



# **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 Domestic Basketball Committee 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:

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## 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
3.1	20.09.2020	- Karina Tudor - Lauren Warman	Revised
3.2	01.11.2020	- Karina Tudor - Lauren Hodgetts - Jodie Heath - Dean Horsington	Complete revision. Minor updates to wording
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 - Forfeit 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

3.6	13.08.2023	- Karina Tudor - Sharon Matenga	Complete overhaul to bring rules in line with current changes - 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
3.7	20.10.2023	- Karina Tudor - Sharon Matenga	- Revised wording to make clearer

# 1 Interpretation of the Rules

## 1.1 Definitions

- 1.1.1. **Association** - Rockingham Basketball and Recreation Association will be referred to as the RBRA
- 1.1.2. **Board** - The RBRA Board of Directors duly appointed under the Constitution of the RBRA
- 1.1.3. **CC** - Court Controllers are person/s in charge of game-day operations
- 1.1.4. **CM** - Competition Manager oversees all Domestic competitions
- 1.1.5. **DBC** - RBRA Domestic Basketball Committee duly elected, appointed or delegated to assist with areas involving the Domestic competitions.
- 1.1.6. **DD** - Domestic Director, responsible for Competition direction
- 1.1.7. **Domestic Club** - One (1) or more teams identified by name or uniform
- 1.1.8. **Domestic Club Official** - President/ Chairperson or Vice President/ Chairperson of a Club
- 1.1.9. **Employees** - RBRA Staff, Referees, Referee Coaches, Court Controllers
- 1.1.10. **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
- 1.1.11. **Grading Committee** - DBC appointed committee assigned to oversee the grading of all Competitions
- 1.1.12. **New Players** - Players who have not played in the previous season of an RBRA Domestic Competition
- 1.1.13. **Player Transfers** - Any player looking to move to a different Club or Team
- 1.1.14. **RC** - Referee Coordinator
- 1.1.15. **Referees** - An official who enforces and maintains order in the game
- 1.1.16. **Referee Supervisor** - Official responsible for overseeing Referees during a game
- 1.1.17. **Representative Player** - Any player who is playing in, or played in a Team in the most recent completed Season/ Competition in: NBL1, BWA State, WABL
- 1.1.18. **SM** - Stadium Employees of Management
- 1.1.19. **Team** - A group of between 4 and 12 players
- 1.1.20. **Volunteers of the RBRA** - Board members, Committee Members, Advisory Members, RBRA Coaches and Managers, Tribunal Panel
- 1.1.21. **WABL** - Junior representative players who play in the Basketball WA run Western Australian Basketball League
- 1.1.22. **WC** - WABL Committee oversees all WABL Competitions
- 1.1.23. **Website** - rockinghamflames.com.au

## 1.2 Rules

- 1.2.1 FIBA official basketball rules and official interpretations shall apply unless otherwise provided in these by-laws
- 1.2.2 As our competition is not fully timed, there shall be minor adjustments to the FIBA rules which cannot be enforced fairly without stopping the game clock
- 1.2.3 Special conditions apply to certain Competitions. For further clarification refer to section 16 'Special Rules'
- 1.2.4 RBRA Rules and By-Laws shall apply in other administrative matters not covered by these rules

## 1.3 General Provisions

- 1.3.1 Day to day interpretation of the rules are the responsibility of the Court Controllers, Referee Supervisors and Referees
- 1.3.2 Their decision will be adhered to, to enable continuation of a game
- 1.3.3 Disputation of interpretation must follow the procedure. For further clarification refer to section 15 'Reports and Protests'

## 1.4 Philosophy

- 1.4.1. These rules are aimed to provide a structured, yet fun competition that is fair and reasonable for all involved, Clubs, Players, Referees and Officials

# 2 Registrations

## 2.1 Team Nomination

- 2.1.1 Team entry may be capped subject to numbers
- 2.1.2 Team registrations must be completed by the due date set
- 2.1.3 Late entries may be considered by emailing the CM
- 2.1.4 Clubs will enter Teams into grades/ divisions via their Club portal in PlayHQ
- 2.1.5 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
- 2.1.6 Club Team fees will be invoiced in line with non-Club Team timeline
- 2.1.7 Teams must be entered adhering to the grading structure in place. For further clarification refer to Section 5 'Grading, Fixtures and Venues'
- 2.1.8 All teams must abide by the Representative Player restrictions rules. For further clarification refer to Appendix D and E

## 2.2 Player Registration General

- 2.2.1 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
- 2.2.2 Players must pay the RBRA Season Player fees plus BWA affiliation fee if due for renewal

## 2.3 Junior Players Registration

- 2.3.1 Junior Players must play in the grade determined by year of birth
- 2.3.2 Junior Players may play up '1' additional grade as a second competition
- 2.3.3 Junior Players cannot play up alone
- 2.3.4 Junior Players cannot play in more than '1' team in any grade

