3.1 RBRA adopt the Basketball WA Tribunal By-laws
- 2.3.2 All RBRA rules and by-laws are subject to change
- 2.3.3 All RBRA rules and by-laws are reviewed regular
- 2.3.4 All rules and by-laws may be overridden during the season at the discretion of the RBRA
***These may differ from season to season at the discretion of the RBRA

3 Registrations

3.1 Team Nomination

- 3.1.1 Team entry may be capped subject to numbers
- 3.1.2 Team registrations are to be completed by the due date set. Late entries *may* be considered by emailing the CM
- 3.1.3 Clubs will enter Teams into age groups and '**divisions**' via Club portal in PlayHQ
- 3.1.4 Non-Club Teams will complete an expression of interest form available on the website. If successful in securing a spot in a competition, the registration link will be sent to the team organiser from the CM
- 3.1.5 Club Team fees will be invoiced in line with non-Club Team timeline
- 3.1.6 Teams must be entered adhering to the grading structure in place.
- 3.1.7 All teams must abide by the Representative Player restrictions rules.
***For further clarification refer to Domestic Competition Terms and Conditions

3.2 Player Registration General

- 3.2.1 Players must register into their Teams by the due date set by the CM, using the PlayHQ link provided from their Club or non-Club Team organiser

- 3.2.2 Players must pay the RBRA Season Player fees plus BWA affiliation fee if due for renewal

3.3 Junior Players Registration

- 3.3.1 Junior Players must play in the age group determined by year of birth
- 3.3.2 Junior Players that are classified as WABL players that are in Under 10's must play up in Under 12s
- 3.3.3 Junior Players may play up '1' additional age group as a second competition.
- 3.3.4 Junior Players cannot play in more than '1' team in any age group (e.g. they may only play in '1' team in Under 16s).

3.4 Junior Representative Player Restrictions

- 3.4.1 RBRA Domestic Competitions have strict restrictions for NBL1, BWA State, WABL selected Players in Domestic Competitions
- 3.4.2 WABL Players restrictions refer to Domestic Competition Terms and Conditions and 2.1.5 (Rules and By-Laws) and Appendix E

3.5 Senior Player Registration

- 3.5.1 Senior Players may up '1' division, by request in writing to the CM
- 3.5.2 Senior Players can only play up a maximum of '3' games before permanently registering into the higher-division team
- 3.5.3 Junior Players who play in the Seniors Competitions do so at their own risk
- 3.5.4 Junior Players who play in the Seniors Competitions will be subject to the same rules as Seniors

3.6 Playing in '2' Competitions

- 3.6.1 Players in 2 competitions must obtain a voucher code to override the second RBRA season player fee by emailing the CM
- 3.6.2 The original age group (birthyear) is prioritised as a player's **first team** over the age group in which they are playing up in

3.7 Fill-In Player

- 3.7.1 Both non-RBRA registered players and RBRA registered players can fill-in a maximum of '2' games
- 3.7.2 Fill-in players RBRA registered or not, may only play in '1' team in any eligible age group
- 3.7.3 Non-RBRA registered fill-in Players must purchase a voucher from the RBRA website which allows them to play '1' single game per voucher
- 3.7.4 Fill-in vouchers expire '6' days from purchase
- 3.7.5 Once a player has filled in twice, they must register into the team they have filled in for before playing the third game
- 3.7.6 Fill-in players are not permitted during the grading rounds

*** For further clarification on Registrations refer to Domestic Competition Terms and Conditions

4 Divisions

4.1 Grading (into divisions)

- 4.1.1 Clubs and non-Club Teams should allocate Teams into each division considering the Representative count in each team
- 4.1.2 Division A = Teams with 3+ Restricted Players (these teams will automatically be moved to A grade for start of grading). Any Team 1 player or Representative player must be placed in this division
- 4.1.3 Division B = Teams with 2 or less Restricted Players
- 4.1.4 Divisions C-D-E etc should have 0 Restricted Players
- 4.1.5 Representative Players will be classed as Restricted Players in all teams, and are capped at '1' per team
- 4.1.6 WABL teams who have received an exemption to play in any Domestic competition must play up an age group that is higher than the WABL competition they are playing in and in Division A were deemed suitable
 - WABL teams must put forward an application to play in any Domestic competition by emailing the CM prior to fixtures being set
- 4.1.7 Grading will take place over the first '3' weeks of competition with minor adjustments occurring where necessary thereafter
- 4.1.8 Last minute game changes may occur at the Grading committee's discretion
- 4.1.9 Team placement concerns must be communicated during grading
- 4.1.10 Ladders will not commence until round '4'
- 4.1.11 No further amendments will be made once fixtures are released

***For further clarification refer to Domestic Competition Terms and Conditions

5 Player Transfers

5.1 Junior Domestic Player Clearances

- 5.1.1 A Player may move Domestic Clubs or non-Club Teams by acquiring a player transfer
- 5.1.2 Applications are accepted when a Player is entering into a new season only
- 5.1.3 In-season transfers must be applied for by emailing the CM
- 5.1.4 Seasons commence round 1 of any competition including grading
- 5.1.5 Player clearance forms are available on the RBRA website
- 5.1.6 No representative player shall be permitted to transfer into a Team that will cause a non-compliance with the rules. For further clarification refer to Domestic Competition Terms and Conditions
- 5.1.7 Players must attempt to resolve any differences with existing Club or Team

- 5.1.8 All details must be completed by the Player, Club or Team and CM
- 5.1.9 Players must not play in a new Club or Team without final approval email being received from the CM
- 5.1.10 No transfer will be approved where fees are outstanding, or property has not been returned
- 5.1.11 Should the Club or non-Club Team fail to approve the transfer within '7' days of being notified, the matter can be referred to the CM

5.2 Coercion, Persuasion of Junior Players

- 5.2.1 Clubs, non-Club Teams are not permitted to offer a place to, or play a Player until a transfer request has been considered, and approved by the Players existing Club or Team and CM
- 5.2.2 No transfer will be approved where a Player has been approached, coerced and/ or persuaded in anyway by an official or representative of RBRA or any Club/ Team Member
- 5.2.3 If found in breach of this, the offending Club, Team or person may be reported for unsportsmanlike behaviour to the RBRA Tribunal Panel for consideration
 - *** For further clarification refer to section 16 'Reports and Protests'

6 Fixtures and Venues

6.1 Fixtures and Competition Days

- 6.1.1 Byes will be avoided wherever possible
- 6.1.2 Game times may be subject to change depending on the volume of Teams
- 6.1.3 Game days may be subject to change depending on the volume of Teams
 - This may occur during grading
- 6.1.4 Game days and times may be subject to change where an NBL1 home game is fixtured
- 6.1.5 Competitions may cycle across more than one day in any '1' week
- 6.1.6 Where extreme circumstances require a game to be postponed, or defer a scheduled fixture, then a written application to the RBRA is required
- 6.1.7 Where possible the RBRA will attempt to reschedule
- 6.1.8 No Refunds will be offered if we cannot reschedule a game
- 6.1.9 If 2 games clash, players must play in their age group. The team within a player's age group is prioritised as their first team (E.g.: Turning 15 in 2026 means they must play in Under 16s. They can play in the Under 18s as their second team but if both are scheduled at the same time, they must play in Under 16s).

