



**East Perth District Basketball
Association (Inc)**

Domestic Competition By-Laws / Playing Rules

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Introduction

East Perth District Basketball Association (EPDBA) is affiliated with Basketball WA (BWA). The information contained in this handbook will outline the Domestic Competition playing rules, procedures and Code of Conducts.

If there is any information, specific code of conduct or situation that is not covered in this handbook, the EPDBA Executive and Coordinator Junior Domestic Competition will be able to provide details or assist.

This handbook is aimed to provide our affiliated clubs/teams, players and parents with expectations of what is required to play in EPDBA Junior Domestic Competition. All players that play in this competition should conduct themselves in accordance with the Code of Conduct. The East Perth and Basketball WA Codes of Conduct outline expected behaviours for players, parents, spectators, coaches, referees and score table officials. Any breach of the Codes of Conduct will be dealt with by the EPDBA Executive Committee in the manner set out in Section 14 COMPLAINTS AND TRIBUNAL. Information contained in this handbook is to be read in conjunction with all BWA codes, rules and obligations along with FIBA Basketball Rules.

The handbook will be reviewed annually by the Director of Juniors & WABL in consultation with the Executive Committee, noting any changes to FIBA and BWA rules and guidelines. EPDBA reserves the right to override any of the rules, regulations, policies and procedures if deemed to be in the best interest of the program and/or club. Otherwise, the rule book follows the Basketball WA and FIBA rules and regulations.

Appendix to section 13.3 of the constitution

Venues

Morley Sport & Recreation Centre
Cnr Wellington St & Mangini Rd
Morley

The Rise
Eighth Ave
Maylands

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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the local competition is to have fun, exercise, improve skills, learn and play in a team environment and love the game. Accordingly, the Association has modified some rules to achieve this purpose.

2. BACKGROUND

The East Perth District Basketball Association (Inc.)(EPDBA) has a long and illustrious history. It is the oldest Club / Association in the State Basketball League, having started with the formation of the Western Australian Basketball Association in 1946/47. History shows that whilst it has always followed the peak body's rules, it has also showed innovation and decisive planning that has helped establish guidelines for current basketball developments that have appeared in previous versions of this rule book.

This document sets out to provide information to those involved and we urge all parents and participants to read these rules.

3. SCOPE

- a. FIBA Official Basketball Rules and Official Interpretations - as agreed to by our peak body Basketball WA - shall apply unless otherwise provided in these By-laws/rules and the overall.
- b. This East Perth District Basketball Association Local competition playing rules is in effect the "Playing rules for junior competition" that is set out in the East Perth District Basketball Association (INC) Constitution – October 2012.
- c. This policy applies to all players, coaches, sides, spectators and umpires playing in the East Perth District Basketball Association local competition. By paying registration and game fees and taking the court, all sides will comply with the East Perth District Basketball Association constitution and both the FIBA and local competition playing rules. This means that all involved are covered by the Basketball Western Australia Code of conduct.
- d. These documents cover the organisation's objectives, guidelines and policies regarding this competition.
- e. It includes how East Perth umpire's coaches, club officials and Development coaches ("blue shirts") and/or senior umpires may use these rules to achieve the purpose.
- f. Please note that "work around" are discouraged as the by-laws have been developed to do what is best for the players. Accordingly, day to day interpretation of the rules shall be the responsibility of the Games Supervisor, games controller and relevant Director. The East Perth District Basketball Association has the discretion to waive the application of the By-laws in exceptional circumstances. In considering whether exceptional circumstances exist, the Association must consider that any decision to waive the application of a By-law in exceptional circumstances shall apply to the current Season only, unless it is agreed by the Board to amend the By-laws for future Seasons.

4. CONDUCT OF GAMES

- 1) All games are played under the jurisdiction of EPDBA and shall be conducted according to the rules as laid down in the current "Official Basketball Rulebook" as approved by FIBA Central Board, except where variations are adopted by BWA or listed within these competition rules for our association.
- 2) All teams commit to pay the weekly / season court fees - as set out by the Executive - to the EPDBA Local Competition Coordinator or games controller regardless of other circumstances, except if their team is removed by EPDBA Local Competition
- 3) All games will be under the control of EPDBA Junior Competition, which is responsible for receiving competition entry forms, registration forms, court fees and forfeit fines (where applicable) from all teams in all divisions. The EPDBA local competition Coordinator is also responsible for making the draws, notifying team contacts of the draw and any changes to that draw, receiving notice for forfeits and notifying effected



teams via team managers, as well as ensuring that the competition rules are adhered to. The EPDBA Local Competition Coordinator will endeavour to allocate teams into appropriate standard competitions and ensure the smooth running of those competitions.

- 4) In regard to 3 (above) EPDBA does have a “mercy rule”. This rule shall apply to all games except grading games and finals or where the games controller has given approval where a team has a need like increasing percentage ahead of finals. It shall apply to all age groups whenever one team has a lead of 25 points or more. The rule shall require the team in the lead to retreat behind the three point line, in defence, whenever the opposition gain possession, from an inbound or field play. This means do not continue playing full court or half court traps and presses. It is strongly advised that the leading team plays a man to man defence inside the three point line, not a zone. Coaches are also invited to use techniques that aid the winning team too such as scoring through players who haven’t scored and cessation of fast break in favour of trying out new offenses and alike.

