



**KALGOORLIE-BOULDER
BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (INC)**

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RULE 1 - PLAYING RULES / BY-LAWS

- a) All competitions or games conducted by the Association shall be conducted in accordance with the Official Rules of Basketball as adopted by Basketball Australia.
- b) Variations or modifications to suit any particular set of circumstances must be with **full approval** of the Board. Request must be in writing and presented to the board within 72hrs prior to the commencement of the relevant game/s with the board giving a decision no later than 24hrs before the game.

RULE 2 - RULES INTERPRETATION

- a) 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, then the matter shall be determined by the Kalgoorlie Boulder Basketball Association Board of Directors (the Board).
- b) In any instance where the matter of the Official Rules of Basketball is not acceptable to the majority of the Board, then the matter shall be referred to the Referees Commission of Basketball W.A. for final decision. Copies of final decision to be submitted to members in Board minutes.
- c) Any interpretation supplied by the Referees Commission of Basketball W.A. shall become accepted interpretation and shall be compiled with and by the Board and if existing, the Referees Association.

RULE 3 - TEAM NOMINATIONS

- a) Affiliated Clubs or Associations wanting to participate in any competition or game conducted by the Association, shall complete the nomination and registration forms as prescribed by the Board.
- b) Such forms shall be supplied to the Board on or before the due dates.
- c) All nomination forms shall be approved by the Board, or a duly appointed Sub-Committee of the Board before any Club or Team may participate in any competition or game conducted by the Association.
- d) All teams shall be required to pay a nomination fee as determined by the Board.
- e) The Board reserves the right to consider late nominations after the closing date. Any Club nominating a team after the closing date for nominations that is approved by the Board to participate in the domestic competition shall be required to pay an additional \$50 to their nomination fee.
- f) Any club that withdraws their team from the competition after the start of the domestic playing season for the grade the team is playing in shall forfeit that team's nomination fee and will be fined an additional \$50.

RULE 4 - GRADINGS

- a) All competitions conducted by the Association shall be conducted on a division basis, such divisions to be decided by the Board, or a duly appointed Sub-Committee of the Board.
- b) It shall be the responsibility of the Board, or a duly appointed Sub-Committee of the Board, to determine the relative merits of competitor teams, and to allocate such teams to respective divisions.
- c) The Board shall have power to call for such evidence as it may require for the purpose of allocating teams to divisions and if considered necessary.
- d) The Board or Sub-Committee shall have power to alter or amend team gradings from time to time.
- e) The decision of the Board or Sub-Committee shall be final with regard to the grading of teams.

RULE 5 - COMPETITION FIXTURES

- a) The Board, or duly appointed Sub-Committee, shall be responsible for the Competition and publication of an official fixture list to cover all divisions of any competition conducted by the Association. Such an official fixture list shall be approved by the Board at least seven days prior to the commencing of the competition.
- b) Such an official fixture list once approved by the Board shall not be altered or amended in any way, except by the Board or duly appointed Sub-Committee.
- c) Where any team, because of extreme circumstances, requires to postpone or defer a scheduled fixture, application, in writing, must be made to the Board at least 72hrs prior to the scheduled date of the fixture which is required to be postponed or deferred with the board giving a decision no later than 24hrs before the game.
- d) 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 Board shall not be taken into account when compiling the points table for the division. Neither team shall be allowed points and all points both for and against shall be forfeited by both teams.

RULE 6 - COMPETITION POINTS

- a) Competition points shall be allocated for each game completed in accordance with the official fixture as follows: -

Win	3 points
Draw	2 points
Loss	1 point
Forfeit	-3 points
umpiring fine	-3 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.
- c) For the purpose of this rule, a game played at a time and place not authorised by the Board or duly appointed Sub-Committee shall be considered as a forfeit, as provided in Rule 5 (d).