6.2 Venues

- 6.2.1 RBRA will operate out of satellite venues including Baldivis Indoor Sports Complex (BISC) and Mike Barnett Sports Complex (MBSC)
- 6.2.2 Fixtures may include cycling through more than one venue or day per season
- 6.2.3 Venues may be subject to change depending on the volume of Teams registered in each competition

- 6.2.4 Venues may be subject to change where an NBL1 home game is fixtured

7 Illegal Players

7.1 Players Who are Classed as Illegal for Game Purposes

- 7.1.1 Players playing in an incorrect age group unless playing up an age group
- 7.1.2 Players who are not playing in the age group determined by year of birth unless they meet 3.3.2
- 7.1.3 Players playing in, or played in 2 different teams in any one age group
- 7.1.4 Player not having their Full name entered on the electronic scoring device
- 7.1.5 Players not in attendance and do not have their name entered on the electronic scoring device by half time
- 7.1.6 Playing under a false name
- 7.1.7 Playing in a lower age group or division than what they are registered into
- 7.1.8 Representative Players participating in a competition that is not in compliance with Appendix E. This includes fill-in Players
- 7.1.9 Female playing in a male age group, or male playing in a female age group unless the age group is mixed
- 7.1.10 Playing while under suspension
- 7.1.11 Playing while identified as un-financial with the RBRA
- 7.1.12 Playing in the final's series, where deemed an illegal Player in the Minor rounds
- 7.1.13 Playing in the final's series without meeting eligibility criteria of a minimum of '6' games played (includes grading)
- 7.1.14 Any exemptions must be put in writing to the CM

7.2 Penalty for An Illegal Player

- 7.2.1 If a team fields an illegal Player or does not comply with the RBRA Domestic Rules and By-laws, they shall lose the game by forfeit and the opposition team will be awarded the win
- 7.2.2 Players are not permitted to play in an active game if they are not in attendance by half time, and their name is not on the electronic scoring device.
- 7.2.3 Playing a Player when knowing they are an illegal Player may be seen as unsportsmanlike behaviour and reported to the RBRA Tribunal Committee
- 7.2.4 Any protests in relation to eligibility of a Player must first be direct to the CM via email, followed up with the CC at the time if it is unable to be resolved, following procedure outlined in section 16 'Reports and Protests'
 - *** For further clarification on Illegal Players, refer to Domestic Competition Terms and Conditions

8 Premiership Ladders / Competition Points

8.1 Premiership Ladders

- 8.1.1 Under 08s will not show ladders on the RBRA public PlayHQ landing page
- 8.1.2 All other ladders will be displayed in order of Win/ Loss/ Draw followed by overall For/ Against points percentage
- 8.1.3 Ladders will commence in round 4 of any Season

8.2 Competition Points

- 8.2.1 Draws will remain in the Minor rounds, not in the final's series
- 8.2.2 There will be no overtime in the Minor rounds, only in the final's series
- 8.2.3 Final premiership ladder positions for teams finishing on equal points will be decided in the "Head-to-Head" basis, this being the team with the greatest number of wins against the other team is ranked higher
- 8.2.4 In the events that the team cannot be split using this method, it reverts to game points scored differential in the games between the subject teams
- 8.2.5 In the event this stills results in teams being unable to be split, it will revert to overall For/ Against points percentage
- 8.2.6 Competition points will be awarded for the compilation of the premiership ladder as '3' points Win (including a forfeit win), '2' points Draw, '2' points Bye, '1' point Loss, '0' points for a forfeit loss
- 8.2.7 A 'Washout' game will be considered a Draw with '2' Premiership Points awarded to each team and the score recorded as 20-20
- 8.2.8 A team joining the competition after the competition has commenced, will receive no competition points for the games they have missed
- 8.2.9 A Team requesting regrading outside of the grading period will normally not carry competition points from the previous division to the new division. This is at the discretion of the RBRA to be fair and equitable for all teams affected

9 Finals Series Rounds

9.1 Finals Series Format

- 9.1.1 Finals will be conducted on a 1st vs 4th and 2nd vs 3rd basis with the two winners playing off in the grand final
- 9.1.2 Finals format may be subject to change where it is deemed to be in the best interest of that grade. Where possible this decision will be made no later than week '4' of the competition, however in special circumstances this may occur at any time during a Season
- 9.1.3 If a Team withdraws from the competition before commencement of the finals series, they shall be removed from the premiership ladder and will not qualify for finals

9.2 Finals Series Eligibility

- 9.2.1 A Player must be credited with '6' qualifying games for a particular competition to be eligible for the finals.
- 9.2.2 Only qualifying games may be credited to Players for Finals eligibility in a particular age group
- 9.2.3 A qualifying game is any game including grading and forfeits that is not a part of a final's series
- 9.2.4 A qualifying game may be credited to a Player for Finals eligibility in a particular grade/division provided:
- They are not an illegal Player.
 - They are legally substituted into the game.
 - They have their full name and playing number entered in the electronic scoring device
- 9.2.5 Byes are not considered as a qualifying game
- 9.2.6 A game shall be considered a washout if there were no results recorded
- 9.2.7 Games declared a washout do not count towards individuals qualifying number of games for Finals eligibility
- This may be subject to change at the discretion of the RBRA on application to provide a fair and equitable outcome dependant on the circumstances of the wash-out
- 9.2.8 In the event of a game being lost by forfeit, the qualifying game shall not be credited to any Players of that team for Finals eligibility
- 9.2.9 In the event of a game won by forfeit, Players of that team will be credited with the qualifying game for Finals eligibility
- Notified forfeits: All Players who are registered for the team at the time of the forfeit
 - Un-notified forfeits: All players who are present and have their name entered into the electronic scoring device prior to the forfeit
- 9.2.10 In the event of a Player legally changing teams because of a transfer or team withdrawal, games shall remain credited to that Player in the new team
- 9.2.11 In the event of injury, a Player does not need to be present to be credited with a qualifying game. A medical certificate must be provided to the CM to be considered for an exemption
- 9.2.12 If an RBRA representative team has been entered into a Domestic competition, they will appear on the Premiership Tables, but will not participate in Finals Series and be withdrawn following the final fixture
- 9.2.13 Any protests in relation to the Eligibility of a Player participating in a Final Series must be emailed to the CM for consideration
- *** All areas are subject to change at the discretion of the RBRA

10 Abandoned Games

10.1 Outcome

- 10.1.1 If a game has reached half time before being abandoned, the game results shall stand

- 10.1.2 If the game has commenced but has not reached half time and one team forfeits due to justifiable injuries, the game will be classed as a full-time game with scores standing
- This game will still be classed as a played game and eligible for finals
- 10.1.3 If the game has not reached half time before being abandoned due to anything out of the RBRA's control, there shall be no result, and the game shall be considered a wash-out with 20 points being awarded to each team
- 10.1.4 Out of RBRA control may include, but not be limited to:
- Power outage
 - Wet floors

11 Responsibilities

11.1 Scorers

- 11.1.1 All teams must provide a competent scorer/ timer for the duration of the game. Where the scorers cannot decide amongst themselves:
- Team A shall complete the electronics scoring device
 - Team B shall complete the electronic scoreboard controller
- 11.1.2 Scorers/ timers have no influence on the game other than to fulfil their scoring duties

11.2 Coaches and Managers

- 11.2.1 It is the Coaches or Managers responsibility to ensure that the Players names are entered correctly on the electronic scoring device or paper score sheet
- 11.2.2 Only '1' Coach is permitted to remain standing at any one time during the game
- 11.2.3 Coach and assistant coaches are prohibited from standing at the same time
- 11.2.4 Coaches and team Managers are responsible for ensuring all other people in their team bench area including Players, remain seated
- 11.2.5 If any information in the electronic scoring device is disputed, it is the responsibility of the Coach and Team manager to follow procedure by sourcing a CC
- 11.2.6 All volunteers, including Coaches, Managers must meet all legislative and RBRA requirements in relation to Working with Children checks and Police Volunteer checks if required
- 11.2.7 It is the Coach or Team Managers responsibility to return all Bibs at the conclusion of the game. Any Bibs not returned shall be charged to the Team
- 11.2.8 Coaches and Managers are responsible for ensuring that all team invoices are paid by the due date specified by the CM
- 11.2.9 Coaches and Managers are responsible for ensuring that any "Fill-in" Players are appropriate for the age group and division, and the relevant registration has occurred, while also ensuring they have not filled in for another team within the same age group
- 11.2.10 Coaches and Managers are responsible for ensuring all junior teams have an adult present at each game to be responsible for the Team's actions

12 Game Start / Late Start

12.1 To Start A Game

- 12.1.1 A game shall not start unless each Team has at least '4' season registered Players present and ready to play
- 12.1.2 Fill-in Players do not count towards the minimum of '4' season registered players
- 12.1.3 Fill-in Players must show the Court Controllers the fill-in fee receipt
- 12.1.4 Players must play under their own name
- 12.1.5 Matching uniforms are required
- 12.1.6 Juniors must have mouthguards in