If the lead reduces to below 15 they will then be allowed to return to full court defence etc.

The penalty for infringement of the mercy rule shall be calling a violation on the offending team and returning the ball to the other team at the three point line extended, in the front court.

Should any losing team seek to merely hold the ball outside the three point line with no effort at all to penetrate, then the referees shall give three warnings and then allow the defence to press to the half-way line. The rule shall be enforced by the referees with the intervention of the games controller if resolution or queried. Coaches do not have the option not to claim use of the rule if losing by 20 points or more.

- 5) All teams are required to have a competent and committed coach and team manager who will ensure that their team is properly uniformed, organised and has sufficient players registered to complete the schedule of games without disruption.
- 6) Basketballs will be provided for the games by the EPDBA Local Competition Coordinator or a games controller and are to be used only for competition. Each team is allowed to bring two warm up balls to the Centre on game day. The association is having a significant number of balls stolen. If this continues, the games controllers have the authority to ban all basketballs other than these two labelled warm up balls. This would mean no individually owned basketballs can be brought into the stadium.
- 7) Score sheets will be located on the score benches before each game commences.
- 8) It is the Club’s or individual team’s responsibility to ensure that a competent parent or adult is rostered to perform the score bench duties for the allocated game. If a person in your team does not know how to score, please partner them up with someone who does.

4.1 GAME TIMING AND INFORMATION

- 2 x 20 minute halves with no time stoppages except for finals as per Section 4.3.
- 2 time outs per team, per half with 60 seconds per time-out; referee calling players in at 50 seconds.
- No time outs allowed in the last 3 minutes of the second half (Excludes finals). If a timeout is in progress when the clock nears 3 minutes, the game will recommence immediately.
- The umpires can enforce no substitutions in the last minute if it felt to time wasting unless fouled out (Excludes finals).



- 3 minute half time break.
- Bonus free throw shots will be taken after the 7th team foul per half i.e. 8th foul.
- Substitutions can be made through the score table on any whistle.
- Alternative possession in lieu of jump ball after initial tipoff.
- Zone defence is not permitted in U14 and below. Shell defence or equivalent is not considered zone because the defensive player is still locating their player versus zone which is occupying a zone of the court with no attempt to track their defensive players. If umpires are unsure they should seek assistance from a ref's coordinator/coach, games controller or senior referee (in that order).
- The new and existing 3 point lines will apply as follows-
 - Under 14s and below use the inner (old) line.
 - Under 16s and above use the outer (new) line.
- In regular season in the event of a drawn game, no extra time will be played. As per section 4.3, two points will be awarded.
- Referees are within the rules to not commence a game if players have not been appropriately entered onto a score sheet or the online system. Players need to be readily identifiable as a registered EPDBA player including both first and surname. The umpire should call the matter to the attention of the games controller or another senior official (if former not available) in order to resolve issue. They can start the clock at the tipoff time.
- Players who are late for the game need to pay before playing (see section 11). Players who are not in attendance by the end of half time shall have their name removed from the score sheet or online system and cannot play in the game.
- See section 4.3 for variations of these rules for finals specifically.

4.2 COMPETITION POINTS

Competition points for each game completed in accordance with the official fixtures is:

- Win: 3 Points
- Game v Development/Guest team 3 Points, regardless of results.
- Bye: 2 Points
- Draw: 2 Points
- Loss: 1 Point
- Notified Forfeit: 1 Point
- Un-notified, financial, unregistered or ineligible player forfeit: 0 Point

In the event of the two or more teams being level on points at the end of the regular season, eligibility to compete in the final series shall be on the basis of; firstly, the team who has won the most games between those tied sides. If a tie still exists, then secondly, on percentage points scored for as compared with points scored against in the regular season fixtures between the teams involved in the tie. If a tie still exists then, thirdly, they shall be ranked accordingly by the numbers produced by dividing total points scored against into total points scored for, for all fixtures in the regular season shall take priority.

Team's level on competition points who have incurred any forfeits during the regular season and have not paid their forfeit fines will automatically be relegated to last position.



Likewise, clubs that have not paid the necessary fees to play in competition will not be permitted to take place in finals or arrangements are made for it to the satisfaction of the Finance Director.

4.3 FINALS SPECIFIC RULES

At the end of the rostered season the top four teams in each division will make up the finals.

The final series shall be played at the conclusion of the qualifying rounds. The setup will be determined by the number of teams competing in each division.