## 2.4 Junior Representative Player Restrictions

- 2.4.1 RBRA Domestic Competitions have strict restrictions for NBL1, BWA State, WABL selected Players in Domestic Competitions
- 2.4.2 Generally, a Team may have a maximum of '3' in-grade WABL players with '2' out-of-grade WABL players playing up. For further clarification refer to Appendix D and E

## 2.5 Senior Player Registration

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

## 2.6 Playing in '2' Competitions

- 2.6.1 When Players are playing in 2 competitions, they must obtain a voucher code to override the second RBRA season player fee by emailing the CM

## 2.7 Fill-In Player

- 2.7.1 Fill-in players who are not registered to a team in any RBRA Competition Team may only fill-in a maximum of '2' times
- 2.7.2 Fill-in Players may only play in '1' team in any grade

- 2.7.3 Fill-in Players must purchase a voucher from the RBRA website which allows them to play '1' single game per voucher
- 2.7.4 Fill-in vouchers expire '6' days from purchase
- 2.7.5 Once a player has filled in twice, they must register into the team they have filled in for before playing the third game
- 2.7.6 Fill-in players are not permitted during the grading rounds

\*\*\* For further clarification on Registrations refer to Appendix D and E

## 3 Player Transfers

### 3.1 Junior Domestic Player Clearances

- 3.1.1 A Player may move Domestic Clubs or non-Club Teams by acquiring a player transfer
- 3.1.2 Applications are accepted when a Player is entering into a new season only
- 3.1.3 In-season transfers must be applied for by emailing the CM
- 3.1.4 Seasons commence round 1 of any competition including grading
- 3.1.5 Player clearance form available on the RBRA website
- 3.1.6 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 Appendix D and E
- 3.1.7 Players must attempt to resolve any differences with existing Club or Team
- 3.1.8 All details must be completed by the Player, Club or Team and CM
- 3.1.9 Players must not play in a new Club or Team without final approval email being received from the CM
- 3.1.10 No transfer will be approved where fees are outstanding, or property has not been returned
- 3.1.11 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

### 3.2 Coercion, Persuasion of Junior Players

- 3.2.1 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
- 3.2.2 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



- 3.2.3 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 on 3.2 refer to section 15 'Reports and Protests'

## 4 Uniforms

### 4.1 Compulsory Uniforms

- 4.1.1 All uniforms must be approved by the DBC
- 4.1.2 Uniform design and Team names must be emailed to CM
- 4.1.3 Matching uniforms are required for both Junior and Senior Competitions
- 4.1.4 Standard FIBA rules apply for sizing and style
- 4.1.5 Playing singlets (t-shirts are prohibited) to have a visible front number 5cm + and visible back number height 20cm +
- 4.1.6 Playing shorts to be mid-thigh to knee length
- 4.1.7 Player numbers to be between 0-99 only

### 4.2 Variations and Exceptions

- 4.2.1 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'
- 4.2.2 New players first game, this does not include Players who are filling in from the grade below
- 4.2.3 No grace period for pockets in shorts or singlets
- 4.2.4 A Player has written consent from the CM
- 4.2.5 A Player wearing an alternative shirt due to their normal playing singlet being ripped or soiled with blood during the same game
- 4.2.6 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
- 4.2.7 Bike shorts, short fit shorts are permitted, as long as they are mid-thigh length or longer
- 4.2.8 Medial exemptions must be emailed to CM for consideration
- 4.2.9 Colour clashes will see teams with reversible singlets or alternate shirts change to suit
- 4.2.10 Should both teams have reversible, Team A must change
- 4.2.11 In all other cases, bibs may be provided upon request to the Court Controller/s

### 4.3 Prohibited

- 4.3.1 Headgear, hats, hair accessories/ hair styles eg: braids/ plaits
- 4.3.2 Jewellery including medic bracelets if exposed. These may cause harm
- 4.3.3 Piercings may be taped, medic bracelets may be covered with a sweat band to prevent injury to others
- 4.3.4 Basketball shorts or singlets with pockets or t-shirts with sleeves
- 4.3.5 Non-approved compression undershirts or shorts that extend outside of the playing uniform
- 4.3.6 Mixed uniform singlet and shorts. Players must wear matching attire
- 4.3.7 Not wearing Club or Team singlets and shorts
- 4.3.8 Wearing State or WABL shorts
- 4.3.9 Triple digit uniform numbers
- 4.3.10 Wearing the same number as another Player on our Team who has legally taken the court

### 4.4 Penalty for Breaching Uniform By-law

- 4.4.1 Any Player who is considered to be out of uniform without an exemption shall be penalised for the first breach with a warning
- 4.4.2 This will be documented by the Court Controllers
- 4.4.3 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 DD, CM or DBC for further sanctions

## 5 Grading, Fixtures and Venues

### 5.1 Grading

- 5.1.1 Clubs and non-Club Teams should allocate Teams into each grade considering the Representative count in each team
- 5.1.2 A-grade = Teams with 3+ WABL representative Players
- 5.1.3 B-grade = Teams with 1-2 WABL representative Players
- 5.1.4 C-D-grade = 0 WABL representative players
- 5.1.5 State Players will be classed as in-grade WABL Players in all teams, and are capped at '1' per team
- 5.1.6 WABL teams who have received an exemption to play in any Domestic competition must play up a grade that is higher than the WABL competition they are playing in and in A-grade were deemed suitable