12.2 Penalty For Late Starting Game

- 12.2.1 Failure to start a game on time will result in a '2' point penalty being awarded to the opposition team for every minute or part thereof, that the game is delayed
 - 12.2.2 Teams can elect to not begin playing, but may be subject to the late start penalty and forfeit rules as defined in these Competition Rules and By-laws
- ***This is up to the referee's discretion depending on the lateness of the game

12.3 Late Starting Player

- 12.3.1 Players are not permitted to play in an active game if they are not in attendance by the end of the first half, and their name is not on the electronic scoring device or game sheet
- 12.3.2 In this case, the result is the player is ineligible to play for that game
- 12.3.3 Being added to the score sheet is at the CC's discretion

13 Forfeits

13.1 Notified / Un-Notified

- 13.1.1 Notified Forfeits have a strict deadline to avoid penalties
- 13.1.2 Deadlines to avoid a penalty are:
 - Monday - Friday Competitions, notification must be received by no later than 12.00pm on the day of the scheduled game
 - Saturday Competitions, notification must be received by no later than 8.00am on the day of the scheduled game
- 13.1.3 Forfeits are to be emailed to: **forfeits.RBRA@gmail.com**
- 13.1.4 Un-notified Forfeits where sufficient notification has not been provided will be subject to penalties

13.2 Forfeit Penalty / Other

- 13.2.1 Penalties may apply where proven a team has fielded an illegal Player

- 13.2.2 If a team does not have '4' season registered Players who have legally taken the court within '10' minutes of the scheduled starting time, they shall lose by forfeit
- 13.2.3 If a Team plays while having an RBRA invoice overdue, they shall lose by forfeit
- 13.2.4 If one Team forfeits, the final score will be 20-0
- 13.2.5 If both Teams forfeiting the result shall be recorded as 0-0 forfeit loss to each Team
- 13.2.6 Any team forfeiting '3' times in any '1' Season, may be removed at the discretion of the RBRA
- 13.2.7 If a game has commenced but has not reached half-time and '1' Team forfeits due to justifiable injuries, the game will be classed as a full-time game with scores standing. This game will still be classed as played and eligible for finals
- 13.2.8 Late forfeiting Teams will be subject to fines as imposed by RBRA
*** For further clarification refer to Appendix C 'Fines, Penalties and Charges

14 Timing of Games

14.1 Minor Rounds

- 14.1.1 All Minor Round games shall be timed from a central running clock comprising of 2 x 19-minute halves with a '2' minute half time break
- 14.1.2 '2' time outs are permitted per team in each half
- 14.1.3 No time outs are permitted in the final '3' minutes of **either half** of the game

14.2 Finals Series

- 14.2.1 Finals Series games shall be timed from individual court clocks comprising of:
- 19- minute 1st half, running clock
 - 2-minutes half time break
 - 19-minutes 2nd half with first 16-minutes running clock
 - Last '3' minutes will be fully timed
- 14.2.2 Extra Periods apply in finals, and shall commence after a 2-minute break for 3-minutes and are fully timed
- 14.2.3 '2' time outs are permitted in each half, and '1' time out in any extra period
- 14.2.4 No time outs are permitted in the final '3' minutes of the 1st half of the game

15 Equipment

15.1 Stadium Property, RBRA Property

- 15.1.1 Any Player, Spectator or other found abusing Stadium property including hanging off the rings, maybe reported to the Stadium Management at the discretion of any Official or Employee of the RBRA

- 15.1.2 Any Player, Spectator or other found abusing RBRA property may be expelled from the stadium at the discretion of any Official or Employee of the RBRA and may be subject to other disciplinary actions

15.2 Basketballs

15.2.1 RBRA will supply a suitable basketball to use as a game ball

15.2.2 Basketball sizes in Juniors are as follows:

- Size 5: U08, U10, U12 boys and girls
- Size 6: U14s boys and girls
- Size 6: U16, U17, U18 girls
- Size 7: U16s, U18s, U21s boys

15.2.3 Basketball sizes in Seniors are as follows:

- Size 6: Women's
- Size 7: Men's

16 Reports and Protests

16.1 RBRA

- 16.1.1 The RBRA adopts and enforces the Disciplinary Tribunal Procedures from BWA as per Appendix A, B and C lists charges and penalties
- 16.1.2 All persons entering RBRA venues or affiliated stadiums may be subject to report by any Official or Staff Member of the RBRA
- 16.1.3 Protests and disputes must be submitted in writing to the CM within 24 hours of the said event and contain comprehensive account of the event
- 16.1.4 The CM will refer all protests/ disputes to the RBRA for consideration. The RBRA may refer the matter to the Tribunal panel and investigate and rule on the matter. The finding on the matter will be informed to all parties involved by the management level making the finding
- 16.1.5 The CM will refer all Reports to the RBRA Disciplinary Tribunal Panel as per Appendix A

16.2 Membership Protection Policy

- 16.2.1 The RBRA adopted the Basketball Australia Membership Protection Policy updated on 18th June 2018
- 16.2.2 Basketball Australia Membership Policy can be found on the BWA website: <https://basketballwa.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Item-TBC-ii.-BA-Member-Protection-Policy-Revised-June-2018-CLEAN.pdf>

17 Special Rules

17.1 Under 08s and Under 10's

- 17.1.1 No finals series will be played
- 17.1.2 No uniforms or late start penalties shall be applied. Penalisation for ongoing non-compliance with these rules will be at the discretion of the RBRA.
- 17.1.3 Scoreboards will be used; however, they will not show a team leading by more than '20' points. This will continue until the margin reduces to less the '20' points and shall be known as the mercy rule
- 17.1.4 Backboards will be at **full height** for Under 10 division A Boys
- 17.1.5 Backboards will be lowered to a hoop height of 8 feet for Under 8s and all other Under 10's
- 17.1.6 Free throws will be taken from the 'front of the circle'
- 17.1.7 In all out of bounds situations in the offensive backcourt, all defensive players must remain in their defensive side of the court (i.e. must not cross the half court line)
- 17.1.8 The '3' point line will not be used. Successful shots from beyond the '3' point arc shall count as '2' points
- 17.1.9 Teams are allowed to use Players from opposing teams/ Clubs or from Teams in a lower grade or division to avoid a forfeit
- 17.1.10 The defence shall retreat to half court after a basket is scored and in all out of bounds situations in the offensive backcourt. They must remain on their defensive side of the half court line until the ball is advanced
- 17.1.11 Any Team who is leading by twenty (20) or more points (i.e. the scoring mercy rule is in place) must retreat to the defensive 3-point line after a basket is scored and in all out of bounds situations in the offensive backcourt until the opposition has brought the basketball into the offensive frontcourt. When the ball is progressed over the half court line, they may move beyond the 3-point line and commence normal defence
- 17.1.12 No awards (MVP / Premiership) shall apply to under 08s or U10s

17.2 Under 12s and 14s

- 17.2.1 The inside (6.25m) '3' point line will be used in situations where both the 6.25m and 6.75m '3' point line are marked. If only one '3' point line is marked that will be utilised
- 17.2.2 Any Team who is leading by twenty (30) or more points (i.e. the scoring mercy rule is in place) must retreat to the defensive 3-point line after a basket is scored and in all out of bounds situations in the offensive backcourt until the opposition has brought the basketball into the offensive frontcourt. When the ball is progressed over the half court line, they may move beyond the 3-point line and commence normal defence

17.3 Zone Defence

- 17.3.1 Zone Defence is not permitted in Under 08s, 10s, 12s and 14s
 - Zone defence is described by BWA as: Any defence played in the offensive frontcourt, which does not incorporate normal man-to-man defensive principals, shall be considered a zone. For this purpose, trapping defences that rotate back to man-on-man defensive principles shall be acceptable. Trapping defences and double team defences in

the offensive backcourt shall be acceptable, but must rotate back to man-to-man defence in the offensive frontcourt