RULE 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)
 - (i) *Divisions with 4 or more teams:*

1 st Semi Final	Teams as shown No 3 and No 4 on the points table
2 nd Semi Final	Teams as shown No 1 and No 2 on the points table
Final	Winner of 1 st Semi Final versus Loser of the 2 nd Semi
Grand Final	Winner of the 2 nd Semi Final versus winner of Final
 - (ii) *Divisions with 3 teams:*

Qualifying Final	Teams as shown No 2 and No 3 on the points table with team as Shown No. 1 on the points table to advance straight to the grand final
Grand Final	Winner of the qualifying final vs the team shown No. 1 on the points Table
 - (iii) The Board of Directors may use their discretion in approving an alterations to a Finals series where there may be more than 8 (*eight*) teams in any one grade.
- b) Any team which forfeits 3 or more games during the season shall not be permitted to take part in any finals in that grade.

RULE 8 - INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS BETWEEN GRADES

1. SENIOR PLAYERS – Note only relevant to the senior competition

- (a) No Senior Player shall be permitted to play in more than one game per night except in the instance when a team in a higher grade is lacking in player numbers. The inclusion of the lower grade player can only be considered up to a maximum of 8 players for the higher grade team.
- (b) A Senior Player is restricted to playing up in higher grades 4 times during the season. If a lower grade player plays the 5th game in higher grades then they are ineligible to return to play in the lower grade for the remainder of the season.
- (c) In any instance where two teams from any Club are included in the same division, players are not permitted to move from one team to another.
- (d) A Player will be considered to have participated when their name is entered on the scoresheet and he is physically present in the stadium on the players' bench in full team uniform including playing shoes for duration of the game.
- (e) Any protest or dispute concerning interchange of players between divisions shall be dealt with by the Board as a matter of urgency.

2. JUNIOR PLAYERS – Note only relevant to the junior competition

- (a) All Junior Players must be under age as at 31st December in the year of the competition.
- (b) No Junior Player shall be permitted to play in more than one game per night except in the instance when a team in a higher grade is lacking in player numbers. The inclusion of the lower grade player can only be considered up to a maximum of 8 players for the higher grade team.
- (c) A Junior Player is restricted to playing up in higher grades 4 times during the season. If a lower grade player plays the 5th game in higher grades then they are ineligible to return to play in the lower grade for the remainder of the season.
- d) In any instance where two teams from any Club are included in the same division or grade, players are not permitted to move from one team to another following the completion of the Third fixture. All teams to be finalised by the start of the Fourth set of fixtures.
- e) A Player will be considered to have participated when their name is entered on the scoresheet and is physically present in the stadium on the players' bench in full team uniform including playing shoes for duration of the game.
- b) If a Junior Player is selected for a "Development" side to compete in the Senior Domestic Competition, the player will be eligible to play for his/her Club in Juniors and the "Development" team.

RULE 9 - ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FINAL SERIES.

1. SENIORS

- a) To be eligible to participate in the final series of any competition conducted by the Association, senior players must have played a minimum of four (4) games during the qualifying rounds and grade eligibility shall be determined as follows:-
- b) Where a player has played in one division only they shall be eligible to participate in the final series in that division or any higher division.
- c) Where a player has played in two or more divisions during the qualifying rounds they shall be eligible to participate in the final series in a Grade they are eligible to play based on Rule 8 (Interchange of Players between Grades). However, if they play in the higher grade in the final series they cannot return to the lower grade for the remainder of the final series.
- d) Where a player has qualified in a Grade, They shall be eligible to play in that final series in that Grade or a higher Grade. However, the player is restricted to playing one game per round of the final series.
- e) 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.
- f) Any protest or dispute concerning the eligibility of a player to participate in a final series shall be referred to the Board and dealt with as a matter of urgency.

2. JUNIORS

- (a) To be eligible to participate in the final series of any competition conducted by the Association, junior players must have played a minimum of four (4) games during the qualifying rounds and grade eligibility shall be determined as follows:
- b) Where a player has played in one division only they shall be eligible to participate in the final series in that division or any higher division.
- c) Where a player has played in two or more divisions during the qualifying rounds they shall be eligible to participate in the final series in a Grade they are eligible to play based on Rule 8 (Interchange of Players between Grades). However, if they play in the higher grade for the final series they cannot return to the lower grade for the remainder of the final series.
- d) Where a player has qualified in a Grade, They shall be eligible to play in that final series in that Grade or a higher Grade. However, the player is restricted to playing one game per round of the final series.
- e) 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.
- f) Any protest or dispute concerning the eligibility of players to participate in a Final Series shall be referred to the Board or duly appointed Sub-Committee, and shall be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

RULE 10 - FIXTURES NOT COMPLETED

- a) Should a team listed to take part in an official fixture fail to appear at the stipulated time, for any other reason indicate that it is not prepared to commence the game at the stipulated time, then the opponent team, providing 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 Board and will not take part in the final series.
- 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 opposing 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 fixture in question shall be considered 20 - 0 in favour of the team awarded the game.
- (e) In the event of a game being played at the time and place not authorised by the Board, the score shall be considered at 0 - 0 neither team being awarded points for the game. In the calculation of percentages Rule 5 (d) shall apply.