- WABL teams must put forward an application to play in any Domestic competition by emailing the DD and CM prior to fixtures being set
- 5.1.7 Grading will determine whether teams remain in nominated grades
- 5.1.8 Grading will take place over the first '3' weeks of competition with minor adjustments occurring where necessary thereafter
- 5.1.9 Last minute game changes may occur at the grading committee's discretion
- 5.1.10 Ladders will not commence until round '4'

\*\*\*For further clarification on WABL Players refer to Appendix D and E

## 5.2 Fixtures and Competition Days

- 5.2.1 Byes will be avoided wherever possible
- 5.2.2 Game times may be subject to change depending on the volume of Teams
- 5.2.3 Game days may be subject to change depending on the volume of Teams
- 5.2.4 Game days and times may be subject to change where an NBL1 home game is fixtured
- 5.2.5 Competitions may cycle across more than one day in any '1' week
- 5.2.6 Where extreme circumstances require a game to be postponed, or defer a scheduled fixture, then a written application to the DD, CM and DBC is required
- 5.2.7 Where possible the RBRA will attempt to reschedule

## 5.3 Venues

- 5.3.1 RBRA will operate out of satellite venues including Baldivis Indoor Sports Complex (BISC) and Mike Barnett Sports Complex (MBSC)
- 5.3.2 Fixtures may include cycling through more than one venue or day per season
- 5.3.3 Venues may be subject to change depending on the volume of Teams registered in each competition
- 5.3.4 Venues may be subject to change where an NBL1 home game is fixtured

# 6 Illegal Players

## 6.1 Players Who are Classed as Illegal for Game Purposes

- 6.1.1 Players playing in an incorrect age group
- 6.1.2 Players who are not playing the in the grade determined by year of birth

- 6.1.3 Players who are not playing in a grade that is under the age they are turning during the season
- 6.1.4 Players playing in, or played in 2 different teams in any one grade without a player clearance being signed by the CM
- 6.1.5 Player not having their Full name entered on the electronic scoring device
- 6.1.6 Playing under a false name
- 6.1.7 Playing in a lower grade than the grade they are registered into
- 6.1.8 Representative Players participating in a competition that is not in compliance with Appendix E. This includes fill-in Players
- 6.1.9 Female playing in a male grade, or male playing in a female grade unless the grade is mixed
- 6.1.10 Playing while under suspension
- 6.1.11 Playing while identified as un-financial with the RBRA
- 6.1.12 Playing in the finals series, where deemed an illegal Player in the Minor rounds
- 6.1.13 Playing in the finals series without meeting eligibility criteria of a minimum of '6' games played
- 6.1.14 Any exemptions must be put in writing to the CM

## 6.2 Penalty for An Illegal Player

- 6.2.1 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
- 6.2.2 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. This is at the CC discretion
- 6.2.3 Playing a Player when knowing they are an illegal Player may be seen as unsportsmanlike behaviour and reported to the RBRA Tribunal Committee
- 6.2.4 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 15 'Reports and Protests'

\*\*\* For further clarification on Illegal Players, refer to Appendix A, B, C, D and E

## 7 Premiership Ladders / Competition Points

### 7.1 Premiership Ladders

- 7.1.1 Under 08s and 10s will not show ladders on the RBRA public PlayHQ grade page
- 7.1.2 All other ladders will be displayed in order of Win/ Loss/ Draw followed by overall For/ Against points percentage
- 7.1.3 Ladders will commence in round 4 of any Season

### 7.2 Competition Points

- 7.2.1 Draws will remain in the Minor rounds, not in the finals series
- 7.2.2 There will be no overtime in the Minor rounds, only in the finals series
- 7.2.3 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
- 7.2.4 In the events that the team cannot be split using this method, it reverts back to game points scored differential in the games between the subject teams
- 7.2.5 In the event this stills results in teams being unable to be split, it will revert to overall For/ Against points percentage
- 7.2.6 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
- 7.2.7 A 'Washout' game will be considered a Draw with '2' Premiership Points awarded to each team and the score recorded as 20-20
- 7.2.8 A team joining the competition after the competition has commenced, will receive no competition points for the games they have missed
- 7.2.9 A Team requesting regrading outside of the grading period will normally not carry competition points from the previous grade to the new grade. This is at the discretion of the DD, CM and DBC to be fair and equitable for all teams affected

## 8 Finals Series Rounds

### 8.1 Finals Series Format

- 8.1.1 Finals will be conducted on a 1<sup>st</sup> vs 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> vs 3<sup>rd</sup> basis with the two winners playing off in the grand final

- 8.1.2 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
- 8.1.3 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

