

NARROGIN INTERNATIONAL RULES BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (INC)

By-Laws

1. Playing Rules

- a) All competitions or games conducted by the Association shall be conducted in accordance with the Official Rules of Basketball as adopted by the Australian Basketball Federation.
- b) Variations or modifications to suit any particular set of circumstances must be with full approval of the Association.

2. Rules Interpretation

- a) The Association shall from time to time appoint an Official Umpires Convenor.
- b) In any instance where a ruling is required as to the intent or purpose of any rule as included in the Official Rules of Basketball, or in the event of a dispute arising as to the interpretation of any rule, then the matter shall be determined by the Official Umpires Convenor as from time to time appointed by the Association.
- c) It shall be the duty of the Umpires Convenor to report to the Association the nature of all matters referred to him for determination together with his decision regarding the matter.
- d) In any instance where the decision of the Umpires Convenor is not acceptable to the majority of the Association, then the matter shall be referred to the Western Australian Basketball Federation Rules Interpreter for final decision. Copies of all correspondence to be submitted to the Association.
- e) Any interpretation supplied by the Western Australian Basketball Federation Rules Interpreter shall become the accepted interpretation and shall be complied with by the Umpires Convenor and the Association.
- f) It shall be the responsibility of the Umpires Convenor to conduct a minimum of two (2) clinics per year. Full details of the proposed programme as to time, venue and content is to be submitted to the Association for its approval.

3. Team Nominations

- a) Affiliated clubs desirous of participating in any competition or game conducted by the Association shall complete the entry forms prescribed by the Association.
- b) Such forms shall be in the hands of the Secretary on or before the due date as prescribed by the Association. Nomination forms received after the due date shall be invalid, except in special circumstances.
- c) All nomination forms shall be approved by the Fixtures Committee and such approval shall be given before any affiliated Club may participate in any game or competition conducted by the Association.

4. Grading

- a) All competitions conducted by the Association shall be conducted on a grade basis, such grades to be decided by the Fixtures Committee.

- b) It shall be the responsibility of the Fixtures Committee to determine the relative merits of competitor teams, and to allocate such teams to the respective grades.
- c) The Fixtures Committee shall have power to call for such evidence as it may require for the purpose of allocating teams to grades and if considered necessary, the Fixtures Committee may conduct a series of grading games.
- d) The Fixtures Committee shall have power to alter or amend team grading from time to time.
- e) The decision of the Fixtures Committee shall be final with regard to the grading of teams.

5. Competition Fixtures

- a) The Fixtures Committee shall be responsible for the compilation and publication of an official fixture list to cover all grades of any competition conducted by the Association.
- b) Such an official fixture list once approved by the Association shall not be altered or amended in any way.
- c) Where any team, because of extreme circumstances, requires to postpone or defer a scheduled fixture, application in writing must be made to the Fixtures Committee at least one (1) week prior to the scheduled date of the fixture which is required to be postponed or deferred, The Fixtures Committee may approve, amend or refuse such postponement or deferment as it sees fit.
- d) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (c) of Rule 5, any competition game played in a place or at a time not in accordance with the official fixture list as approved or amended by the Fixtures Committee shall not be taken into account when compiling the points table for the grade. Neither team shall be allowed points and all points both for and against shall be forfeited by both teams.

6. Competition Points

- a) Competition points shall be allocated for each game completed in accordance with the official fixture list as follows:
 - Win - 2 points
 - Loss - Nil points
- b) In the event of two or more teams being level on points at the end of the qualifying round, eligibility to compete in the final series shall be on a basis of percentage of points scored for as compared with points scored against in the qualifying rounds between the teams involved in the tie.
- c) In the event of any team having forfeited a game or games during the qualifying rounds, all points for the season both for and against, in relation to the team responsible for the forfeit, shall be omitted from the calculations of percentages.
- d) For the purpose of this rule, a game played at a time and place not authorised by the Fixtures Committee shall be considered as a forfeit, as provided in Rule 5 (d).