- The penalty for playing a zone defence is a technical foul being charged and entered in the electronic scoring device or scoresheet against the coach of the offending team.
- Only the Referee/Referee Coach may determine whether a prohibited defence is being played. If it is believed that a prohibited defence is being played, please ask for the Referee Coach. If it is an illegal defence, the Referee Coach shall instruct the Referees to charge a technical foul against the Coach and the appropriate penalty applied
*** All other grades will play standard rules and are not restricted by the Zone Defence rule

17.4 Score Margin Management in under 12s and 14s

- 17.4.1 Applies to Teams are winning by 30 points or more
- 17.4.2 Scorers are not to add further points to the leading Team's scoreboard once the '30' point difference has been reached
- 17.4.3 Should the score difference return to under '30' points difference, regular scoring on the scoreboard may recommence

17.5 Score Margin Management in under 12s and 14s Consideration

- 17.5.1 Instructing your Players to dribble with non-preferred hand
- 17.5.2 Instruct your Players to lay-up and shoot with no-preferred hand
- 17.5.3 Try to pass the ball to all players prior to shooting
- 17.5.4 Avoid double teaming Players
- 17.5.5 Play man to man at least an arm's length away
- 17.5.6 Sub and rest stronger Players - this will allow others to develop
- 17.5.7 Use all your time outs
- 17.5.8 Play only '4' Players when the opposition only has '4' Players to start the game
- 17.5.9 Be a good sport and role model to not only your Players but to others

17.6 Penalty for Non-Compliance

- 17.6.1 Non-compliance of these rules may result in a technical foul being awarded
- 17.6.2 This penalty is at the Referee's and Referee Coach's discretion, who have authority to implement this penalty
- 17.6.3 Good Sportsmanship is always expected
- 17.6.4 Failure to show good Sportsmanship may result in disciplinary action

17.7 All Other Grades Not Mentioned in section 16.1 and 16.2

- 17.7.1 The outside (6.75m) '3' point line will be used in situations where both the 6.25m and 6.75m '3' point line are marked. If only one '3' point line is marked that will be utilised

17.8 Seniors

- 17.8.1 Players wishing to register to play in '2' divisions of a Senior's competition must apply in writing to the CM who will take into consideration the effect that Player will have on the overall competition of both affected divisions, prior to giving a decision on the matter
- 17.8.2 Players may fill-in for a higher division, but not for a lower one (EG: if registered to Division A cannot play/ fill-in for a B/ C/ D division Team)
- 17.8.3 A fill-in Player from a lower division team may only fill-in a maximum of '3' times before permanently playing for the higher-division team only

17.9 Team Fouls

- 17.9.1 A Team is in a team foul penalty situation when it has committed '7' Team fouls in a half. That is, if the team foul penalty is applicable, free throws shall be shot on the 8th Team foul

17.10 Technical Fouls

- 17.10.1 A player who receives a technical that is deemed, at the discretion of the referee, to be a behavioural technical foul (ie: abuse, swearing) will need to be subbed out of the game for a period of 5-minutes of running game clock. This time includes time-outs but excludes half time. After 5-minutes has been served the player may be subbed back into the game

18 Awards

18.1 Grand Final Team

- 18.1.1 In each competition from U12s and above, the winner of the grand final will be declared the premiers/ champions for that competition and will be recognised as determined by the RBRA
- 18.1.2 Winning and Runner-up Teams will receive an award
- 18.1.3 Awards are presented directly after the game ends

18.2 Most Valuable Player

- 18.2.1 For grand-final round only, each competition from U12s and above will have '1' single MVP chosen
 - 18.2.2 These are chosen from an independent person
 - 18.2.3 MVP Awards are presented directly after the game ends
- *** This may differ from season to season at the discretion of the RBRA

18.3 Under 08s and 10s

- 18.3.1 Under 08 and under 10 players will receive an award
- 18.3.2 This is presented directly after the final game is played

19 Uniforms

19.1 Compulsory Uniforms

- 19.1.1 Mouthguards are compulsory in all competitions from U08s - U18s and are recommended for all other competitions. This support is in line with the strategies and initiatives of SportSafe and Basketball WA
- 19.1.2 All uniforms must be approved by the RBRA
- 19.1.3 Uniform design and Team names must be emailed to CM
- 19.1.4 Matching uniforms are required for both Junior and Senior Competitions
- 19.1.5 Standard FIBA rules apply for sizing and style
- 19.1.6 Playing singlets (t-shirts are prohibited) to have a visible front number 5cm + and visible back number height 20cm +
- 19.1.7 Playing shorts to be mid-thigh to knee length
- 19.1.8 Player numbers to be between 0, 00-99 only

19.2 Variations and Exceptions

- 19.2.1 No uniform penalty for the first '3' weeks of the season. Any further exemption needs to be emailed to the CM prior to week '3'
- 19.2.2 New players first game, this does not include Players who are filling in from the grade below
- 19.2.3 No grace period for pockets in shorts or singlets
- 19.2.4 A Player has written consent from the CM
- 19.2.5 A Player wearing an alternative shirt due to their normal playing singlet being ripped or soiled with blood during the same game
- 19.2.6 Compression under garments are permitted as long as they extend below the shorts and are predominately black, skin coloured or the same colour as the shorts and are not loose fitting
- 19.2.7 Bike shorts, short fit shorts are permitted, as long as they are mid-thigh length or longer
- 19.2.8 If a player does not have their team shorts, flames training shorts or plain black shorts with a small logo are permitted
- 19.2.9 Medical exemptions must be emailed to CM for consideration
- 19.2.10 Colour clashes will see teams with reversible singlets or alternate shirts change to suit
- 19.2.11 Should both teams have reversible, Team A must change
- 19.2.12 In all other cases, bibs may be provided upon request to the Court Controller/s

19.3 Prohibited

- 19.3.1 Objects that could cut or cause abrasions (e.g equipment made of plastic, metal or any hard substance, even if covered with soft padding)
- 19.3.2 Excessive length of fingernails (nails must be cut to the fingertips, ensuring that they are not sharp enough to cut anyone)
- 19.3.3 Headgear, hats, hair accessories/ hair styles (braids/plaits are permitted. **HOWEVER**, any form of beads or beading within braids/plaits are not permitted)

- 19.3.4 Jewellery including medic bracelets if exposed. These may cause harm
- 19.3.5 Piercings may be taped, medic bracelets may be covered with a sweat band to prevent injury to others
- 19.3.6 Basketball shorts or singlets with pockets or t-shirts with sleeves
- 19.3.7 Non-approved compression undershirts or shorts that extend outside of the playing uniform
- 19.3.8 Mixed uniform singlet and shorts. Players must wear matching attire
- 19.3.9 Not wearing Club or Team singlets and shorts
- 19.3.10 For Juniors - wearing unapproved shorts (including State & WABL shorts, Rockingham Senior High School shorts, shorts with multiple logos, shorts with pockets, striped shorts).
- 19.3.11 For Seniors – wearing unapproved shorts such as board shorts, or ‘booty shorts’ (all other shorts are permitted).
- 19.3.12 Triple digit uniform numbers
- 19.3.13 Wearing the same number as another Player on our Team who has legally taken the court

19.4 Penalty for Breaching Uniform By-law

- 19.4.1 Any Player who is considered to be out of uniform without an exemption shall be penalised for the first breach with a warning
- 19.4.2 This will be documented by the Court Controllers
- 19.4.3 Any Player who breaches the above ‘2’ or more times will be prohibited from taking the court until inappropriate uniform is rectified and may be referred to the RBRA