## 8.2 Finals Series Eligibility

- 8.2.1 A Player must be credited with '6' qualifying games for a particular competition
- 8.2.2 Only qualifying games may be credited to Players for Finals eligibility in a particular grade
- 8.2.3 A qualifying game is any game including forfeits that is not a part of a finals series
- 8.2.4 A qualifying game may be credited to a Player for Finals eligibility in a particular grade provided:
- They are not an illegal Player;
  - They are legally substituted into the game;
  - They have their full name and playing number entered into the electronic scoring device
- 8.2.5 Byes are not considered as a qualifying game
- 8.2.6 A game shall be considered a washout if there were no results recorded
- 8.2.7 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 DD, CM or DBC on application to provide a fair and equitable outcome dependant on the circumstances of the wash-out
- 8.2.8 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
- 8.2.9 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

- 8.2.10 In the event of a Player legally changing teams as a result of a transfer or team withdrawal, games shall remain credited to that Player in the new team
- 8.2.11 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
- 8.2.12 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
- 8.2.13 Any protests in relation to the Eligibility of a Player participating in a Final Series must be emailed to the DD and CM for consideration

\*\*\* All areas are subject to change at the discretion of the DD, CM or DBC

## 9 Abandoned Games

### 9.1 Outcome

- 9.1.1 If a game has reached half time before being abandoned, the game results shall stand
- 9.1.2 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
- 9.1.3 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
- 9.1.4 Out of RBRA control may include, but not be limited to:
- Power outage
  - Wet floors
- 9.1.5 If a game has reached half time before being abandoned, the game results shall stand

## 10 Responsibilities

### 10.1 Scorers

- 10.1.1 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
- 10.1.2 Scorers/ timers are to have no influence on the game other than to fulfil their scoring duties

### 10.2 Coaches and Managers

- 10.2.1 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
- 10.2.2 Only '1' Coach is permitted to remain stand at any one time during the game
- 10.2.3 Coach and assistant coaches are prohibited from standing at the same time
- 10.2.4 Coaches and team Managers are responsible for ensuring all other people in their team bench area including Players, remain seated
- 10.2.5 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
- 10.2.6 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
- 10.2.7 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
- 10.2.8 Coaches and Managers are responsible for ensuring that all Team invoiced are paid by the due date specified by the CM
- 10.2.9 Coaches and Managers are responsible for ensuring that any "Fill-in" Players are appropriate for the grade, and the relevant registration has occurred
- 10.2.10 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



## 11 Late Start

### 11.1 Game

- 11.1.1 A game shall not start unless each Team has at least '4' registered Players present and ready to play
- 11.1.2 Fill-in players do not count towards the minimum of '4' Players present

### 11.2 Penalty

- 11.2.1 Failure to start a game on time may result in a '2' point penalty being awarded to the opposition team for every minute or part thereof, that the game is delayed
- 11.2.2 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 referees discretion depending on the lateness of the game

## 12 Forfeits

### 12.1 Notified / Un-Notified

- 12.1.1 Notified Forfeits have a strict deadline to avoid penalties
- 12.1.2 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
- 12.1.3 Forfeits are to be emailed to: [forfeits.RBRA@gmail.com](mailto:forfeits.RBRA@gmail.com) and texted to: 0457318861
- 12.1.4 Un-notified Forfeits where sufficient notification has not been provided will be subject to penalties

### 12.2 Forfeit Penalty / Other

- 12.2.1 Penalties may apply where proven a team has fielded an illegal Player
- 12.2.2 If a team does not have '4' Players who have legally taken the court within '10' minutes of the scheduled starting time, they shall lose by forfeit

- 12.2.3 If a Team plays while having an RBRA invoice overdue, they shall lose by forfeit
- 12.2.4 If one Team forfeits, the final score will be 20-0
- 12.2.5 If both Teams forfeiting the result shall be recorded as 0-0 forfeit loss to each Team
- 12.2.6 Any team forfeiting '3' times in any '1' Season, may be removed at the discretion of the DD, CM or DBC
- 12.2.7 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
- 12.2.8 Late forfeiting Teams will be subject to fines as imposed by RBRA

\*\*\* For further clarification refer to Appendix C 'Fines, Penalties and Charges

## 13 Timing of Games

### 13.1 Minor Rounds

- 13.1.1 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
- 13.1.2 '2' time outs are permitted per team in each half
- 13.1.3 No time outs are permitted in the final '3' minutes of either half of the game

### 13.2 Finals Series

- 13.2.1 Finals Series games shall be timed from individual court clocks comprising of:
  - 19-minute 1<sup>st</sup> half, running clock
  - 2-minutes half time break
  - 19-minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> half with first 16-minutes running clock
  - Last '3' minutes will be fully timed
- 13.2.2 Extra Periods apply in finals, and shall commence after a 2-minute break for 3-minutes and are fully timed
- 13.2.3 '2' time outs are permitted in each half, and '1' time out in any extra period
- 13.2.4 No time outs are permitted in the final '3' minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the game

## 14 Equipment

### 14.1 Stadium Property, RBRA Property

- 14.1.1 Any Player, Spectator or other found abusing Stadium property including hanging off of the rings, may be reports to the Stadium Management at the discretion of any Official or Employee of the RBRA
- 14.1.2 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

