



SMARTER THAN SMOKING BWA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2015 RULES

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1.0 Organising Authority

The ***Smarter than Smoking BWA State Championships*** are under the control of Basketball WA.

2.0 Purpose

The Championships, for both Men and Women, are held each year in November and December for the purpose of establishing the leading Association teams throughout the state for each age division.

It is also used to help create more interest and competition in our younger men and women and improve the standard of Junior Basketball throughout the state.

3.0 Dates and Venue of Championship

The 2015 Smarter than Smoking BWA State Championships will be held on the following dates:

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| • U11& U13 Boys | 28 & 29 November |
| • U15 Girls & U17 | 5 & 6 December |
| • U13 Girls, U15 Boys & U19 | 12 & 13 December |

The 2015 Smarter than Smoking BWA State Championships will be held at the Bendat Basketball Centre and potentially other centrally located venues, pending nomination numbers.

4.0 Age Groupings

The 2015 Smarter than Smoking BWA State Championships will have the following age groupings:

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| • Men | Under 11, 13, 15, 17 & 19 |
| • Women | Under 11, 13, 15, 17 & 19 |

5.0 Eligibility to Participate

Any Basketball WA affiliated basketball association, is eligible to enter a team in any of the age groupings in the Championship.

Basketball WA State Teams or Country Cup teams are also eligible to enter teams. All State or Country Cup teams are not eligible to participate in the Smarter than Smoking BWA State Championship finals.

6.0 Nominations

Each age group is divided into a Championship Division, Second Division, Third Division and Fourth Division with only one team from each Association competing in the Championship division. Additional teams are accepted in the second division where Basketball WA will endeavour to accept all teams. Some games may be played on a Friday night to allow for additional teams.

Nomination Forms will be forwarded to Associations in October. The nominations for the 2015 Smarter than Smoking BWA State Championships will close on Sunday 8 November at 5:00pm.

- Association Teams who participated in the 2015 WABL Finals may **NOT** enter a team in the Second Division of any age group **UNLESS** they have entered a team in the Championship Division of that age group. This applies to the age group directly above their 2015 WABL Division (i.e. an association with a team participating in Under 14 WABL finals must nominate a team into U15 BWA State Championships). This will only apply to WABL Championship divisions)
- Teams who did not participate in the WABL Finals for their respective age group, may enter a team in that age groups second division without first entering a Championship Division team in that age group.
- Associations who participate in the SBL competition may NOT enter a team in the Second Division of the U17 or U19 age groups UNLESS they have entered a team in the Championship Division of that age group. Allowances will be made for teams who did not participate in the 2015 WABL Finals for their respective age groups.
- If an Association only has a men's SBL program (no women's program) then the above rule only applies to the male divisions of the Championships and vice versa.
- Each association may only have one Championship Division team, unless under special circumstances. Additional Second Division teams are allowed and will be accepted based on Court Space and time.
- Basketball WA's decision on acceptances and placement in pools is final.

7.0 Cost of Nominations

The 2015 nomination fee is \$95.00 per team (*GST Included*). Basketball WA will invoice each Association upon acceptance of nominations.

The nomination fee is non-refundable if a team is withdrawn after the fixtures have been circulated.

8.0 Age Limitations

To be eligible to participate, all players must be under the prescribed age as at the 31 December of the year in which they will be participating in the Smarter than Smoking BWA State Championships.

Dates of birth must be shown on the Online Team Registration Form. Club Secretaries/Organisers will be responsible to ensure that these are correct,

9.0 Restrictions

Players may not change from one grade to another during any one weekend of the Smarter than Smoking BWA State Championships.

Players who are playing in a BWA State Team are eligible to still participate for their State team and their club team in the same weekend.

10.0 Player Numbers

Each team may only list ten players on the scoresheet for each game.

11.0 Finals Participation

Players must play at least three games during the qualifying games to participate in the final series.

In the event of a player missing qualifying games because of a commitment to a team representing Western Australia at a National Championship, that player will be deemed to have participated in any fixture played at a time when he/she was unavailable to participate due to that representation.

12.0 Format of Pools

The formation of pools will be determined by the number of teams nominating and the court time available for each weekend.

Semi finals or Crossovers may be played prior to the Grand Finals if time permits.

13.0 Team Control

In view of the fact that the Smarter than Smoking BWA State Championships is a Junior Championship, each team nominated must name a coach and manager to be responsible for the players on and off the court. Nominations without full details supplied will not be accepted.

14.0 Referees

The name of an accredited Referee must be supplied for each team nominated. Non appearance of any nominated referee at the time and the court rostered may result in the team concerned being eliminated from the competition. A fine of \$50.00 per offence will be levied by Basketball WA.

- **The referee may not be a player from the same weekend.**

Associations are responsible for the payment of their own referee for all qualifying games. Basketball WA will roster and pay referees for all playoff games and Grand Finals.

Members of the National Referees Development Program (NRDP) will be present over the period of the Smarter than Smoking BWA State Championships to co-ordinate evaluations and to assist Basketball WA in the appointment of referees for the finals series.