7. Final Series

The final series shall be played at the conclusion of the qualifying rounds and methods as hereinafter detailed may be used

- a) Semi Finals, Finals and Grand Finals as follows:
 - 1st Semi Final* - Teams as shown No.3 and No.4 on the points table.
 - 2nd Semi Final* - Teams as shown No.1 and No.2 on the points table.
 - Final* - Winner of the 1st Semi Final versus loser of the 2nd Semi Final.
 - Grand Final* - Winner of the 2nd Semi Final versus winner of the Final.
- b) Preliminary Finals and Grand Finals as follows:
 - 1st Preliminary Final* - Teams as shown No.1 and No. 4 on the points table.
 - 2nd Preliminary Final* - Teams as shown No.2 and No.3 on the points table.
 - Grand Final* - Winner of 1st and 2nd Preliminary Finals.
- c) Grand Final Only:
 - No.1 versus No.2 on the points table at the time of the qualifying rounds.

8. Interchange of Players Between Grades

- a) A player shall be permitted to play in any two grades in any one competition in any one week of play. A player playing in the Junior Competition may play in the Senior competition in the same week. A junior player does not have to play for the same Club in the senior competition as he is associated with in the junior competition.
- b) Where any team has a bye in any grade, the players in the team concerned shall not be permitted to play in any lower grade during the week in which the bye occurs unless it is proved to the satisfaction of the Fixtures Committee that the player or players concerned had been relegated by their Club as a result of poor form. Approval of the Fixtures Committee must be sought in writing prior to a player being relegated by his Club to play in a lower grade in a week in which the player's team has a bye.
- c) No Club shall nominate more than one team per grade for the senior competition except by special approval of the Fixtures Committee.
- d) In any instance where two teams from any Club or association are included in the same grade, movement of players between the teams shall be subject to such rules as determined by the Fixtures committee.
- e) A player may play in the next lower grade unless the player concerned was an A grade player who represented Narrogin at any Country Championship the previous season or the current season.
- f) A player may not drop two grades at any particular time.
- g) A player will be considered to have participated when his name is entered on the scoresheet and he is physically present at the Centre. Should his team be involved in a forfeit a player can transfer to another grade on the same night or during the same week of fixtures except for (e) and (f) of Rule 10.

9. Eligibility of Players to Participate in the Final Series

- a) To be eligible to participate in the final series of any competition conducted by the Association, players must have played at least:
 - Where the competition is conducted to include any number of qualifying games (including byes) - six (6) games.
 - Where a player has not played six (6) games he must play the last four (4) consecutive games prior to the finals.
 - A Player may appeal in writing to the Association if, in special circumstances, he is unable to fulfil this requirement.
- b) Grade eligibility shall be determined as follows:
 - Where a player has played in one grade only, he shall be eligible to participate in the final series of that grade or any higher grade.
 - Where a player has played in two or more grades during the qualifying rounds, he shall be eligible to participate in the final series of the grade in which he has played the greatest number of games or any higher grade.
 - Where a player qualifies for and participates in a final series for any one grade, he shall not be permitted to change from one grade to another during the series, except where the change is from a lower to a higher grade.
- c) For the purpose of this rule, it shall be the responsibility of all affiliated Clubs to carefully assess the eligibility of players before permitting them to participate in a final series.
- d) Any protest or dispute concerning the eligibility of a player to participate in a final series shall be referred to the Judiciary Panel, and dealt with as a matter of urgency.
- e) A player's name on the scoresheet shall be sufficient proof that he has represented that team for that night, providing the said player shall be physically present during the period of the game for that night.

10. Fixtures Not Completed

- a) Should a team listed to take part in an official fixture fail to appear at the stipulated time, or for any other reason indicate that it is not prepared to commence the game at the stipulated time, then the opponent team, provided that the official rules have been complied with, shall be awarded the game on a forfeit.
- b) Any team which forfeits three or more games during the qualifying rounds may be disqualified by the Association.
- c) In the event of a team being disqualified, then each game in which the disqualified team should have participated shall be considered as having been won by the opponent team. It shall not be necessary for the opponent team to appear at the place set down for the playing of the fixture.
- d) In the event of a forfeit by any team, the score for the fixture shall be 2 – 0.
- e) In the event of a game being played at the time and place not authorised by the Fixtures Committee, the score shall be considered 0 – 0, neither team being

awarded points for the game. In the calculation of percentages Rule 5 (d) shall apply.