### 14.2 Basketballs

- 14.2.1 RBRA will supply a suitable basketball to use as a game ball
- 14.2.2 Basketball sizes in Juniors are as follows:
  - Size 5: U08, U10, U12 boys and girls
  - Size 6: U14s boys and girls
  - Size 6: U16, U18 girls
  - Size 7: U16s, U18s, U21s boys
- 14.2.3 Basketball sizes in Seniors are as follows:
  - Size 6: Women's
  - Size 7: Men's

## 15 Reports and Protests

### 15.1 RBRA

- 15.1.1 The DD, CM and DBC adopts and enforces the RBRA Disciplinary Tribunal Procedures as per Appendix A, B and C lists charges and penalties
- 15.1.2 All persons entering RBRA venues or affiliated stadiums may be subject to report by any Official or Staff Member of the RBRA
- 15.1.3 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
- 15.1.4 The CM will refer all protests/ disputes to the DD, DBC, RC or Grading Committee for consideration. The DD, CM, RC or DBC may refer the matter to the Board who may appoint a judicial panel to investigate and rule on the matter. The judicial panel may then refer the matter to the Board for a final

decision. The finding on the matter will be informed to all parties involved by the management level making the finding

- 15.1.5 The CM will refer all Reports to the RBRA Disciplinary Tribunal Panel as per Appendix A

## 15.2 Membership Protection Policy

- 15.2.1 The RBRA adopted the Basketball Australia Membership Protection Policy updated on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018
- 15.2.2 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>

## 16 Special Rules

### 16.1 Under 08s and 10s

- 16.1.1 No finals series will be played
- 16.1.2 No uniforms or late start penalties shall be applied. Penalisation for ongoing non-compliance with these rules will be at the discretion of the DD, CM and DBC
- 16.1.3 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 than '20' points and shall be known as the mercy rule
- 16.1.4 Backboards will be lowered to a hoop height of 8 feet
- 16.1.5 Free throws will be taken from the 'front of the circle'
- 16.1.6 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)
- 16.1.7 The '3' point line will not be used. Successful shots from beyond the '3' point arc shall count as '2' points
- 16.1.8 Teams are allowed to use Players from opposing teams/ Clubs or from Teams in a lower grade to avoid a forfeit
- 16.1.9 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
- 16.1.10 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

- 16.1.11 No awards (MVP / Premiership) shall apply to under 08s or U10s

## 16.2 Under 12s and 14s

- 16.2.1 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
- 16.2.2 Any Team who is leading by '30' or more points, their defense 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 over the line

## 16.3 Zone Defence

- 16.3.1 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

## 16.4 Score Margin Management in under 12s and 14s

- 16.4.1 Applies to Teams are winning by 30 points or more
- 16.4.2 Scorers are not to add further points to the leading Team's scoreboard once the '30' point difference has been reached
- 16.4.3 Should the score difference return to under '30' points difference, regular scoring on the scoreboard may recommence
- 16.4.4 Mandatory 'half-court defence' - No full court press

## 16.5 Score Margin Management in under 12s and 14s Consideration

- 16.5.1 Instructing your Players to dribble with non-preferred
- 16.5.2 Instruct your Players to lay-up and shoot with no-preferred hand
- 16.5.3 Try to pass the ball to all players prior to shooting
- 16.5.4 Avoid double teaming Players
- 16.5.5 Play man to man at least an arm's length away
- 16.5.6 Sub and rest stronger Players - this will allow others to develop
- 16.5.7 Use all your time outs
- 16.5.8 Play only '4' Players when the opposition only has '4' Players to start the game
- 16.5.9 Be a good sport and role model to not only your Players but to others

## 16.6 Penalty for Non-Compliance

- 16.6.1 Non-compliance of these rules may result in a technical foul being awarded
- 16.6.2 This penalty is at the Referees and Referee Supervisors discretion, who have authority to implement this penalty
- 16.6.3 Good Sportsmanship is expected at all times
- 16.6.4 Failure to show good Sportsmanship may result in disciplinary action

## 16.7 All Other Grades Not Mentioned in section 16.1 and 16.2

- 16.7.1 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

## 16.8 Seniors

- 16.8.1 Players wishing to register to play in '2' grades of a Senior's competition (technically not in compliance with rule 2.5) must apply in writing to the DD and CM who will take into consideration the effect that Player will have on the overall competition of both effected grades, prior to giving a decision on the matter
- 16.8.2 Players may fill-in for a higher grade not a lower grade EG: if registered to A-grade cannot play/ fill-in for a B/ C/ D grade Team
- 16.8.3 If a Player is registered to a B/ C/ D grade Team, they may fill-in for a higher grade EG: registered in C-grade can fill-in for B/ A grade but not D grade
- 16.8.4 A fill-in Player from a lower grade team may only fill-in a maximum of '3' times before permanently playing for the higher-grade Team only

## 16.9 Team Fouls

- 16.9.1 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 8<sup>th</sup> Team foul