Most commonly, where there are sufficient sides, Finals will be as follows;

Week 1 - First and Second Finals

1 vs 2

3 vs 4

Week 2 – Preliminary final

Winner of 1 and 2 proceeds to the Grand final and loser of 3 v 4 finishes season

Loser of 1 v 2 plays the winner of 3 v 4

Week 3 - Grand final

Winner of 1 v 2 (Second final – 1 v 2) plays winner of week 2 preliminary final

Overtime in finals

Where scores are tied at the end of normal time in a final, an extra 5 minutes will be played or as many extra periods are necessary to break the tie. This 5 minutes will also be fully timed.

An interval of 2 minutes shall be allowed before each extra period.

During each extra period, only 1 timeout is allowed per team. Team foul totals will be carried forward from second half

Substitutions are allowed in the last minute of finals when the game is fully timed.

Eligibility in Finals

In order to be eligible to play in the Finals and Grand Finals, a player must have played in 4 games of the regular season. 2) Eligibility appeals may be made to the association via its secretary at least three working days prior to the game. Supporting evidence must be produced by players who have been unable to play due to illness, injury or representative duties.



4.4 FORFEITS & FINES

- 1) If a team does not have 4 players ready to play within 10 minutes of the scheduled starting time, the match will be declared an un-notified forfeit.
- 2) In the event of a forfeit, the team forfeiting the game shall be deemed to have lost the game with a score of zero points to 20 and premiership points will be awarded accordingly as outlined in section 4.2.
- 3) Teams who do not advise of their intended forfeiture 24 hours prior to the fixture will be charged a full forfeit fine. A lower fine shall be applied for forfeits where advanced notification is given.
- 4) Forfeit fines will be set according to the severity of the breach or breaches and will be sufficiently high to cover the costs the association has incurred including court hire, umpires and associated administrative costs. This figure can be \$100 based on a \$48 game payment per side.
- 5) A team forfeiting more than 4 times during the regular season (un-notified) may be disqualified. Teams may apply in writing to Local Competition Director to be considered for an exemption from this rule.
- 6) Substitute players from teams playing in a lower year group or division may be used to help make up a team if regular players are unavailable. Teams substitute player cannot be a WABL player. A player cannot do this more than 4 times in a season and the coach, manager or club need to ensure there is not a high risk to safety in doing so.
- 7) When a fixture is forfeited, those players for the team on the scoresheet who did not forfeit will be refunded door admission. Teams may be offered the opportunity to use of the court for a ‘scratch match’, in lieu of the game, if approved by games controller and/or overseen by an East Perth referee or official. Scratch matches must have appropriate clothes. They must wear appropriate shoes and not have pockets or garments that can snare fingers.
- 8) When a team is not required to attend a game due to forfeit by opponents, all the teams registered players identified as being on score sheet or online system will be credited with attendance.

4.5 UNDER 10 SPECIFIC RULES AND GUIDANCE

East Perth has been running – in its current format – a very successful under tens program for over 10 years. Starting with just a few teams, a few dedicated members started the approach based on Basketball Australia’s Aussie Hoops program. It has included both use of skill training sessions prior to the game and the use of development coaches “blue shirts” to achieve the purpose on court throughout the game. The approach has been modified over the years to ensure continuous improvement. In the last few years it was reviewed by SBL Commissioner and leading coach Andy Stewart. He suggested some minor refinements but found that the association provisions were wonderful, created a good nurturing learning environment but that it felt like a “real” competition. We had achieved a good balance. He has taken some of the East Perth provisions back to other clubs as good way of operating. Additionally, East Perth development coaches are seen as a leader in this field and has been interviewed by Basketball Australia to help improve the national Aussie Hoops program.

This document sets out to provide information to those involved. It can also be used for under 8 competitions.

Scope of these specific rules

- a. These provisions apply to all players, coaches, sides, spectators and umpires playing in the East Perth District Basketball Association under 10 or mini-ball or Aussie hoops local competition.
- b. This section describes the organization’s objectives, guidelines and policies regarding the mini-ball competition ie under 8’s and under 10’s.
- c. It includes how East Perth Development coaches (“blue shirts”) and/or senior umpires may use these rules and guidelines to achieve the purpose on court.



- d. The document is not meant as a literal document and “work around” are discouraged as the program was developed on an “intent of the game” approach. We do what is best for the children to achieve our purpose with winning a secondary objective.