Appendix A

RBRA Disciplinary Tribunal

- 1 RBRA adopt the Basketball WA Tribunal By-laws <https://basketballwa.asn.au/tribunals/>
- 2 A report shall be lodged with the CM as soon as possible, but in any case, within '4' days. The person/s under report and the Team contact as registered RBRA will be informed via email of the details of the report and the manner in which it will be dealt with by the CM or RBRA representative. This will occur as soon as possible, but in any case, within '4' days of receiving the report being lodged
- 3 A Tribunal Panel shall be formed and meeting at a time and date appropriate, but no later than '7' days following the lodgement of the report where possible. The Panel will consist of:
 - a. Chairperson (Appointed by the Board)
 - b. '2' other persons, independent of the report, selected by the Tribunal Chairperson
- 4 All parties to the reported charge, shall have a copy of the report made available to them following receipt of notification by the CM as per '2'
- 5 The Tribunal Panel shall have full powers of inquiry, which are necessary to deal effectively with the matters brought before it.
- 6 At the discretion of the Tribunal Chairperson, any Player involved may attend the hearing with an advocate, or in writing to the CM and Tribunal Chairperson nominate an advocate to attend in their place. Should contact with the reported party/s, team contact and/or reporting official not be achieved as per '2', this does not preclude the Tribunal from continuing with a hearing on the matter and deciding upon a verdict.
- 7 At the discretion of the CM and Tribunal Chairperson, the Player/s charged may or may not take part in any Association or Basketball Western Australia affiliated competition until outstanding chargers are heard.
- 8 The tribunal will operate and where necessary, hand down penalties in accordance with the Basketball WA Tribunal guidelines authorised by the Board (see Appendix B).
- 9 Any player found guilty by the Tribunal Panel may make any appeal to the RBRA, in writing, and must contain new or additional information / evidence supporting the appeal. Any subsequent decision of the RBRA will be final.
- 10 A 'Notice of Tribunal Findings' may be made public and logged in Players PlayHQ profile. Suspended Players will be notified to Games officials, Team organiser, Basketball WA and affiliated associations where necessary as per current practices.
- 11 Whilst a member is serving a suspension, they cannot participate in any basketball related activities as determined by the Tribunal. These will generally be Competing, Officiating (refereeing and scoring), Coaching and Team Management, but can be varied by the Tribunal as they see fit.

Appendix B

BWA Player Offences and Penalties



TRIBUNAL PENALTY GUIDELINES

Offence	Criteria	Maximum	Low	Moderate	Severe
Disputing the decision of a referee	<i>In a consistent and/or abusive manner</i>	6 WEEKS	1 – 2 weeks	3 – 4 weeks	5 – 6 weeks
Obscene gestures	<i>Moving or displaying the hands, arms or body in an offensive or vulgar manner</i>	10 WEEKS (non-official) 20 WEEKS (official)	1 – 3 weeks 1 – 6 weeks	4 – 6 weeks 7 – 12 weeks	7 – 10 weeks 13 – 20 weeks
Offensive language	<i>Swearing, insults or using language of a racist, sexist or homophobic nature</i>	10 WEEKS (non-official) 20 WEEKS (official)	1 – 3 weeks 1 – 6 weeks	4 – 6 weeks 7 – 12 weeks	7 – 10 weeks 13 – 20 weeks
Unsportsmanlike behaviour	<i>Other behaviour considered unsportsmanlike NOT covered in the other categories i.e., pushing and shoving</i>	6 WEEKS	1 – 2 weeks	3 – 4 weeks	5 – 6 weeks
Breach of code of conduct	<i>Other behaviour that may breach the Code of Conduct NOT covered in the other categories</i>	6 WEEKS	1 – 2 weeks	3 – 4 weeks	5 – 6 weeks
Attempting to trip	<i>Attempting to use one's foot or other body part to obstruct clear passage</i>	10 WEEKS (non-official) 20 WEEKS (official)	1 – 3 weeks 1 – 6 weeks	4 – 6 weeks 7 – 12 weeks	7 – 10 weeks 13 – 20 weeks
Tripping	<i>Using one's foot or other body part to obstruct clear passage</i>	10 WEEKS (non-official) 52 WEEKS (official)	1 – 3 weeks 1 – 17 weeks	4 – 6 weeks 18 – 34 weeks	7 – 10 weeks 35 – 52 weeks
Attempting to strike	<i>Attempting to use hands/arms or head to make forcible contact with any part of the person's body</i>	10 WEEKS (non-official) 52 WEEKS (official)	1 – 3 weeks 1 – 17 weeks	4 – 6 weeks 18 – 34 weeks	7 – 10 weeks 35 – 52 weeks

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Striking	<i>Using hands/arms or head to forcibly make contact with any part of the person's body outside game play or within game play in a manner not contemplated by the rules</i>	52 WEEKS (non-official) LIFE (official)	1 – 17 weeks 1 week – 6 years	18 – 34 weeks 7 – 12 years	35 – 52 weeks 13 years +
Attempting to elbow	<i>Attempting to use one's elbow to make contact with any part of the person's body</i>	10 WEEKS (non-official) 52 WEEKS (official)	1 – 3 weeks 1 – 17 weeks	4 – 6 weeks 18 – 34 weeks	7 – 10 weeks 35 – 52 weeks
Elbowing	<i>Using one's elbow to make contact with any part of the person's body</i>	52 WEEKS (non-official) LIFE (official)	1 – 17 weeks 1 week – 6 years	18 – 34 weeks 7 – 12 years	35 – 52 weeks 13 years +

Attempting to kick	<i>Attempting to use one's foot or leg to make contact with any part of the person's body</i>	10 WEEKS (non-official) 52 WEEKS (official)	1 – 3 weeks 1 – 17 weeks	4 – 6 weeks 18 – 34 weeks	7 – 10 weeks 35 – 52 weeks
Kicking	<i>Using one's foot or leg to make contact with any part of the person's body</i>	52 WEEKS (non-official) LIFE (official)	1 – 17 weeks 1 week – 6 years	18 – 34 weeks 7 – 12 years	35 – 52 weeks 13 years +
Fighting	<i>Two or more people engaging in striking or attempted striking</i>	20 WEEKS	1 – 6 weeks	7 – 12 weeks	13 – 20 weeks
Moving under an airborne player	<i>Moving into the space the person is reasonably expected to land</i>	104 WEEKS	1 – 34 weeks	35 – 68 weeks	69 – 104 weeks
Spitting	<i>Ejecting saliva forcibly from one's mouth at or towards another person</i>	52 WEEKS (non-official) LIFE (official)	1 – 17 weeks 1 week – 6 years	18 – 34 weeks 7 – 12 years	35 – 52 weeks 13 years +

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Putting a person in fear of impending violence	<i>Through words, gestures or actions *This offence involves both a subjective element – how did the complainant feel and objective – looking at the behaviour of the accused and the attributes of the complainant and the charged person, to ascertain the reasonableness of fear</i>	52 WEEKS (non-official) LIFE (official)	1 – 17 weeks 1 week – 6 years	18 – 34 weeks 7 – 12 years	35 – 52 weeks 13 years +
Incidents involving blood and bodily fluids	<i>Using blood or other bodily fluids in an unsafe or reckless manner</i>	LIFE	1 week – 6 years	7 – 12 years	13 years +
Conduct bringing game into disrepute	<i>Incidents which attract adverse publicity for the Association and/or basketball as a sport, for example in the media or social media platforms</i>	20 WEEKS	1 – 6 weeks	7 – 12 weeks	13 – 20 weeks
Participating whilst suspended	<i>Playing, coaching or officiating at any Affiliated Association whilst serving a suspension</i>	2 WEEKS (non-official) 5 WEEKS (official)	1 week 1 week	1 – 2 weeks 2 – 3 weeks	2 weeks 4 – 5 weeks
Failure to attend tribunal	<i>Without reasonable cause</i>	20 weeks	1 – 6 weeks	7 – 12 weeks	13 – 20 weeks
Failure to cooperate or hindering an investigation	<i>Unjustified delay or absence of response to requests for information</i>	20 WEEKS	1 – 6 weeks	7 – 12 weeks	13 – 20 weeks
Intimidating or bullying a person	<i>Repeatedly using threatening language, gestures or actions that creates distress or an unsafe space</i>	20 WEEKS	1 – 6 weeks	7 – 12 weeks	13 – 20 weeks
Public criticism of officials	<i>Criticism directed to a wider audience post competition, such as online or another public platform</i>	20 WEEKS	1 – 6 weeks	7 – 12 weeks	13 – 20 weeks

Determining Factors

To use this table, circle either *LOW/MODERATE/SEVERE* for each factor, and use the results to assess the severity of the offence.