11. Eligible Players

- a) To be an eligible player within the meaning of these rules, a player shall comply with the amateur definition as prescribed by the Australian Basketball Federation, and shall be a registered member of an affiliated club in accordance with Rule 13 of these By-laws.
- b) All instances concerning the alleged participation of an ineligible player in a competition game shall be reported in writing to the Association within twenty four (24) hours of the incident concerned by the referee of the game in question, or may be brought to the notice of the Association by any elected member of the Committee, or member of the Association. Such reports, which in all cases must be in writing, shall be referred to the Judiciary Panel for decision at the discretion of the Association Committee.
- c) It shall be the responsibility of affiliated clubs to ensure that ineligible players do not participate in competition games. In any instance where it shall be proved that an ineligible player has so participated, then the Judiciary Panel shall be empowered to take such action as it may think fit against the offending club.

12. Players Uniforms and Club Names

- a) Each affiliated Club shall select a distinctive uniform, which shall be registered with the Association. The pattern and colour scheme of the uniform shall be approved by the Fixture Committee prior to registration.
- b) Any Club affiliating with the Association shall be required to obtain the approval of the Fixtures committee for proposed Club name, colours and emblems. The Association may in its absolute discretion refuse approval and require the club to amend its name, colours or emblems before granting affiliation.
- c) Each player's uniform shall be numbered on the front and back with the numbers as prescribed in the Official Rules of Basketball.
- d) Where in any grade a clash of colours become obvious, the question shall be referred to the Fixtures Committee to determine the Club, which will be required to supply alternative uniform.
- e) Clubs shall supply to the Fixtures Committee a sample of club uniforms for inspection prior to each season commencing.

13. Registration of Players

- a) Before any playing member of any affiliated club is eligible to compete in any competition or game conducted by the Association, the affiliated Club shall take steps to register the player with the Association in accordance with these rules.
- b) The Association may require such registration to be effected for each competition conducted by it.
- c) Registration of playing members shall be considered to have been correctly effected when the registration form and registration fee, as prescribed by the

Association shall have been duly received by the Association Secretary or any person duly appointed by the Association to carry out the duties of Registrar.

- d) The Association may refuse to register any player for whatever reasons it sees fit.
- e) Upon payment of the required registration fee and acceptance of the registration by the Association, or its duly appointed agent, a playing member shall be registered with the Association from that date until the end of the season in which such payment is made.
- f) It shall be the responsibility of the Association to ensure that each registration form contains the amateur definition as prescribed by the Australian Basketball Federation, and that each player has full realisation of the effect of that definition.
- g) The Association shall maintain a register of all registered players showing the player's name, address and club. Such register shall be available for perusal.
- h) All affiliated clubs shall assume the responsibilities of the Association with regard to the registration of players, and shall supply to the Association from time to time a complete list of all players registered by the respective clubs.

14. Insurance of Players

All members are responsible for their own insurance whilst playing Basketball.

15. Clearances and Permits

- a) Any player who is or has been registered with the Association at any time as a playing member of a club, which at the time of such registration was an affiliated club, shall not transfer from that club to any other affiliated club until such a time as a clearance on a duly certified Association Clearance form has been obtained from the club with which he is or was registered.
- b) Affiliated clubs shall be responsible for the processing of player clearances, and shall notify the Association in writing with (48) hours of any clearance having been granted or refused. In the event of a refusal, such notification shall state reasons for the refusal.
- c) An affiliated club must process clearance application within 14 days. In any instance where an affiliated club shall fail to process a clearance within the specified time, the player may refer the matter to the Association President or Secretary for decision. The Association President or Secretary shall have power to instruct the affiliated club concerned to issue a clearance except where it can be proved that the player concerned is unfinancial with the club, or that the clearance would not be in the best interests of that club.
- d) An affiliated club shall not refuse to grant an inter-club or inter-Association clearance within the State except where it can be proved that the player is unfinancial with the club or association with which he is registered or where it can be proved that the clearance would not be in the best interest of the club or association with which the player is registered.
- e) In any instance where a player has not been actively associated with the affiliated club or association with which he was registered for a period exceeding 12 months,

it shall not be necessary for the said player to apply for a clearance, except where it can be proved that the player concerned is unfinancial with that club or association.