Provisions for under 10's

- I. Have fun!
- II. No zone.
- III. Players must be one on one in D (no double team etc.)
- IV. We use the lower ring (2.6 M) backboard and ring.
- V. No three seconds.
- VI. No back court.
- VII. **Fouls not to be counted** i.e. there isn't five fouls but if there are a rapid sequence we will give players a rest so the coach can explain etc. If a player is allowed back on after receiving 5 fouls and it keeps happening we may give some shots to make a point or leave the players off for the rest of the game. Usually decided on consultation with coach and umpire.
Special note on defense – t(he defense is not allowed to reach across from the side in order to try steal the ball especially where contact from the defensive players shoulder causes contact or a fright where the player is physically intimidated or jumps from contact. This is to encourage good defense early on. Defensive players to get in front and establish a legal guarding position with good footwork. This will be treated as a violation, and the offense will receive the ball from the sideline as appropriate. Should a foul occur however, a foul shall still be called and the penalty of that foul shall outweigh the penalty defined here.
- VIII. **Retreat to red line after basket** – or equivalent at The Rise or other general court i.e. 2/3rds of the way back - with no full court or half court press. ?
- IX. New kids are given some (small) lenience with travel if under pressure but usually get picked up if they are on their own (not under pressure). A player can be pulled up for a violation like travel and receive the ball back as a tool for improvement.
- X. All rules called are explained to children.
- XI. No one is allowed to “yell” or disrespect the green shirt umpires. It is preferential that development coaches (blue shirts) are asked questions about rules/calls or striped referees but if that is not possible then a genuine question at an appropriate time using a low key approach is tolerated. We prefer this isn't done but can live with if done well. The games controller and referee retain the right to call for no interaction if done inappropriately. Interactions must be done with absolute care and a coach or parent can be reported or asked to leave for transgression of this matter.
- XII. Mercy strategies are to be used on one sided games; we would prefer coaches to show initiative but umpires and development coaches can intervene. Strategies can include 5 passes before shooting, score thought the player who hasn't scored or limited scoring, no hands D, left hand play etc. FIBA says when there is a 10 point split but it is possible to have games where there is 15 – 20 points split yet consider them competitive i.e. scoreboard not the only measure but it is the coaches duty to deal with one sided games in the ways described above or similar mechanisms.
- XIII. Development coach or games controller reserve right to turn score board off. Scoreboards are optional and don't need to be used at this age. Other associations do not keep score at this age and neither do Australian Rules football.
- XIV. Scoreboard doesn't go above 30 points in one sided game unless the other team gets within 6 points.
- XV. Subs and timeouts are sometimes allowed by development coach (thus over ruling refs) where something needs urgent rectification.



4.6 UNIFORMS, NAMES AND EQUIPMENT

1. All teams must be correctly uniformed with matching singlets of their club, numbered on the front and back. Whilst FIBA now allows Numbers beyond that range of 4-15 EPDBA is asking for numbers that can be signalled with two hands and not require a third hand gesture i.e. the numbers 16 to 19. This is because our competition uses voluntary score bench officials who may struggle to understand what is being signalled. Shorts are to have no pockets.
2. After the third game of the competition, teams playing with unsatisfactory uniforms will not be allowed to take the court without approval of the games controller. A new registered player coming into a team will have one week to be in uniform. Teams not able to match exact uniform colours may seek approval, in writing, to the Local competition Director for a similar colour to apply.
3. No jewellery will be permitted (taping over jewellery is not acceptable), and nails must be kept short or appropriately taped as per FIBA, and BWA specifications.
4. If there is a clash of colours in the uniform for a game, then, before the commencement of the game, the second named team will wear an alternative strip or bibs. This will alternate each time these teams play each other. It is a club or side's responsibility to supply an alternative strip or bibs and arrangement should be made ahead of time.
5. Uniforms and team names must not include inappropriate words or graphics.

4.7 GAME BALLS

Girls/Boys U10 and Mini-ball size 5

Girls - U11 & 12 size 5,

Girls - U14 upwards - size 6.

Boys - U11 & 12 - size 5,

Boys – U/13, U14, and U15 - size 6,

Boys - U16 upwards - size 7.

Mouth guard Policy - Although not required under the domestic rules it is highly recommended that players wear a suitable fitting mouth guard.

5. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY

Players in a teams need to meet the eligibility criteria below to be considered a registered player. Unregistered players cannot take the court.

- 1) All players must be registered with EPDBA Local Competition, through Sportingpulse (this can be through an East Perth District Basketball Association affiliated club). Penalties will be incurred for a team playing an unregistered player.
- 2) Junior players may play in their own age group or older age groups. A junior player may not play in more than one team in any age division except as an emergency to avoid forfeit but as per the provisions outlined in section 4.4. Players can only play one game per day, any other game they play in another team other than their allocated team will be a declared a forfeit to the opposing team unless otherwise approved by the games controller(s). Alternatives are that the game be played as a scratch match. Other exemptions for guest and development teams playing up in age groups may be allowed at the discretion of the EPDBA Local Competition Coordinator or stadium games controller.

The EPDBA Junior Coordinator reserves the right to vary eligibility rules to maintain the participation of players entered in a competition.



In exceptional circumstances, such as for specific medical conditions, no age appropriate grade for players, children may be permitted to play in younger age groups. Please contact the association as soon as possible if you believe this applies in your case.

- 3) All 'pay to play' court fees are to be paid prior to the commencement of the game. This is presently \$48/week for each team.

The EPDBA Junior Coordinator will retain the score sheet or data from game in an online system and the game will not commence until all fees have been received.

- 4) A registered player must enter his or her full name on the score sheet before taking the court and be registered on the Association's online registration system and have their name appear on the team reports. If available, umpires should check the score sheet against the East Perth lists of registrations for that team. Unregistered players are not covered by insurance etc and this rule has been put in place to manage this risk as well as control the unfair practice of ring-ins.

