



BASKETBALL WESTERN AUSTRALIA

“Go for 2&5” Country Championship Rules

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BASKETBALL WA 'Go for 2&5' COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1. ELIGIBILITY

The Basketball WA 'Go for 2&5' Country Championships shall be open to all affiliated Associations situated beyond a 55km radius of the Perth GPO, provided the Association is financial with Basketball WA (BWA) and conducts a local competition.

2. RULES

The BWA 'Go for 2&5' Country Championships will be conducted under the current Official Rules of Basketball as approved by FIBA, as amended by the Basketball WA 'Go for 2&5' Country Championship Rules.

3. NOMINATIONS

Nominations for inclusion in the BWA 'Go for 2&5' Country Championship shall close one (1) month prior to the scheduled date of the Championship. Late nominations will be placed on a waiting list and may be included at the Administrators discretion (refer Rule 28a).

The nomination form for both seniors and juniors is to be completed and returned to the Basketball WA Community Basketball Administrator (the Administrator) accompanied by:-

- The nomination fee
- Referee details for each nominated team
- Any outstanding affiliation fees
- Outstanding player registration fees

By entering the BWA 'Go for 2&5' Country Championships, all participants agree to abide by the relevant Code of Conduct as per the attached Appendix.

Failure to forward full payment with nominations may result in the Administrator placing an Association on a waiting list.

4. NUMBER OF TEAMS

Senior Championships shall be restricted to Divisions, each of which shall contain seven (7) teams (subject to nominations). Each Association shall be entitled to nominate one (1) team per division plus one veterans team (Rule 11). In special cases the Administrator has the power to procure additional teams in the best interests of the Championships.

Major Regional Associations are required to place a team in Division One of the Championships prior to entering any additional teams. Associations affected by this are as follows:

- Albany
- Bunbury
- Geraldton
- Kalgoorlie
- Mandurah

Junior Championship nominations will be restricted to one (1) team in each age group from any one Association i.e. (1) x Under 14 boys' team

In special cases the Administrator has the power to procure additional teams in the best interests of the Junior Championships. The invitation to procure an extra team will only be extended to those Associations that are in Division 1 in the year of the Championships. Such invitation can only occur after all nominated teams have been allocated to a division and providing there is a need for an extra team.

5. NUMBER OF PLAYERS – ELIGIBILITY FOR FINALS

Teams shall be restricted to a maximum of twelve (12) players. To be eligible to compete in Grand Finals players must physically participate for a team in at least fifty per cent (50%) of Championship games in the division nominated. In special circumstances, and given sufficient notice the Championship Games Commissioner may consider application for non qualified players to take part in the Grand Final.

A bye does not count as a qualifying game.

6. GRADING

Championship participation shall relate to results in previous years. Where excess nominations are received, the Administrator shall determine the placement of these teams, having regard to that Association's standard of play.

Decisions by the Administrator will be final as to the grading of any team(s). As a general principle teams from larger associations will be allocated to higher divisions.

7. ADVANCEMENT & RELEGATION

Where practical and having regard to Rule five (5) above, the team winning the Grand Final will be promoted to the Division above that in which it participated and the bottom team in each Division will be relegated to the Division below that in which it participated for the Championship in the following year.

In both cases the amended divisional positions will operate for the following year's Championships depending on nominations received and the team list.

Teams not nominating shall on future participation, maintain where possible, the position held when they last competed.

8. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to represent an Association in any Country Championship conducted by Basketball WA, the player must fulfil all of the following: -

- (a)
 - i be fully financial with their Association, and
 - ii have permanently resided in a country area since mid December of the year prior, to the Championships. The country area must be beyond a 55km radius of the Perth GPO and,
 - iii be a regular playing member of that Association's competition having played a minimum of four (4) games in that Associations' most recent competition.
- (b) Associations which have secured the services of players for the purpose of participating in the State Basketball League, and who were not regular playing members of that Associations' competition prior to 1st January in the year of the Championships, shall not be eligible to compete in the next Senior BWA Country Championships.

(c) **SPECIAL ELIGIBILITY**

Special Category of eligibility of Senior/Veteran Country Players to participate, who are not aligned to an Affiliated Country Association because of the place where they reside:

- a) there is only an affiliated junior association conducting a junior competition and
 - b) a senior competition is not conducted and
 - c) there is a local council indoor centre that conducts a senior “social” competition only.
1. Senior and Veteran teams – all country players must have resided in the local association area since November of the previous year.
 2. Senior and Veteran players in this category must nominate through a Basketball WA Affiliated Association.

9. UNDER AGE COMPETITION

Players must be under age as at 31st December in year of competition.

10. WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK CARDS

A current Working with Children Check Card will be required of Team Coaches and Managers over the age of 18 involved with the Basketball WA ‘Go for 2&5’ Junior Country Championships who do not have a child participating in the ordinary activities of the relevant basketball association.

The current WCC Card number must be recorded on the Team Nomination form.