RELEVANT FACTORS	LOW	MODERATE	SEVERE
INTENT	Unintentional	Reckless	Intentional
OUTCOME	No harm or injury	Minor or temporary harm or injury	Moderate or serious and/or longstanding harm or injury
VICTIM/COMPLAINANT	No power imbalance i.e., two adults of similar attributes	Some power imbalance existed in age, gender, etc	Under 18, elderly or otherwise vulnerable
ENVIRONMENT	Limited or no spectators	Witnessed by a large number of spectators and/or adolescents	Witnessed by children
REMORSE	Genuine apology & remorse	Some remorse and/or partial apology	No remorse or apology
PRIOR CONDUCT	No prior misconduct of any sort	No prior behaviour of similar nature	Prior behaviour of similar nature

This table is a guide only and the RBRA Tribunal members always have discretion to evaluate the conduct as they see fit.

All other BWA tribunal documents and guidelines can be found on their website:

- <https://basketballwa.asn.au/tribunals/>

Exceptions to the BWA Tribunal Penalties

- The above suspension periods apply to first time offenders
- Second and subsequent offenders may receive a minimum of '2' additional weeks suspension for each subsequent conviction

Exceptions to these RBRA Rules and By-Laws

- '2' Technical or Unsportsmanlike fouls or a disqualification will result in an ejection from the game, and an automatic '1' week player suspension in both Junior and Senior Competitions
 - This applies to all games with the RBRA. For more information, see Appendix C
- If Player plays in an under 21s or Seniors Competitions, there will be an additional fine imposed

Appendix C

RBRA Fines Penalties and Charges

The RBRA has various 'Codes of Conduct' and 'Policies' in place including a Zero tolerance Policy. All Players, Coaches, Teams, Game Officials and Spectators are expected to abide by these.

Flagrant disregard of any of these, will result in the person/s concerned appearing before an RBRA Official to explain their behaviour. All such instances shall be notified to the Competition Manager to execute.

Should the RBRA Official lodge a formal report over the matter, the person/s charged will face the RBRA Disciplinary Tribunal.

RBRA have their own By-laws and penalties for certain behaviour, all other matters may be referred to the RBRA Board for disciplinary hearing consideration.

*** For further clarification refer to Appendix A and B 'RBRA Disciplinary Tribunal and BWA Player Offences and Penalties'

RBRA Automatic '1' Week Player or Coach Suspension

This applies to any player or coach receiving '2' technical fouls or unsportsmanlike fouls, or a combination of these, in a game, or who is disqualified from a game by the referee. All such instances shall be notified to the Competition Manager to execute.

In all cases an automatic 1-week player suspension will apply.

This RBRA automatic 1-week player or coach suspension does not exclude the person/s involved from also being reported to RBRA for their actions and having to appear before the RBRA Disciplinary Tribunal.

The outcome of that hearing is separate to this RBRA By-law, and the RBRA Automatic '1' week player or coach suspension for the above will be upheld and not be overturned.

Penalties resulting from this apply to all RBRA events, irrespective of the grade or division in which the penalty was received in:

- An ejection applies to the entirety of the game night, meaning a player or coach ejected from an U16s game is also unable to play or coach in their U18s game later that same evening
- This is the same for a 1 week suspension, in which the suspended person is **unable** to play or coach in **any** of their games the following week
- This suspension also extends to participating in WABL games, referee rosters, court controlling or volunteering

- Note: **'1 week' refers to 1 game week**, rather than calendar week. This prevents a suspended player or coach from circumventing the suspension if they have a bye the following week.

Seniors Competitions

In the Senior Competitions, there will be an additional penalty fine attached to all Automatic '1' week player suspensions. This will be deducted from the Teams Senior bond and must be replenished prior to the next scheduled game. The penalties are as follow:

- First Offence is: \$50.00
- Second Offence: \$100.00 plus an RBRA Disciplinary meeting
- The RBRA may impose fines, penalties or chargers as it sees fit for flagrant disregard of the Domestic Rules, By-laws Codes of Conducts and Policies

Forfeits

All forfeits need to be communicated with a strict cut-off time to avoid penalties. Forfeits guidelines and penalties are as follows:

- Notified Forfeit deadline:
 - Monday - Friday Competitions by no later than 12.00pm on the day of the scheduled game
 - Saturday Competitions by no later than 8.00am on the day of the scheduled game
- Forfeits are to be communicated using both of the following methods:
 - Emailed to: forfeits.RBRA@gmail.com

All unnotified or late notice forfeits will be subject to a penalty fine. This is payable prior to the Teams next scheduled game, failure to do so may result in your team being prevented from playing in any RBRA competition until it has been paid:

- Fine: \$50.00

Bank Account Details

All fines are to be paid directly into the RBRA bank account and the receipt emailed to: forfeits.RBRA@gmail.com prior to the Teams next scheduled game.

Bank Details:

- Bendigo Bank
- BSB: 633-000
- Account Number: 193616265
- Reference: "Team name, Grade and Division"

Appendix D

Players And Playing Age Groups

For the purposes of this appendix:

- **'Age Group'** refers to the age group which a player belongs to.
- **'Division'** refers to the categories used to group teams within a Age Group. These divisions are based on skill levels (A, B, C and so on).

To play in any RBRA Competition, a Player is required to play in the age group which is determined by the Players year of birth. Playing a Player who does not adhere to these rules is classed as playing an illegal Player.

Juniors Competitions

Junior Players must play in the age group that is determined by their year of birth and may play up '1' age group above their birth grade as a second competition. Players cannot play in the above age group alone.

A Junior Player shall be considered an illegal Player if they fail to meet the following age requirements:

- **Under 08s Mixed**, a Player must be turning at least '5' years old and at most '7' years old on the 31st of December in the year that the season ends
 - **Under 10s Boys and Girls**, a Player must be turning at least '6' years old and at most '9' years old on the 31st of December in the year that the season ends
 - **Under 12s Boys and Girls**, a Player must be turning at least '8' years old and at most 11' years old on the 31st of December in the year that the season ends
 - **Under 14s Boys and Girls**, a Player must be turning at least '10' years old and at most 13' years old on the 31st of December in the year that the season ends
 - **Under 16 Boys**, a Player must be turning at least '12' years old and at most 15' years old on the 31st of December in the year that the season ends
 - **Under 17 Girls**, a Player must be turning at least '12' years old and at most 16' years old on the 31st of December in the year that the season ends
 - **Under 18s Boys**, a Player must be turning at least '14' years old and at most 17' years old on the 31st of December in the year that the season ends
 - **Under 21s Boys**, a Player must be turning at least '16' years old and at most 20' years old on the 31st of December in the year that the season ends
 - If there is no under 18s Girls competition, those players ineligible to play in the under 17s competition, will play in the Seniors competition alone
- *** For further clarification refer to the 'Age Groups by Year of Birth Table' at the end of this section

Senior Competitions

Senior Players may fill-in for a division that is higher to the one they are playing in, but may not play in a division that is lower than the division they are playing in.

Junior Players may play in the Seniors competition by adhering to the following rules:

- To play in the Seniors Competition, a Player must be turning '15' years old by the 31st December in the year that the season ends
- Juniors may play in the Seniors competition as a second Competition, but not in the Seniors Competition alone
- Juniors who play in the Seniors competition do so at their own risk
- Juniors who play in the Senior competition will be subject to the same rules and penalties as a Senior Player including:
 - Automatic '1' week player suspension (refer to Appendix B and C) including the penalty fine that applies
 - Ejection from the game into the foyer

Player Transition - Juniors

The RBRA Summer Competition crosses 2x year groups, with a Players Age Group being determined by the year that the Competition season ends.

Summer Season sees top aged Players from the previous Winter season transition up an age group to become bottom aged Player in the age group above.

EG: Playing in the U12s for Winter 2023 yet turning 12 years old in 2024 at any time from January 1st - December 31st, requires that Player to move up to the U14s for the 2023-24 Summer Season.

WABL players will take their classification to the next age group for the Summer Season.

WABL Players in RBRA Domestic – Juniors

WABL players may be classed as restricted when playing in the RBRA Domestic competitions. This means that there is a maximum limit to how many WABL Players can play in any '1' team, whether being an in-age or out-of-age Player.

WABL players may not be classed as a restricted player. The restriction rules differ between male and female players, and this can be seen below.