- f) In the event of an affiliated club or association disbanding, or a club or association signifying in writing its intentions not to re-apply for affiliation, members who have been registered with such club or association shall be free to transfer to any other affiliated club or association without first having to apply for a clearance, except where such club or association is unfinancial with the Association, the individual member shall pay to the Association a proportion of the amount before being eligible to be registered as a member with any other club or association.
- g) A registered playing member of an affiliated club desirous of transferring to another club within the jurisdiction of any other State Association affiliated with the Australian Basketball Federation shall first obtain from the Association a clearance as prescribed by the Association.
- h) The Association shall not refuse to grant an interstate clearance, except where it can be proved that the player concerned is unfinancial with the club with which he is registered, with the Association. In such instance, the clearance shall be refused until such time as the outstanding amounts have been paid.
- i) A player registered by an affiliated club to compete in the junior competition shall not be required to obtain a clearance to compete for another affiliated association provided that he obtains a written permit from the affiliated Association stating that it does not require his services for the competition. (example: a school teacher teaching in Bunbury and living in Narrogin)
- j) A player registered by an affiliated club to compete in any competition conducted by the Association shall not be required to obtain a clearance to compete concurrently in any other competition which is not conducted by the Association even though that competition may be conducted by a club which is affiliated with the Association. (This rule applies to women playing in A.M. competition).
- k) No clearance application received on a date which is more than two (2) calendar months later than the commencement date of the current competition shall be considered by an affiliated club. Such clearance application shall be forwarded by the affiliated club to the Association for consideration by the Association at its discretion.
- l) The Association may consider late clearance applications, provided that such applications are supported by special application in writing. The application should detail the special circumstances involved which would warrant consideration by the Association.

16. Referees and Umpires

- a) Within the terms negotiated annually between the Association and the Umpires Convenor, and these By-laws, it shall be the responsibility of the Umpires Convenor and his Panel, to appoint referees and umpires to officiate at competition games conducted by the Association as approved by the Association.
- b) It shall be the responsibility of the Association to determine the method of appointment of all referees and umpires.

- c) The Association may, where it sees fit, provide for rostered affiliated club members to officiate at competition games conducted by the Association irrespective of the availability of the Umpires Panel.
- d) The Umpires Convenor and his Panel shall ensure that its members whose services are required to officiate at competition games conducted by the Association shall give preference to the Association rather than to a club or association which is not affiliated with the Association.
- e) Members of the Umpires Panel who are appointed to officiate at competition games conducted by the Association shall carry out those duties and responsibilities within the terms of the Official Rules of Basketball and these By-laws.
- f) Any member of the Umpires Panel, who is appointed to officiate at a competition game conducted by the Association and fails to perform those duties, or arrange for a suitable proxy to perform those duties, may be subject to a fine or such other penalty as is determined by the Association.
- g) It shall be the responsibility of the Umpires Panel, by its determined method, to grade all referees appointed to control games organised or conducted by the Association and to ensure that the most suitable qualified personnel are allocated to various grades of games.
- h) The Umpires Panel shall be responsible for the appointment of a Bench Chairman, for all fixtures where it is determined that such personnel are required to be appointed.
- i) It shall be the responsibility of the Umpires Convenor to arrange and conduct all Referees Clinics, courses and instructional lecturers, or in his absence, a proxy duly appointed with the approval of the Association.

17. Timekeepers and Scorers

- a) As required, it shall be the duty of each team participating in any game conducted by the Association to provide on scorer-timekeeper.
- b) The scorers and timekeepers shall operate in accordance with the official Rules of Basketball as applying to scorers and timekeepers.