# 17 Awards

## 17.1 Grand Final Team

- 17.1.1 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 DD, CM and DBC
- 17.1.2 Winning and Runner-up Teams will receive a trophy
- 17.1.3 Trophies are awarded directly after the game ends

## 17.2 Most Valuable Player

- 17.2.1 For grand-final round only, each competition from U12s and above will have '1' single MVP chosen
- 17.2.2 These are chosen from an independent person
- 17.2.3 MVP trophies are awarded directly after the game ends

\*\*\* This may differ from season to season at the discretion of the DD, CM and DBC

### 17.3 Under 08s and 10s

- 17.3.1 Under 08 and under 10 players will receive a medal
- 17.3.2 This is presented directly after the final game is played

## 18 General Provision

### 18.1 General Provisions

- 18.1.1 Parents/ Guardians of Players (under 18 year of age) suffering from an illness of medical condition are to accept responsibility for the Player and asked to make the Coaches and Managers aware of that condition. This information is confidential
- 18.1.2 It shall be the joint responsibility of the Coaches and Referees to ensure that any Player who is bleeding or has an open wound is substituted.
  - 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
  - The referee's decision shall be final in determining whether a Player may return to the court
  - Any blood on the court shall be removed using the blood spill kit by the Court Controller
- 18.1.3 Injured Players should not be moved until someone with first-aid training has attended to them or their parent/ guardian decides to do so
- 18.1.4 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
- 18.1.5 No modifications to the court will be made
- 18.1.6 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

## 19 RBRA Domestic Rules and By-laws

### 19.1 RBRA Competitions

- 19.1.1 All RBRA rules and by-laws are subject to change



- 19.1.2 All RBRA rules and by-laws are reviewed regular
- 19.1.3 These may differ from season to season at the discretion of the DD, CM and DBC

# Appendix A

## RBRA Disciplinary Tribunal

- 1 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 48 hours of receiving the report being lodged
- 2 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
- 3 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 '1'
- 4 The Tribunal Panel shall have full powers of inquiry, which are necessary to deal effectively with the matters brought before it.
- 5 At the discretion of the Tribunal Chairperson, any Player involved may attend the hearing with an advocate, or in writing to the 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 '1', this does not preclude the Tribunal from continuing with a hearing on the matter and deciding upon a verdict.
- 6 Until any outstanding charge is heard, the Player/s charged may not take part in any Association or Basketball Western Australia affiliated competition
- 7 The tribunal will operate and where necessary, hand down penalties in accordance with the guidelines authorised by the board (see Appendix B)
- 8 Any player found guilty by the Tribunal Panel may make any appeal to the Board, in writing, and must contain new or additional information / evidence supporting the appeal. Any subsequent decision of the board will be final.
- 9 A 'Notice of Tribunal Findings' will be posted on a RBRA notice board, as soon as practicable. Suspended Players will be notified to DBC, Basketball WA and affiliated associations as per current practices.
- 10 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


**BASKETBALL WA**

### TRIBUNAL PENALTY GUIDELINES

Offence	Criteria	Maximum	Low	Moderate	Severe
<b>Disputing the decision of a referee</b>	<i>In a consistent and/or abusive manner</i>	6 WEEKS	1 – 2 weeks	3 – 4 weeks	5 – 6 weeks
<b>Obscene gestures</b>	<i>Moving or displaying the hands, arms or body in an offensive or vulgar manner</i>	10 WEEKS <small>(non-official)</small> 20 WEEKS <small>(official)</small>	1 – 3 weeks 1 – 6 weeks	4 – 6 weeks 7 – 12 weeks	7 – 10 weeks 13 – 20 weeks
<b>Offensive language</b>	<i>Swearing, insults or using language of a racist, sexist or homophobic nature</i>	10 WEEKS <small>(non-official)</small> 20 WEEKS <small>(official)</small>	1 – 3 weeks 1 – 6 weeks	4 – 6 weeks 7 – 12 weeks	7 – 10 weeks 13 – 20 weeks
<b>Unsportsmanlike behaviour</b>	<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
<b>Breach of code of conduct</b>	<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
<b>Attempting to trip</b>	<i>Attempting to use one's foot or other body part to obstruct clear passage</i>	10 WEEKS <small>(non-official)</small> 20 WEEKS <small>(official)</small>	1 – 3 weeks 1 – 6 weeks	4 – 6 weeks 7 – 12 weeks	7 – 10 weeks 13 – 20 weeks
<b>Tripping</b>	<i>Using one's foot or other body part to obstruct clear passage</i>	10 WEEKS <small>(non-official)</small> 52 WEEKS <small>(official)</small>	1 – 3 weeks 1 – 17 weeks	4 – 6 weeks 18 – 34 weeks	7 – 10 weeks 35 – 52 weeks
<b>Attempting to strike</b>	<i>Attempting to use hands/arms or head to make forcible contact with any part of the person's body</i>	10 WEEKS <small>(non-official)</small> 52 WEEKS <small>(official)</small>	1 – 3 weeks 1 – 17 weeks	4 – 6 weeks 18 – 34 weeks	7 – 10 weeks 35 – 52 weeks