Categories Of Restricted Players

- Class One Restricted Players: Where applicable, teams are limited to a maximum of two (2) Class One Restricted Players per team
- Class Two Restricted Players: Where applicable, teams are limited to a maximum of two (2) Class Two Restricted Players per team, plus additional Class Two Restricted Players for any unused Class One restricted spots
- Overall Restricted Players: This category includes all Class One Restricted Players as well as Class Two Restricted Players
- Semi-Restricted Players: Semi-Restricted Players are a separate classification and do not count toward a team's Overall Restricted Player total. The total number of Semi-Restricted Players allowed is increased by one for any unused restricted spots

Restricted Player Caps and Substitutions

- In U14-18 boys and U14 girls there is a total cap of 4 restricted players and 2 semi-restricted players – in the case where a team does not have their maximum allotted 4 restricted players, they can use extra semi-restricted players to fill that spot
- For example, in U14 Boys Winter, a team could have: 2x Class-1 Restricted Players, 2x Class-2 Restricted Players (which is 4 out of the 4 allowed restricted players). And could have 2x Semi-Restricted Players to fill up to 6 with a restriction label
- Or a team could have: 2x Class-1 Restricted Players, 1x Class-2 Restricted Players (which is 3 out of the 4 allowed restricted players). So, then they would be allowed 3x Semi-Restricted Players to fill up to 6 players with a restriction label
- If a team only has 1x Class-1 Restricted Player, then they can use an extra Class-2 Restricted Player to fill up to a total of 4 restricted players (not including semi-restricted)
- No Team is ever allowed to exceed the cap of 2x Class-1 Restricted Players

Determination of Restricted Status

- Restricted player status is determined at the conclusion of Term 1 WABL team selections, when teams are finalised for Grading and WABL competition

Once WABL teams are finalised:

- Restricted player status is locked in accordance with Section 2.1.5 for a 12-month cycle, covering:
 - The upcoming Winter season, and
 - The subsequent Summer season
- Term 1 WABL selections do not affect the restricted status of players participating in a Summer season already in progress

WABL Roster Selection and Player Movement

- Restricted status is based on full WABL roster selection
- Players selected as Development Players (DPs) are not classified as restricted at the time of WABL selection

Roster Changes are Treated as Follows:

- If a player is elevated to the full WABL roster prior to grading games to replace a withdrawal or season-ending injury, that player will assume restricted status in line with Section 2.1.5
- If a player is selected for a WABL team but withdraws permanently prior to the first game of WABL Grading, they do not take on the restricted status as specified in Section 2.1.5
- If a WABL DP or non-selected player is elevated to a full-time WABL roster spot after the time of the first game of WABL Grading, their restricted status does not change for the upcoming Winter Domestic Season. The player's status would change the next domestic season, the Summer Season, as a way to give teams enough time to make plans with domestic team rosters
- If a DP is utilised as a temporary fill-in for an injured or missing full-time rostered player, this does not alter restricted status for the DP. If a player from the age group below or a team below play up as a fill in for another WABL team, this also does not alter restricted status for the fill in. Restricted status is only determined by the team the player was selected in as a full-time rostered player at the time of grading starting
- What classes as a full-time rostering of a player vs a fill-in at the time of determination, is at the ultimate discretion of the Competition Manager and PCDM. But will be determined based on considerations of whether there was a season-ending injury or withdrawal of a player on the team for the rest of the season, versus just an opening that will eventually be taken back

State, NBL1, NBL1 Development Players - Juniors

A Team may have no more than '1' Player who has a classification of a State, NBL1 contracted, NBL1 Development Player

Penalties Apply for Playing an Illegal Player

Penalties will apply to those found breaching the above rules. These are as follows:

- If a team fields an illegal player or does not comply with Appendix A, B, C, D or E they shall lose the game by forfeit and the opposition team will be awarded the win
- A player or Coach knowingly playing an illegal Player may be reported for unsportsmanlike behaviour to the RBRA Tribunal Committee
- Any protests in relation to eligibility of a Player must be directed to the Court Controller at the time and follow procedure outlined in section '15' 'Reports and Protests'

***For further clarification refer to Section 6 'Illegal Players' and Appendix A, B, C, D and E

2026 Competition Age Groups

Players must play in the age group determined by year of birth which is calculated by the year the season ends. Refer to RBRA Domestic Competition Rules and By-laws for further clarification

2026 Winter Age Groups by Year of Birth				
Competition Age Groups	Year Born	Age Player is Turning in 2026	Venue	Game Day
U8-Mixed	2019/2020	6-7 years	MBSC	Tuesday
U10-Boys	2017/2018	8-9 years	MBSC	Monday
U10-Girls	2017/2018	8-9 years	MBSC	Tuesday
U12's	2015/2016	10-11 years	BISC	Saturday
U14's	2013/2014	12-13 years	MBSC	Friday
U16-Boys (Div A, B, C)	2011/2012	14-15 years	MBSC	Thursday
U16-Boys (Div C, D, E)	2011/2012	14-15 years	BISC	Saturday
U17-Girls	2010/2011/2012	14-16 years	MBSC	Thursday
U18-Boys (Div A)	2009/2010	16-17 years	MBSC	Tuesday
U18-Boys (Div B, C, D)	2009/2010	16-17 years	MBSC	Thursday
U21-Boys	2006/2007/2008	18-20 years	MBSC	Friday
Seniors - General	2011	Min age 15 by 31.12.2026	MBSC	Tuesday
Seniors - D-Men	2011	Min age 15 by 31.12.2026	MBSC	Thursday

- Divisions and game day are a guide only and may be subject to change at the discretion of the RBRA
- MBSC = Mike Barnett Sports Complex
- BISC = Baldivis Indoor Sports Complex

Appendix E

Representative Players and Restricted Players

A Representative Player as described in the Definitions and Appendix 'D' of the RBRA Domestic Competition Rules and By-laws is any Player who played in the previous season of the applicable competition in a certain elite style competition:

- Team representing RBRA (or equivalent) in either:
 - Western Australian Basketball Leagues (WABL)
 - NBL1 as either a Contracted or Development player
 - Or the equivalent of any of the above as determined by the CM

Restricted Player Allowances

WABL player restriction rules apply to the RBRA Summer/Winter Junior Domestic Competition only, does not include Senior competitions, 3v3 or any other competitions.

Restricted Status will be defined for each age group and season, and implemented as follows:

- Junior Male competitions - commencing Winter 2026
- Junior Female competitions - commencing Summer 2026-27
 - For Winter 2026, Female Junior competition rules for restricted players and team formation will remain the same as Winter 2025

Summer Season

U12 Boys – Summer

- No more than **2x** Class-One Restricted Players:
 - Class-One restricted players in Summer are team 1-3 WABL players that are moving into their top-age year
- No more than **3x** overall restricted players
- Overall restricted players include:
 - Team 1-3 players that are moving into their top-age year (Class-One Restricted Players)
 - Team 4 players that are moving into their top-age year (Class-Two Restricted Players)
- The total number of combined players must be no greater than three (3)

U12 Boys – Summer Team Examples:

- 2x team 3 players (C1-R), and 1x team 4 players (C2-R) = 3
- 1x team 3 player (C1-R), and 2x team 4 players (C2-R) = 3

- In theory there should not be team 1 or 2 players available, as they would move up to 14s here, but if there were some younger players in teams 1 or 2, then they are in the same category as the team 3 players

U14-18 Boys - Summer

- No more than 2x team 1-3 WABL players that are moving into their top-age year (Class-One)
- No more than 4x overall restricted players
- Restricted players include:
 - Team 1-3 players that are moving into their top-age year (Class-One)
 - Team 4 players that are moving into their top-age year (Class-Two)
 - Team 1 and 2 players that are moving into their bottom-age year (Class-Two)
- No more than 2x Semi-Restricted Players:
 - Semi-restricted players in Summer include WABL players playing up from the age group below
- The total number of combined players must be no greater than six (6)

U14-18 Boys – Summer Team Examples:

- 2x team 3 players (C1-R), 2x team 4 players (C2-R), 2x players playing up from the age group below (S-R) = 6
- 1x team 3 player (C1-R), and 1x team 4 player plus 2x players entering their bottom-age year from team 1-2 the prior year in the age group below (all are C2-R). And then 2x players playing up from the age group below (S-R) = 6

U12 Girls - Summer

- No more than 2x team 1-3 WABL players that are moving into their top-age year (Class-One)
- No more than 3x overall restricted players
- Restricted players include:
 - Team 1-3 players that are moving into their top-age year (Class-One)
 - Team 4 players that are moving into their top-age year (Class-Two)
- The total number of combined players must be no greater than Three (3)

**If there was no WABL team 4 at the time of classifying restricted status, then teams are only allowed the 2x class-one restricted status players and there would be no Class-Two restricted players.