All referees will be evaluated on these weekends and these evaluations may be used for accreditation purposes. All accreditation requests should be sent to the Basketball WA Education & Training Officer with as much notice as possible.

The two grand final referees in each Age Group will receive a "Grand Final Referee" Medallion.

15.0 Scoretable Officials

Each team must provide a competent Scoretable Official for each of its games, including finals.

16.0 Fixtures

The compilation of fixtures will be the responsibility of Basketball WA. It is anticipated that play will commence at approximately 8.00am each day. If need be some games maybe played on Friday night to accommodate all fixtures.

Finals will be played on the Sunday, with the time being determined by nomination numbers.

17.0 Equipment

All scoresheets and time-clocks will be supplied by Basketball WA.

Teams will supply their own Basketballs.

18.0 Door Charges

The door charge will be \$10.00 per player and \$5 per spectator (Spectators Under 8 not playing in the tournament will be allowed free entry).

All referees participating during the weekend will be allowed free entry.

One coach and one manager from each participating team will be allowed free entry.

19.0 Playing Rules

The Smarter than Smoking BWA State Championships will be conducted as per the FIBA Rulebook with the following modifications:

19.1 Game Timing

50 minute time slots comprising of:

- First Half - straight fifteen (15) minutes running clock from main clock.
- Half Time - five (5) minutes
- Second Half - straight twelve (12) minutes running clock from the main clock, with an **additional** 3 minutes fully timed from own clock.
- Time Outs - one per half each team.
- Approx 5 minutes between games

19.2 Premiership Points

Win	2 Points
Draw	1 Point
Loss	0 Points
Bye	2 Points

19.3 Drawn Games

In qualifying games the result of a drawn game is to stand. Each team will receive one (1) point

In Finals games, teams will play extra periods of three (3) minutes, all fully timed.

One (1) Time-out per team each extra period.

There will be one (1) minute intervals between each extra period

19.4 Ball Size

Under 11	Size 5
Under 13	Size 6
All other Women's Age Groups	Size 6
All other Men's Age Groups	Size 7

19.5 No Zone Rule

All divisions in the Under 11 and Under 13 age groups must play man to man defence as per WABL rules.

Coaches are responsible for ensuring their team does not play a zone defence in accordance with the Basketball Australia Zone Busters manual (available on www.wabl.asn.au).

All penalties will be issued by the nominated Zone Busters in accordance with the Basketball Australia Zone Busters Manual.

19.6 Backboard Height

Lowered backboards are not used for any age group.

19.7 Forfeit Points

If a team is not ready to play 5 minutes after the scheduled starting time a forfeit will be declared, with the result of 10-nil win to the opposition.

19.8 24 Second Device

A 24 second device will not be used for any game throughout the Smarter than Smoking BWA State Championships.

19.9 Final Placing

In the event of two or more teams being level on points at the end of the qualifying games, position on the premiership table shall be on the basis of:

- a) Qualifying game head to head
- b) If the teams are still level, the **percentage** of points scored for as compared with points scored against in the games played between the teams involved in the tie

19.10 Best Second Placed Team

When there are three pools in a division for finals the best second placed team maybe required. The top team in each pool go through to the finals with the best second placed team to make up the fourth team.

The best second placed team will be decided on which second placed team finished with less points separating them from the top team (premiership points).

If tied, head to head record against the respective top teams will decide second top team overall.

19.11 Clearance/Permits

Players changing associations must follow the WABL Rules in relation to clearances.

No player may participate in the Smarter than Smoking BWA State Championships without obtaining a fully completed clearance form from Basketball WA.

19.12 Appeals/Protests

All appeals or protests must be in writing and accompanied by a \$50.00 cash bond within 15 minutes of game conclusion. Protests must be lodged with Basketball WA at the front desk. During this process, all Basketball WA staff must be approached in a calm and respectful manner.

The bond is repayable if the appeal upheld.

19.13 Code of Conduct

A "Code of Conduct" for players, parents and Officials will be adhered to for all teams in the Championships.

Associations entering teams will be responsible for the behaviour of their spectators.

2015 BWA State Championships will adopt the Zero Tolerance Policy (www.wabl.asn.au).

Players, team officials and spectators not abiding by the Code or Policy will be asked to leave the stadium.

19.14 Mouthguard's

All players must wear a mouthguard to

participate in the Championships.

20.0 Tribunals

A Tribunal set up by Basketball WA will operate each weekend of the Championship.

21.0 Photography

Aussies in Action Sports Photography will be the official photographer of the Smarter than Smoking BWA State Championships. Photography will solely be used for promotional material.

No SLR Cameras will be allowed in the venue for the Smarter than Smoking BWA State Championships.

Only the Official Photographer will be allowed to use SLR Cameras in the venue. Non SLR Cameras may be used throughout the event.

All players participating in the Championships adhere to the WABL Terms and Conditions that outline the acknowledgement of game photography. Any players who wish not to be photographed must inform Basketball WA.

22.0 Items not provided for

Any matter not covered by the scope of these Rules, provided that it comes within the objects of the BWA, shall be dealt with by the Western Australian Basketball League Competitions Administrator