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<b>Striking</b>	<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 <small>(non-official)</small>  LIFE <small>(official)</small>	1 – 17 weeks  1 week – 6 years	18 – 34 weeks  7 – 12 years	35 – 52 weeks  13 years +
<b>Attempting to elbow</b>	<i>Attempting to use one's elbow to make contact with any part of the person's body</i>	10 WEEKS <small>(non-official)</small>  52 WEEKS <small>(official)</small>	1 – 3 weeks  1 – 17 weeks	4 – 6 weeks  18 – 34 weeks	7 – 10 weeks  35 – 52 weeks
<b>Elbowing</b>	<i>Using one's elbow to make contact with any part of the person's body</i>	52 WEEKS <small>(non-official)</small>  LIFE <small>(official)</small>	1 – 17 weeks  1 week – 6 years	18 – 34 weeks  7 – 12 years	35 – 52 weeks  13 years +

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

<b>Putting a person in fear of impending violence</b>	<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 <small>(non-official)</small>  LIFE <small>(official)</small>	1 – 17 weeks  1 week – 6 years	18 – 34 weeks  7 – 12 years	35 – 52 weeks  13 years +
<b>Incidents involving blood and bodily fluids</b>	<i>Using blood or other bodily fluids in an unsafe or reckless manner</i>	LIFE	1 week – 6 years	7 – 12 years	13 years +
<b>Conduct bringing game into disrepute</b>	<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
<b>Participating whilst suspended</b>	<i>Playing, coaching or officiating at any Affiliated Association whilst serving a suspension</i>	2 WEEKS <small>(non-official)</small>  5 WEEKS <small>(official)</small>	1 week  1 week	1 – 2 weeks  2 – 3 weeks	2 weeks  4 – 5 weeks
<b>Failure to attend tribunal</b>	<i>Without reasonable cause</i>	20 weeks	1 – 6 weeks	7 – 12 weeks	13 – 20 weeks
<b>Failure to cooperate or hindering an investigation</b>	<i>Unjustified delay or absence of response to requests for information</i>	20 WEEKS	1 – 6 weeks	7 – 12 weeks	13 – 20 weeks
<b>Intimidating or bullying a person</b>	<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
<b>Public criticism of officials</b>	<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 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 automatic '1' week player suspension in both Junior and Senior Competitions
- If Player plays in an under 21s or Seniors Competitions, there will be an additional fine imposed

\*\*\* For further clarification refer to Appendix C 'Fines, Penalties and Chargers'

# 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 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 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 suspension for the above will be upheld and not be overturned.

### 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](mailto:forfeits.RBRA@gmail.com)
  - Texted to: 0457318861

All unnotified 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: [admin@rockinghamflames.com.au](mailto:admin@rockinghamflames.com.au) prior to the Teams next scheduled game.

Bank Details:

- ANZ
- BSB: 016010
- Account Number: 308119593
- Reference: "Team name and Grade"



# Appendix D

## Players And Playing Grades

To play in any RBRA Competition, a Player is required to play in the grade 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 grade that is determined by their year of birth and may play up '1' grade above their birth grade as a second competition. Players cannot play in the above grade alone.

A Junior Player shall be considered and 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 'Grades by Year of Birth Table' at the end of this section

## Senior Competitions

Senior Players may fill-in for a grade that is higher to the one they are playing in, but may not play in a grade that is lower than the grade 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 on the 31<sup>st</sup> 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 grade being determined by the year that the Competition season ends.

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

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

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

## WABL Players in RBRA Domestic - Juniors

All WABL players from any Association 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-grade or out-of-grade Player.

As a general rule, a team may field a maximum of '3' in-grade WABL Players, plus an additional maximum of '2' out-of-grade WABL Players from the grade directly below. Noting that any Player classed as a State Player will also count as an in-grade WABL player with a maximum of 1 permitted per team.

Additionally, in general a team may field a maximum of '5' out-of-grade Players in the '1' grade above their birth grade.

In general, Teams may also field a combination of both grades, which must not exceed a maximum of '5' WABL players per team. This variation may include:

- '3' in-grade WABL Players with '2' out-of-grade WABL Players playing up
- '2' in-grade WABL Players with '3' out-of-grade WABL Players playing up
- '1' in-grade WABL Player with '4' out-of-grade WABL Players playing up
- '5' out-of-grade WABL Players playing up

### **RBRA Female WABL Teams and Players - Juniors**

- Female Teams who are WABL graded into divisions 1, 2 & 3 will be classed a restricted Players
- Female Teams who are WABL graded in divisions 4, 5 or above will not be classed as restricted Players
- Female Under 17s teams WABL Players are capped at:
  - '3' in-grade players per team
  - '2' in-grade players plus a maximum of '2' out-of-grade players playing up
  - '1' in-grade player plus a maximum of '3' out-of-grade players playing up
  - Maximum of '4' out-of-grade players playing up