BASKETBALL WA reserves the right to perform an on the spot check on any personnel at any time during the Championships.

11. MOUTH GUARDS

All junior players are required to wear a mouth guard whilst participating in a Championship game.

An exception will only be granted to those who notify in writing, the Basketball WA Community Basketball Administrator/Championship Commissioner of the medical problem no later than seven (7) working days before the event. An original copy of the medical certificate shall be presented to the BWA

Community Basketball Administrator/Championship Commissioner prior to, the commencement of the first game, for the team of which he/she is a member.

12. VETERANS

Two divisions of veterans may be allowed.

- a) One is for players who turn thirty-five (35) years of age by 31st December in the year of competition.
- b) The second is for players who turn forty (40) years of age by 31st December in the year of competition.

13. MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS

- a) Players are not permitted to move up or down between teams and/or divisions, once the Championship has commenced.
- b) An exception is permitted for players who are eligible to play in either of the veterans divisions. These players are also eligible to play in Senior Divisions 1 or 2 for the same Association in the same Championships.
- c) Each team is limited to twelve (12) players for the championship of which only ten (10) can play in any one game.
- d) The entire contingent of players must have their names recorded on the first scoresheet of the Championship. This is the responsibility of the Coach and the Manager/ess.

14. METHOD OF PLAY

- a) The competition shall be run according to the Official FIBA rules. Basketball WA shall determine the format subject to numbers participating in the Championship.
- b) Where practical there shall be full round robin with teams finishing in positions 1 & 2 at conclusion of qualifying round contesting a Grand Final.
- c) In Junior Under 13 and 14 Boys and Girls competition the official Basketball Australia NO ZONE rule applies. That is all teams must play Man to Man defence all of the time whilst in the defensive half. Basketball WA will appoint an Official "Zone Buster" who will be responsible for administering this rule.

If a team is found to be in violation of the No Zone rule, the Basketball WA "Zone Buster" may instruct the referees to administer a Technical foul to that team's coach. If subsequent incidents occur by the same team then this team may be disqualified from the Championships.

15. GAME TIMINGS

- a) All senior games where possible, shall consist of two halves of twenty-five (25) minutes when the clock will not be stopped for any reason. All junior games shall consist of two halves of twenty (20) minutes when the clock will not be stopped for any reason.
- b) A half time interval of three (3) minutes shall apply to all games. A maximum of two (2) time outs per half only are permitted.

In qualifying games, time outs will not be allowed during the last three (3) minutes of either half.

If a time out is in progress when the last three (3) minutes is announced, play will resume forthwith.

- d) Play to resume as soon as practical on a player receiving injury, fifth or disqualifying foul.
- d) Grand Final games will be fully timed for the last three (3) minutes of the second half. This will also include the last three (3) minutes of any extra time played in the event of a drawn game.

NOTE: In the event of a drawn game, an interval of 2 minutes shall be allowed before each extra period of five (5) minutes.

16. FORFEIT

Teams not prepared to commence play within ten (10) minutes of the starting time shall forfeit the game.

17. UNIFORMS

Team uniforms for all players must be of the approved pattern and colour as REGISTERED by the Association concerned. Permitted numbers are 4-15; 20-25; 30-35; 40-45; 50-55. Where a colour clash occurs, the first named team on the scoresheet shall use an alternate uniform. Playing singlets must be tucked into playing shorts throughout the period of the entire game.

18. BASKETBALLS

All competing teams must supply their own basketballs. Ball sizes for the championships will be based on Basketball Australia rules as follows:

Boys Under 13 and 14	73cm (29")	Size 6
U/16, U/18 Girls and Women's divisions:	73cm (29")	Size 6
U15/U/16, U/18 Boys and Men's divisions:	75cm (30")	Size 7

19. OFFICIALS

All teams are required to advise the Administrator prior to first fixture:

- Name of team manager, referee and score table official
- Accommodation venue
- Contact telephone number(s)
- All officials are to abide by the Code of Conduct for the position that they hold as distributed by Basketball WA

20. REFEREES

- a) ALL REFEREES officiating during Country Championships must:-
 - i. Referee in an eligible Country Association since mid December of the year prior to the Championships
 - ii. be actively officiating in an eligible country summer competition.
 - iii. be competent for the game(s) they have been nominated to referee.
- b) At the commencement of the Championships, all referees are invited to indicate if they are available to officiate Grand Final games.
- c) Referees may be required to wear a shirt provided specifically for the Championships. Black trousers/slacks and black footwear are preferred dress.
- d) Referee appointments for Grand finals will be advised at a meeting of referees approximately three (3) time slots prior to the commencement of the Finals.
- e) Referees will be required to provide a mobile telephone number at which they can be contacted during the Championship.
- e) Referees are to make themselves familiar with the Championship rules and to ensure that the rules are abided by.
- f) Performance evaluation is available on request.

21. SCORERS

Each Association will be required to provide one (1) scorer per team.