5.1 WABL PLAYERS

A player selected to play in the Western Australian Basketball League (WABL) for any Association will be deemed a WABL Player from January to December for the year. This includes players selected on WABL teams that are yet to have played.

For teams entering in the EPDBA Junior/Domestic Competition, the following rule applies:

- 3 WABL player limit - teams can have a maximum of 3 current WABL players¹
- Teams with more than 3 WABL players will be required to play up an age group
- 5 WABL player limit - A side playing one age level up cannot have more than 5 WABL players².

¹Because Basketball WA has expanded the WABL competition, for under 12's and under 14's to four divisions, only players who play in East Perth's top two team will count as a WABL player.

² The 5 player part of the rule is for younger sides playing up – as outlined in the second dot point - is not designed for older age groups to have 3 WABL players of that age group and another two from a younger age group.

East Perth District Basketball Association reserves the right to make decisions to maintain a sustainable competition or fill an age group.

Development Teams

Approved WABL or development teams may be permitted to play - for developmental purposes - if there is sufficient court availability but will not accumulate competition points or play in finals and will be required to play one age group up. A group that is mostly or entirely WABL players can be deemed a development side and will need approval. Development sides are set-up for development outcomes under the guidance of the Directors of WABL or Development with the support of a selected WABL coach. The practice of setting up independent sides comprised of entire WABL players is not permitted.

Development teams - as endorsed by the Director of Basketball - can play with more than 5 WABL players.

In addition to this, a development team could comprise a girls' team playing in the boy's competition, if suitably up to the standard and safety factors have been identified and managed. Teams playing these teams will receive 3 competition points regardless of result. A team forfeiting to a guest team will only receive relative forfeit points,



either notified or un-notified points. These teams will be allowed at the discretion of the EPDBA Local Competition Director and must play in an age group relevant to their skill level. They may be moved up/down an age group if deemed necessary by the EPDBA Local Competition Coordinator.

Development or guest teams will only be allowed to enter into the competition if fixtures allow.

Teams that play ineligible players will incur forfeit points for the relevant matches. A second occurrence or larger scale issue may involve the removal of competition points as a punishment.

Individuals from teams that have withdrawn from a competition and still have money owing, may not play again in any team until they pay their share of the debt the withdrawn team has incurred.

EPDBA Junior Coordinator reserves the right to refuse admission of any team or player into the competition.

6. COMMUNICATION PROCESS

All communication between players, coaches, team managers and parents is to go through the correct process.

Parent issue

If a parent has an issue it must be directed to the correct person and the most appropriate time and not during a game.

Childs issue

If your child has an issue with the coach, then they (preferably) or their parent, as a last resort) should ask to speak with the coach at an appropriate time. Not during game time including before and after.

7. PARENTS ROLE AND PLAYERS RESPONSIBILITY

For some of you this may be the first time involved in with East Perth and playing in the Junior Domestic Competition. It is very important that ALL parents support not only their child, all players in the team and the coach. We are a basketball community.

Your support is needed in the following areas

- Getting your child to training regularly and on time
- Getting your child to the game well before game time, in the correct uniform and ready to play
- Helping with score table duties
- Encouraging and supporting your child and the team in games
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give their time and knowledge and deserve your respect and support – don't criticise
- Cheering and clapping all good plays
- Encourage your child to play within the rules and accept the referee's decision
- If you disagree with an official or coach, raise the issue at an appropriate time. Parents are not to approach referees during the game. Parents are not permitted to make comments to green shirts before during or after the game.
- Your teams coach may be penalised with a technical foul if supporters continue to behave inappropriately having being warned by the referee. Two technical fouls could see the coach removed from the game.

Player's responsibility

- Each player is required to wear their clubs/teams uniform for all games
- They should listen to coaches and parents and behave in a way consistent with the information above and the Basketball WA code of conduct.



- Ensure you have given the game playing fee to their team manager.
- Mouthguards should be worn for all games and training for local competition but this is each parent/players decision.

8. TEAM COACHES

Team coaches are appointed by the respective clubs/teams. The coaches are volunteering their time to coach the players and deserve respect and support.

As a general rule, players are to play in their correct age group division, there can be expectations upon application.

Coaches are expected to

1. Not be excessive in their demands on young players or umpires
2. Set a good example and earn the respect of their players
3. Be generous in praise and never yell at or ridicule their players for making a mistake or for losing a game
4. Do not abuse or be derogative to opposition players
5. Teach their players respect for officials and opponents – after the game be seen thanking the referees, score bench and the opposing coach and ensure that the players acknowledge the other team
6. Make a personal commitment to keep informed on sound coaching techniques, and issues related to the growth and development of children
7. Be aware of SPORT SAFE practices for the prevention and treatment of injury
8. It is the coach's role – with support from their manager and their local competition club – to ensure their bench and supporters behave in a way consistent with the BWA Code of Conduct and the information in the parent and players section. A referee may place a technical foul against the bench for a side having warned them to control their supporters.
9. Where possible keep their knowledge and skills up to date
10. Use mercy rule provisions
11. Do not poach players from other sides.