### **RBRA Male WABL Teams and Players - Juniors**

- Male Players who are selected during the Rockingham Flames WABL trials into Teams 1, 2 & 3 will be classed as restricted players
- Male Players who are selected during the Rockingham Flames WABL trials into Team 4, will not be classed as restricted Players
  - This will be superseded when a 5<sup>th</sup> Team is selected
  - In this instance, only the Players in the 5<sup>th</sup> Team selected will not be classed as restricted Players

## 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

\*\*\* For further clarification refer to Appendix E

## 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

## 2023-2024 Summer Grades by Year of Birth

Competition Grade	Year Born	Age Player is Turning in 2024	Venue	Game Day
<b>U8's</b>	2017/2018	6-7 years	Mike Barnett Sports Complex	Friday
<b>U10-Boys</b>	2015/2016	8-9 years	Mike Barnett Sports Complex	Monday
<b>U10-Girls</b>	2015/2016	8-9 years	Mike Barnett Sports Complex	Tuesday
<b>U12's</b>	2013/2014	10-11 years	Baldivis Indoor Sports Complex	Saturday
<b>U14's</b>	2011/2012	12-13 years	Mike Barnett Sports Complex	Friday
<b>U16-Boys</b>	2009/2010	14-15 years	Mike Barnett Sports Complex	Thursday
<b>U17 Girls</b>	2008/2009/2010	14-16 years	Mike Barnett Sports Complex	Tuesday/ Thursday
<b>U18-A Boys</b>	2007/2008	16-17 years	Mike Barnett Sports Complex	Tuesday
<b>U18-B &amp; C Boys</b>	2007/2008	16-17 years	Mike Barnett Sports Complex	Thursday
<b>U21's</b>	2004/2005/2006	18-20 years	Mike Barnett Sports Complex	Tuesday
<b>Seniors</b>	2009	Minimum Age Turning 15 years old by 31.12.2024	Mike Barnett Sports Complex	Tuesday

# Appendix E

## Representative Players and Restrictions

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)
  - Basketball WA State Championships, State Titles
  - NBL1 as either a Contracted or Development player
  - Or the equivalent of any of the above as determined by the DD/ CM and DBC

## Representative Player Classifications

Each Representative player will have a classification based on the level of representative basketball they have been selected into certain competitions.

### Junior Classification Levels

- State Player - If a Player selected to represent Western Australia in Under '16s' or above or any other State as per the definitions in the competition ruled for their appropriate age group
- In-grade Representative Player - If they are selected in any RBRA representative side for their appropriate age level. EG: Selected in U14s for WABL and plays Domestically in U14s
- Out-of-grade Representative Player - If they are selected in a RBRA Representative side of one age group and chose to play up as a second competition in the Domestic competition. EG: Selected in U12s for WABL and plays as a second competition Domestically in the U14s
- Or the equivalent of any of the above as determined by the DD/ CM and DBC

### Senior Classification Levels

- State Player - If a Player is selected to represent RBRA or equivalent whether NBL1 Contracted or an NBL1 Development Player, they will be classed as a State Player

- WABL Championship Men or Women (D-League) and Under 20s are classified as a Representative Player
- Out-of-grade Players and Junior Representative Players (U18 and below) playing in the Seniors Competition

## Representative Player Classification Expiry

Any Player who is classed as a Representative Player in the RBRA Domestic Competitions, will hold this classification for '2' seasons with the following rules in place.

## Junior Players General

- Classification last for '2' Domestic Seasons
- First Season will include the Winter Domestic season the same year a Player is selected into WABL or equivalent
- Second Season will include the Summer Domestic Season that directly follows the Winter Domestic season where WABL selections occurred
  - The second season applies even when a Player ages out of a grade when transitioning into the new Summer Season
  - Any Player who must go up a grade, will take the lower grade classification with them
  - EG: Played in the WABL for 2023 in U14s and moving up to the U16s for Domestic the following Summer Season = Player classed as an U16s in-grade WABL player for that Summer Season
  - Those Players still remaining in the same grade, will be classed as out-of-grade Player if they play up a grade as a second Competition
- Above rules also apply to Players that were selected, even if they pull out of a team
- Any non-WABL Player elevated to a WABL team once the Season has commenced, will not be classed as a Restricted Player for that Season, they will however be classed as one for the following Summer Season

## Junior Players U16 - U21 - State Players

- WABL players in under 16 and above transitioning up a grade in the Summer Season shall remain an in-grade WABL player for the new grade

- State Players will be classed as an in-grade Restricted Players when playing in their grade determined by year of birth, and when playing up a grade as a second Competition
- Only '1' State Player permitted per team in any team whether in-grade or out-of-grade
- All Players remaining in the grade they played WABL for will remain as out-of-grade WABL Players when playing up a grade as a second Competition

## 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 DD, CM that will be sent for consideration by the DBC and if need be, the RBRA Board.

Any WABL team wishing to play up during a Season, will usually be placed in an A-grade competition in the higher grade, 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 DD, CM, DBC and RBRA Board if need be.