The scorer should be able to perform all of the following duties competently:-

- a) complete a scoresheet
- b) operate the visual equipment
- c) have a good understanding of the game clock rules for the last 3 minutes of operation in Grand Final games.

A player is not to perform the duties of a scorer and play in the same game.

22. PHOTOGRAPHY

- a) Individuals, must seek permission by completing a form from Basketball WA prior to the event, to photograph players at the BWA 'Go for 2&5' Country Championships.
- b) Identification will be provided to successful applicants and must be worn at all times.
- c) Identification is non-transferable.
- d) Applicants will be provided with a clear brief about what is considered appropriate in terms of content and behaviour.
- e) If parents or athletes have concerns they can report these in writing to the Games Commissioner/ Administrator / Official timekeeper.
- f) Concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography should be reported in writing to the Basketball WA Community Basketball Administrator. The matter should be recorded in the same manner as any other child protection concern.
- g) Basketball WA may endorse a business to take photographs of players or teams during a Championship for monetary gain. This business will require the written permission of the player(s) concerned.
- h) Video equipment must be hand held and the user must not encroach onto the area used by referees to officiate a game.

23. POINTS TABLE

- a) Points tables for each division of play shall be maintained at all championships.

WIN	-	3 points
DRAW	-	2 point
LOSS	-	1 points
FORFEIT	-	-1 point

- b) Should two (2) or more teams be level on competition points at the conclusion of the qualifying games, eligibility to compete in

the Grand Final shall be based on previous results between those teams. In the event that there are still teams tied, then points averages taking into account only the results of the games between the tied teams, will be used to determine placings. In the event of two (2) teams finishing equal on points due to a draw against each other in the qualifying games an overall percentage shall determine the higher position.

24. STATE JUNIOR TEAM SQUADS

State junior teams will only be permitted to enter the Championships at the discretion of the Country Commission. These teams will be guest teams and therefore are ineligible to participate in the Grand Finals, or receive MVP / All-Star votes

However, results of games involving State teams are counted towards final placing in the competition.

State squad participation takes priority over Association participation.

25. PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

- a) Any protest arising during the BWA Country Championships shall be in writing, and duly signed by the team captain of the Association lodging the protest. Such protest shall be lodged within thirty (30) minutes of the completion of the game with the BWA Community Basketball Administrator or duty Games Commissioner.
- b) A fee of \$20 shall accompany the written protest, If the protest is upheld the fee shall be refunded.
- c) Any protest shall be referred to the Judiciary Committee and be determined as soon as practical.

26. JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The Basketball WA Community Basketball Administrator shall appoint a committee of three (3) to act as Championship Judiciary and will convene as soon as practical on any protest or report that has been lodged.

27. PENALTIES

Standard penalties as follows, will be applied for non-compliance with Championship rules:

- a) Failure of a nominated referee to attend a fixtured game- \$75 per referee.
- b) Failure to provide a necessary scoretable official - \$25 per game.
- c) A team, which participates but fails to complete, the rostered game schedule may be barred the following year. Additionally a fine as determined by Basketball WA not to exceed \$200 shall be levied against that team.
- d) Failure to provide/use a Country Referee (Rule 19) - \$500 fine.
- e) Withdrawing a team after the fixtures have been circulated – a fine not to exceed \$200.

Fines as detailed shall be charged to the Association concerned and must be paid within fourteen (14) days. Teams incurring penalties shall be reported to Basketball WA, who may apply additional penalties up to and including non-eligibility to compete in future Championships for a specified period.

28. APPEALS

Associations shall have the right to appeal within ten (10) days any penalties prescribed under Rule 26. The appeal shall be in writing addressed to Basketball WA Community Basketball Administrator and shall detail in full the circumstances relating to the appeal. The matter shall be dealt with by Basketball WA and the fine may be refunded in whole or in part following discussion of the events.

29. WITHDRAWALS

- a) In the event of the withdrawal of any team accepted in the Championship list, an immediate replacement will be named from teams on the waiting list. A replacement team shall be as near as is possible to the grade status of the withdrawn team.
- b) All Championship fixtures shall be dated on the day of issue. Should any team withdraw after the Championship fixtures have been completed and emailed and/or posted on the website -
 - the Association concerned may be declared ineligible to nominate a team for the same Championship, the following year.
 - Any nomination fee shall be forfeited.
 - A fine of \$200 per team shall be incurred
 - Fines are to be paid within fourteen (14) days.

30. DOOR CHARGES

Door charges for each BWA Country Championship shall be fixed by Basketball WA with discretion to include a component for development.

31. AMENDMENTS

Basketball WA shall have the power to alter and/or amend these rules at any scheduled Basketball WA meeting.

32. ITEMS NOT PROVIDED FOR

The Basketball WA Community Basketball Administrator or Championship Commissioner shall deal with any matter not covered in the rules, provided it comes within the objects of Basketball WA.