9. REFEREES AND GAMES CONTROLLER

The EPDBA Referees are trained by our referee coordinator and senior referees and referee coaches. Two referees are rostered onto every game. A referee Coordinator or games controller is present at all times and is available to coaches or parents on request. The referee Coordinator or games controller has the final decision on game day as to any decisions that need to be made regards the rules.

Games Controller - Any decision regards the efficient running of the competition, behaviour issues, and a team's eligibility to play, forfeits etc. will be made via the games controller. The games controller is in attendance at all games and venues.

The Association has a number different types of referees.

The **“green shirts”** are beginner referees and must be supported by all involved and association with EPDBA. This means strictly no abuse, this applies to all referees but very strictly applied for green shirts. They are the future and must not be spoken to or belittled by any person. They have general undertaken a level 0 course and been mentored by a senior official, referee's coordinator or ref's coach. Poor behaviour to green shirts can result in a game report and/or removal of coach from the venue by the games controller, referees coordinator or appropriate Director.



“The Stripes” are more qualified and experience referees who have generally completed a level 1 course with some senior referees having reached State level (level 2) and National (level 3). They can be approached politely by the coach at an appropriate time and seek clarification on matters.

The **“blue shirts” and Ref’s coaches** are senior officials at the Association who generally are very experience coaches and umpires. They are involved in coaching/officiating in the under 8 and 10 games (see section 4.5) but also review and coach older local competition referees, especially if the referees coordinator is not attendance. The association would prefer queries to go to these referees, again using a polite approach.

Blue shirts, senior striped referees, the Ref’s coach and the games controller may all speak to coaches and team supporters to control a situation where behaviour is not considered appropriate or line with BWA’s code of conduct.

This being said, only the games controller have the ability to cancel games for gross misconduct or request people removed from the stadium.

10. VENUES AND FIXTURES

With the growth of the East Perth Junior Domestic Competition games are scheduled to be played at either of the following venues

Morley Sport & Recreation Centre – Cnr Wellington and Mangini Rd Morley

The Rise – Eighth Ave Maylands

Teams can’t be guaranteed that their games will be played at the same venue each week or same time. The fixtures are prepared in advance and there are no criteria for which teams play at either venue. For logistical reasons, including venue and court availability, there is sometimes a need to change these fixtures. All care will be given to notify affected teams. The association offers the service of having fixtures and amendments emailed to any individual who registers. It also notifies clubs of such changes but clubs do need to ensure that changes to addresses etc. are changed to make this effectual. Fixtures are also loaded onto the Associations’ website and it is recommended that people check this periodically to ensure they go to the correct venue at the correct time. It is the players’ responsibility.

In terms of venues, the association may need to use additional venues or other days if competition growth exceeds current capacity or existing courts are unavailable.

Should games need to be cancelled which are outside of the management’s control, e.g. power outages or flooded courts etc., games may be shifted or rescheduled by the games controller.

If the games are not rescheduled, a game may be declared a draw.

A game may also be deemed cancelled/abandoned by the Games Controller – in discussion with the referees – due to poor conduct by players from both teams and their supporters, or if the continuation of play is perceived to be dangerous to players if courts in unacceptable condition. If a game is abandoned because of poor conduct from one team, the match will be forfeited by that side.

Withdrawals

In the event of a team withdrawing from the competition, every effort will be made to replace that side. If it is not replaced, each game in the withdrawn team have participated shall be considered a bye by the opposition team and points be allocated accordingly. Fixtures may be redrawn and circulated to manage this situation.



11. PAYMENT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

Financial arrangements

All clubs and sides need to be financial to continue playing in the local competition. This includes payment of registration, fees and penalties. This includes provision for:

All independent sides must pay a nomination fee to enter the competition.

All clubs fees must be paid by the midpoint of the season. Not paying fees will lead to clubs being declared unfinancial. Unfinancial teams shall not be eligible to receive any premiership points during the unfinancial period. Agreed arrangements can be made to ensure points are reinstated upon that team becoming financial again.

Unfinancial teams cannot take part in the competition finals.

Unless arrangement are made, any accepted teams who withdraw after the start of the season will not be eligible for any refunds.

Payment of fines – All fines imposed on an individual or team will be involved as soon as practicable with payment to be made within 14 days. Any fine not paid can result in that team being declared unfinancial and will affect the ability of the team to qualify or take part in competition finals.

Game day payments – teams must make payments to the games controller or official prior to the game commencing. Players who are not in attendance at the commencement of the game have until half time to join the teams and make necessary payment.

12. AFFILIATE JUNIOR CLUBS

East Perth is proud to have a number of clubs and independent teams playing within the Junior Domestic Competition. A club is deemed to be any group that registers 8 or more teams under their name/banner.

Maylands Basketball Club, Bedford Basketball Club, Morley Rockets Basketball Club, Ballajura Noranda Basketball Club

We do accept independent teams to play in our competition although we do reserve the right to refuse entry to the competition. All sides that play in East Perth District Basketball Association competition are bound by the constitution of the EPDBA, the rules in this book and by the BWA code of conduct.