18. Scoresheets and Equipment

- a) Scorebooks or scoresheets in all grades shall be provided by the Association and it will be the captain's responsibility to complete the necessary team details thereon, prior to the scheduled commencement time of the game.
- b) Scoresheets for all games shall be retained by the Association, but in the event of any team requiring to record game scores, this can be done in a separate scorebook. This does not relieve clubs or teams of responsibility under Rule 17 (a).
- c) It shall be the responsibility of the Association to provide the necessary court equipment as specified in the Rules of Basketball for all games conducted by the Association, including equipment for the floors.

19. Supply of Basketballs

Match balls in all grades shall be provided by the Association.

20. Duty Teams

- a) The Association shall be empowered to allocate duties, as required to any Club or team participating in any competition or game conducted by the Association.
- b) Any Club or team not carrying out the duties as prescribed by the Association shall be considered in default and shall be subject to such penalties as from time to time decided by the Association.
- c) Teams will be allocated points for position on premiership table at the conclusion of the finals. Points shall be as follows:

Final Position	A Grade	B Grade	C Grade	D Grade
First	32	24	16	8
Second	28	21	14	7
Third	24	18	12	6
Forth	20	15	10	5
Fifth	16	12	8	4
Six	12	9	6	3
Seventh	8	6	4	2
Eighth	4	3	2	1

Any club which has two teams in any one grade will only be allocated one amount of points that being the highest position team for that grade.

Each Club's points will be added and the Club with the highest total will be the winner for that season of the title "Club Champion"

21. Fidelity Bonds

- a) To ensure compliance of these Rules, the Association may call for the lodging of fidelity bonds by all affiliated clubs or teams competing in any competition conducted by the Association.
- b) In the event of non-compliance with the Rules, the Association may order the forfeiture of part or whole of the Bond.

22. Financial Status

- a) All affiliated clubs shall remit to the Association such team nominations fees as may be prescribed from time to time by the Association.
- b) Such fees shall be in the hands of the Association Treasurer on or before the prescribed date, and any club not having remitted the fees, shall be considered unfinancial as from midnight on the prescribed date and be subject to such penalties as determined by the Association.
- c) An unfinancial group or club may be permitted to participate in any competition conducted by the Association, but shall not be eligible to receive any competition points during the unfinancial period, nor shall such points earned during that period be re-instated upon that group or club becoming financial.

23. Charges, Protests and Disputes

- a) An affiliated club shall have the right to lodge a report in the nature of a charge or protest, or giving notice of a dispute in relation to the conduct of any competition match, or the eligibility of any player taking part in the match, the behaviour of any player taking part in the match, or the result of any competition match.
- b) Such a report shall include a comprehensive account of the incident or happening giving rise to the charge, protest or dispute, shall name the teams or players concerned and the referee and umpire in control of the game and shall be in the hands of the Association Secretary within twenty four (24) hours of the completion of the game in question.
- c) Any report lodged by a referee or umpire, which alleges unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of any player or team, or member of an affiliated club shall be considered as a charge against the player, team or member concerned.
- d) In the event of any referee or umpire recording a report of any untoward incidents in any fixture conducted by the Association the report shall be handled as prescribed in paragraph 23 (e) of these rules.
- e) Upon receipt of any report as referred to in this rule, the Association Secretary shall immediately refer the matter to a Judiciary Panel, as here in after described, for decision.
- f) All reports referred to in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) must be in writing.
- g) Notwithstanding anything contained in this rule the Association may refer any matter to the Judiciary Panel for its consideration as it sees fit. The Judiciary Panel may consider such matters referred to it by the Association and either impose such penalties as it sees fit or recommend a course of action to the Association in writing. The Judiciary Panel shall have absolute discretion in deciding whether matters referred to it should be the subject of a Judiciary Panel hearing or should be referred back to the Association.