U12 Girls - Summer Team Examples:

- 2x team 3 players (C1-R), and 1x team 4 players (C2-R, if they are available) = 3
- Or if there is no team 4, then 2x team 3 players, and filling the rest of the team with unrestricted players

U14 Girls - Summer

- No more than **2x** team 1-3 WABL players that are moving into their top-age year (Class-One)
- No more than **4x** overall restricted players
- Overall restricted players include:
 - Team 1-3 players that are moving into their top-age year (Class-One)
 - Team 4 players that are moving into their top-age year (Class-Two)
 - Team 1 and 2 players that are moving into their bottom-age year (Class-Two)
- No more than **2x** Semi-Restricted Players:
 - Semi-restricted players in Summer include WABL players playing up from the age group below
- The total number of combined players must be no greater than six (6)

If there was no WABL team 4 at the time of classifying restricted status, then teams are still only allowed the **2x Class-One restricted status players, and the only Class-Two restricted players would be the Team 1 and 2 players that are moving into their bottom-age year.

U14 Girls – Summer Team Examples:

- 2x team 1-3 players (C1-R), 2x team 4 players (C2-R), 2x players playing up from the age group below (S-R) = 6
- 1x team 3 player (C1-R), and 1x team 4 player and 2x players entering their bottom-age 14s year from team 1 in U12s the prior year (all are C2-R), 2x players playing up from the age group below (S-R) = 6

Winter Season

U12 Boys - Winter

- No more than **2x** Class-One Restricted Players:
 - Class-One Restricted players include any player selected to WABL team 1
- No more than **4x** overall restricted players
 - Restricted players include any player selected to WABL team 1 (Class-One)
 - And any player selected to WABL teams 2 or 3 (Class-Two)
- No more than **2x** Semi-Restricted Players
- Semi-restricted players include:
 - WABL players from team 4 playing within their age group
 - Any WABL players playing up from the age group below
- The total number of combined players must be no greater than six (6)

U12 Boys – Winter Team Examples:

- 2x team 1 players (C1-R), 2x team 2-3 players (C2-R), and 2x team 4 players (S-R) = 6
- 1x team 1 player (C1-R), 3x team 2-3 players (C2-R), and 2x team 4 players (S-R) = 6

U14-18 Boys - Winter

- No more than **2x** team 1 WABL players (Class-One)
- No more than **4x** overall restricted players
 - Restricted players include any player selected to a WABL team 1 (Class-One)
 - Plus players selected to teams 2 and 3 (Class 2)
- No more than **2x** Semi-Restricted Players
- Semi-restricted players include:
 - WABL players from team 4 playing within their age group
 - Any WABL players playing up from the age group below
- The total number of combined players must be no greater than six (6)

U14-18 Boys – Winter Team Examples:

- 2x team 1 players (C1-R), 2x team 2-3 players (C2-R), and 2x team 4 players (S-R) = 6
- 1x team 1 player (C1-R), 3x team 2-3 players (C2-R), and 2x players from the age group below (S-R) = 6

U12 Girls - Winter

- No more than **2x** team 1 WABL players (Class-One)
- No more than **4x** overall restricted players
 - Restricted players include any player selected to a WABL team, excepting players that are classed as semi-restricted as per the ruling below (Class-One and Two)
- No more than **2x** Semi-Restricted Players
- Semi-restricted players include:
 - WABL players from the lowest selected team playing within their age group
 - Where there is no team 4, team 3 would be classed as Semi-Restricted instead of Class-Two as they become the lowest selected team
 - Any WABL players playing up from the age group below
- The total number of combined players must be no greater than six (6)

U12 Girls – Winter Team Examples:

- 2x team 1 players (C1-R), 2x team 2 players (C2-R), and 2x players from the lowest selected WABL team in the age group (S-R) = 6

U14 Girls - Winter

- No more than 2x team 1 WABL players (Class-One)
- No more than 4x overall restricted players
 - Restricted players include any player selected to a WABL team, excepting players that are classed as semi-restricted as per the ruling below (Class-One and Two)
- No more than 2x Semi-Restricted Players
- Semi-restricted players include:
 - WABL players from the lowest selected team playing within their age group
 - Where there is no team 4, team 3 would be classed as semi-restricted instead of Class-Two as they become the lowest selected team
 - Any WABL players playing up from the age group below
- The total number of combined players must be no greater than six (6)

U14 Girls - Winter Team Examples:

- 2x team 1 players (C1-R), 2x team 2-3 players (C2-R), and 2x team 4 players (S-R) = 6
- 1x team 1 player (C1-R), 3x team 2-3 players (C2-R), and 2x players from team 4 or the age group below (S-R) = 6

Summer and Winter Season

U17 Girls - Summer and Winter

- No more than 3 in age players per team (Class-One)
 - No more than 3x overall restricted players
 - Restricted players include any player selected to a WABL team, excepting players that are classed as semi-restricted as per the ruling below (Class-One and Two)
 - The total number of combined players must be no greater than three (3)
- Or
- No more than 2 in age players (Class One) plus 2x Semi-Restricted Players
 - Semi-restricted players include:
 - WABL Players from the lowest selected team playing within their age group
 - In a case where the lowest selected teams are Team 1 or Team 2, all these players would be classed as restricted
 - Any WABL players playing up from the age group below
 - The total number of combined players must be no greater than four (4)
- Or
- No more than 1 in age player (Class-One) plus 3x Semi-Restricted Players
 - Semi-restricted players include:
 - WABL players from the lowest selected team playing within their age group, unless the lowest selected team is team 1 or team 2.
 - In a case where the lowest selected teams are Team 1 or Team 2, all these players would be classed as restricted
 - Any WABL players playing up from the age group below
 - The total number of combined players must be no greater than four (4)

Important: All WABL classification and restriction rules remain in effect.

For more information or clarification:

- Email: admin@rockinghamflames.com.au
- Website, Domestic tab, Resources: www.rockinghamflames.com.au

Exemptions

On occasions a representative team (WABL) may wish to play up a grade as a whole team for development purposes. This requires an exemption request to be emailed to the CM.

Any WABL team wishing to play up during a Season, will usually be placed in an A-Division competition in the higher Age Group, however this will be decided prior to communicating the outcome.

Teams found to be playing up without an exemption being granted will face appropriate penalties decided by the CM.

Appendix F

2026 – General Information

Age Groups Are Based on Year of Birth

Players are placed in Age Groups based on how old they turn in the calendar year the season ends — not their age at the start of the season, or their school year.

- For Summer 2025–26, we look at the year 2026
- For Winter 2026, we still look at 2026

Examples

- If a player is turning 13 in 2026 (born in 2013), they must play in Under 14s
- If a player is turning 14 in 2026 (born in 2012), they are too old for Under 14s and must move up to the next grade (age group) which is Under 16s

Even if a player's birthday is late in the year (like November or December), the rule still applies based on the year they turn that age — not when during the year.

Players can only play in '1' team per age group, and not in multiple divisions within the age group

Age groups: Under 08, 10, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18 etc

Divisions within the age groups: A, B, C etc

Juniors Playing in Seniors

Junior players must be turning 15 years old during the calendar year the season ends to play in the Seniors competitions, however Players must still play in the age group determined by year of birth first.

Junior Female Players in Seniors

Female players - bottom aged Under 17s will be permitted to play a maximum of two games in the Senior Women's competition during the season.

- These players may only participate as fill-in players
- They must be added courtside by the Court Controller only

Important: If a 2012-born player participates in more than two games, all games they played in, exceeding this, will be deemed forfeits.