13. VIDEOING AND PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

East Perth is conscious of the concerns raised regarding the taking of video footage or still photographs.

In setting this policy with regard to the use of cameras in our stadium and other stadiums during WABL games we have reached what we feel is a fair and simple compromise.

The following policy shall apply to the use of cameras at all games. A person is permitted to video and photograph games involving minors provided that they are

1. Related to the player involved in the game
2. Have sought permission from team players and opposition players through the relevant team manager

If parents have concerns about people videoing or taking photographs at games, they should raise them with the games controller or the opposition team manager.



Under no circumstances should video footage or photographs taken be posted online or in any public forum without the permission of the parents of all minors appearing in the video or photograph first being obtained.

Consent is given at the time of registration online with Sportingpulse.

14. COMPLAINTS AND TRIBUNAL

Complaints

If you wish to lodge a complaint please do so in writing to admin@eastperth.basketball.net.au. Remember that we are all volunteers and working hard and all year round to ensure all children get a chance to play. Please be civilised and courteous when lodging your complaint as being abusive, derogative or aggressive in your complaint will not be tolerated by East Perth. Initial complaints should be short and to the point. The association will need facts to examine matter and can ask for detail if needed so please avoid making long and complicated statements. The association may deem such approaches to complaints inadmissible.

All complaints will be replied to in writing following investigating and speaking with all parties.

- 1) All protests regarding the outcome of a match should be lodged with the Games Controller or the Associations Administration within 48 hours of the alleged incident admin@eastperth.basketball.net.au.
- 2) Other complaints should be handed to the Games controller or sent to the Association Administration within 48 hours of the alleged incident via email admin@eastperth.basketball.net.au
- 3) The EPDBA operates under the Disciplinary Tribunal By-laws of Basketball WA and its Code of Conduct. A person will be reported if they commit an offence under the by-laws or acted in a manner which is detrimental to the proper and efficient conduct, control or administration of basketball. Tribunals are held as soon as practicable to deal with offences committed at games.

15. TRIBUNAL PROCESS

Should a player, coach, parent, team manager or spectator be reported to the association for disciplinary action it will be handled by the Tribunal committee appointed by the Executive.

East Perth will conduct internal Tribunal process unless coach, player, parent is reported to BWA. At any BWA tribunal a representative of East Perth will be available to you.

The EPDBA tribunal shall hear and determine all charges brought before it by the Director of Local Competition based on a report made by the Games controller on behalf of the game officials. It shall also hear and determine any other matter referred to it by the Local Competition Director.

The tribunal shall impose penalties as it deems appropriate upon players, clubs, individual sides, officials and coaches. The range of penalties shall include but not be limited to fines, game suspensions and suspended sentences. The penalties will be guided by the relevant BWA processes.

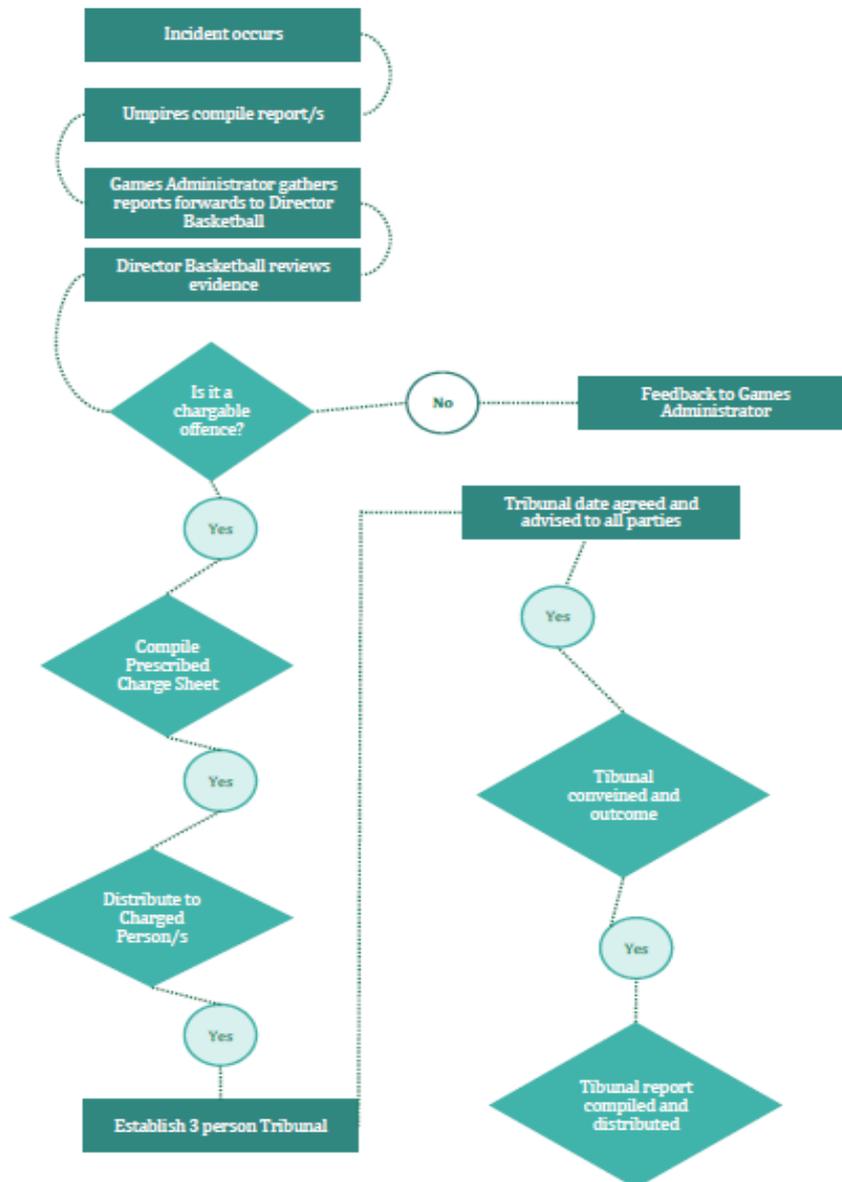
The tribunal has jurisdiction over any event that occurs within the stadium or surrounds where the competition is being conducted. It also has the ability to consider behaviour that is not consistent with the BWA Code of Conduct including social media.