24. Judiciary

- a) A Judiciary Panel shall be appointed by the Association at its Annual General Meeting in each year.
- b) The Panel shall consist of five (5) members. The members are not to be affiliated or members of the Association. A quorum will consist of any three (3) of the sitting five (5) members. The Chairman to arrange two members to sit with him.
- c) The Association Secretary shall act as convenor for all meetings of the Judiciary Panel.
- d) The Judiciary Panel shall have power to enquire into all reports submitted by affiliated clubs, members, referees, umpires or the Association in accordance with Rules 11 and 23 of these By-laws.

In any instance where the eligibility of a player is questioned or where a decision is required as to the amateur status of a player or official, or group of players or officials, the matter shall be referred to the Judiciary Panel. After investigation the

Judiciary Panel shall report its findings to the Association except where the matter falls within the scope of sub-paragraphs (e), (f), and (j) of this rule.

- e) In the event of a protest or dispute, the Judiciary Panel shall be empowered to resolve the matter, and in the event of a decision affecting the result of a competition game, to order the necessary adjustment of the points table or a replay of the game concerned.
- f) Verbal notice by referees or umpires at the conclusion of any competition fixture involving an incident to be referred to the Judiciary Panel, shall ensure that, prior to the hearing, all parties to a protest, dispute or charge shall be supplied with a copy of the report. This should contain full details of the protest, dispute or charge.
- g) No penalty should be imposed without the player, club or member concerned being given a reasonable opportunity of appearing before the Panel. Should circumstances preclude the attendance of player or member concerned, he or the club may nominate an advocate to appear in his stead.
- h) A player, member or club involved in any charge, protest or dispute may be accompanied by Counsel or advocate, but appearance and participation by Counsel or advocate shall be at the discretion of the Chairman of the Judiciary Panel.
- i) Any player or member or club which as incurred a penalty as a result of a Judiciary Hearing shall be entitled to right of appeal. Such appeal shall be in writing, addressed to the Chairman of the Judiciary Panel and shall contain full details of new or additional evidence supporting the appeal. The Chairman shall determine acceptance or refutation of the appeal and his decision shall be final.
- j) Any player receiving suspension as a result of Judiciary Proceedings shall be rendered ineligible to receive any Fairest and Best awards during the playing season in which the offence occurred.
- k) Any player under suspension shall be precluded, during the term of suspension, from participating at a State or National level, but suspension shall not prejudice his inclusion as a State Representative in any team participating in any event or series conducted after the termination of suspension period.
- l) A full report of all proceedings of Judiciary Committee meetings shall be prepared for submission to the Association. The Report shall be in writing and signed by all members of the Judiciary Panel.

25. Trophies and Awards

The Association shall have power to allocate trophies to various grades and to decide upon awards for meritorious performances during competitions conducted by the Association.

26. Jurisdiction

- a) For the purpose of these By-laws, members of affiliated clubs are considered to be within the jurisdiction of the Association, whilst they are in the precincts of any court or building being hired or used by the Association for the purpose of conducting any match or competition or any other business of the Association.

- b) Members of any team selected to visit other States or to participate in games in other country centres or the metropolitan area, whether such games are organised by the Association or the club or association concerned, are deemed to be within the jurisdiction of the Association from the time the team departs from Narrogin until such time as all members return to Narrogin.

27. Liquor Restrictions

A member of an affiliated club shall not convey liquor into any building or premises being used by the Association for the purpose of conducting any match or competition, neither shall any person as aforesaid consume liquor on the premises mentioned in this rule except with express permission of the Association, such permission having been previously obtained in writing.

28. Infringements

The Association shall have power to impose such penalties as may be decided upon by a majority of Committee persons, present at a meeting of the Association, upon any affiliated club, any member or official of any affiliated club, or any member or official of the Association in the event of an infringement of these rules.

29. Amendments

The Association Committee shall have power to alter or amend these By-laws provided that notice of motion of such amendment or alteration shall be supplied to the Association Secretary at least twenty eight (28) days prior to any meeting of the Association Committee, and providing that a copy of such notice is supplied to all members of the Committee, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting at which the notice will be debated, and provided that the resolution embodied in such a notice shall obtain a two-thirds majority when put to the vote.

30. Items Not Provided for.

Any matter not covered by the scope of these By-laws, provided that it comes within the objects of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association Committee.