All tribunal hearing and correspondence relating to hearings are to be confidential. However, the association retains the right to make a generic statement on an incident, especially where it aids with education of club members.



DECISION TREE FLOWCHART

Reportable Incident





Report procedures

Any reports that generate out of a game must be notified to the EPDBA Executive within 24 hours. This should include a summary of events by Games Controller with a recommendation and include a copy of the referee's reports. Long emotional emails with second hand information that make unfair demands are discouraged and can be discarded from proceedings.

The tribunal shall be made up of a Chairperson and two other persons who are not connected in any way to the matter being heard. The Association reserves the right to use people who are not members of East Perth in the Chair or member roles to provide an independent view.

If the person concerned in the matter before the tribunal does not appear at the notified time and place or refuses to provide information, a decision may be made without them and penalty prescribed. They are permitted to nominate an advocate to appear in their stead or to submit a written report. Any player, member, supporter or club involved in a matter being heard by the tribunal may be accompanied by an advocate. However, the tribunal reserves the right to exclude individuals from the hearing, especially where they are not directly involved. It is not an open session.

If a player is found guilty and a game(s) suspension is imposed, notification is to be sent to the players concerned and to their club/team clearly showing the penalty. The preferred contact on the registration form/system can be used if contact has proved difficult.

If it is not possible to make contact or advise the party of the decision and penalty, it is permissible to notify the persons club of the outcome or place a generic notification on the clubs website as way of notifying of that outcome, especially if efforts have been made but it is impractical to make contact with the person or side.

Appeals

Any player or member of the Association found guilty by the tribunal may, within 24 hours of notification of the finding, appeal the finding or the severity of the penalty. Such appeal must be lodged in writing to the Association secretary, addressed to the Tribunal Chairperson and must clearly specify full details of new or additional evidence supporting the appeal. The Chairperson shall determine acceptance or rejection of the appeal and that decision shall be final.

In terms of notification, the provision outlined in the previous section can be used.

16. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

If a player is injured during the course of the game the following procedures should be followed:

- 1) On the reverse side of the score sheet write the injured player's name, number and contact phone number, and provide a brief description of the injury, the approximate time the injury was sustained and any other player involved. If using an online system, then use an additional bit of paper and present to games controller.
- 2) Report the injury to Games Controller for inclusion on the Injury Register.
- 3) Immediately following the injury, consults your Local Doctor.
- 4) It is your responsibility to claim any injury expenses.

Please Note: Any unregistered Player, playing in the EPDBA Competition who gets injured, will not be covered by the associations Insurance. They will play at their own risk and knowingly forfeit their right to be covered, due to not applying to the guidelines in these rules and handbook. They will need to claim their own insurance cover, due to not being registered in the competition.



17. ITEMS NOT PROVIDED FOR AND AMENDMENTS

The EPDBA Executive, shall have the power to alter or amend these competition rules as the need arises.

All such amendments or alterations to be passed to the Coordinator Domestic Competition for distribution to the clubs within 14 days of receiving from EPDBA executive.

Any items not provided for in these rules and not covered by FIBA or practical to implement shall be dealt with by the Board of the East Perth District Basketball Association.

18. REFERENCES

- e. FIBA website for rules <http://www.fiba.com/documents>
- f. Basketball Australia site for Aussie Hoops <http://www.aussiehoops.com.au/>
- g. Basketball WA site for rules <http://www.basketballwa.asn.au/index.php?id=46>
- h. East Perth site which includes local competition rules and policies (this will soon be updated - May 2016) http://www.foxsportspulse.com/club_info.cgi?client=1-5011-83386-0-0
- i. Insurance - <http://www.basketballwa.asn.au/index.php?id=44>

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