RULE 11 - ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- a) To be an eligible player within the meaning of these rules, a player shall comply with the definition as prescribed by Basketball Australia and shall be a registered member of an affiliated Club, Team or Association 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 Board or duly appointed Sub-Committee within 24 hours of the incident by the referee of the game in question, or may be brought to the notice of the Board by an elected member of the Association or member of the Board. Such reports, which in all cases must be in writing, shall be referred to the Board or duly appointed Sub-Committee for decision.
- c) It shall be the responsibility of affiliated Clubs, Teams or Associations to ensure that ineligible players do not participate in competition games. In an instance where it shall be proved that an ineligible player has so participated, then the Board or duly appointed Sub-Committee shall be empowered to take such action as it may think fit against the offending Club, Team or Association.

RULE 12 - PLAYERS UNIFORMS

- a) Each affiliated Club or Team shall select a distinctive uniform which shall be registered with the Association.
- b) The pattern and colour scheme of the uniform shall be approved by the Board prior to registration. The pattern shall be shorts and singlet or top.
- c) Each player shall be numbered on the front and back of their singlet/top with numbers as prescribed in the Official Rules of Basketball.
- d) Where in any grade a clash of colours becomes obvious the question shall be referred to the Board or duly appointed Sub-Committee who will determine the matter and determine the Club or Clubs which will be required to supply alternative uniforms.

RULE 13 - REGISTRATION AND INSURANCE OF PLAYERS

- a) Affiliated Clubs and Teams shall take steps to ensure registration with the Association of every member playing for the Club or Team.
- (b) All players are required to register on-line with Sports TG and pay the BWA Levy. No players can play in the Association's competitions unless they are registered and the BWA levy is paid.

RULE 14 - CLEARANCES

- a) A registered playing member of an affiliated Club or Team shall not transfer from that Club or Team to any other affiliated Club or Team until such time as a clearance on a duly prescribed On-Line Association Clearance Form has been obtained from the Club or Team with which that player is registered, and such clearance has been approved by the Board or approved persons.
- b) The Association, or any Club or Team within the Association, shall not refuse to grant an inter association clearance within Western Australia, except where it can be proved that the player is un-financial with the Association, Club or Team.
- c) The Board shall not refuse to grant an interstate clearance, except if it is proved that the player concerned is un-financial with the Club or Team with which he is registered or the Association. In which instance the clearance shall be refused until such time as the outstanding amounts have been paid.
- d) The Association shall not refuse to grant an Inter-Club or Inter Team clearance except where it can be proved that the player concerned is un-financial with the Club or Team with which that player is registered or previously registered with.
- e) In any instance where an affiliated Club or Team shall refuse to grant a clearance to a registered member of such a Club or Team, the player concerned may refer the matter to the Board for a decision. The Board or duly appointed Sub-Committee shall have the power to instruct the Club or Team concerned to issue a clearance except where it can be proved that the player concerned is un-financial with the Club or Team.
- f) In the event of an affiliated Club or Team disbanding, or failing to re-apply for affiliation, registered members of that Club or Team shall be free to transfer to any other affiliated Club, Team or Association without first applying for a clearance, except that where such a Club or Team is un-financial with the Association, the individual member shall pay to the Association a proportion of the outstanding amount before being eligible for membership with any other Club or Team.
- g) An application for an inter-Club or inter-team clearance received on a date which is more than eight (8) weeks later than the commencement date of the current competition shall not be considered.
- h) Tabled clearances shall be returned to the Board or approved persons within seven (7) days of the clearances having been tabled at the Association meeting OR with the sighting and signing of the clearances by the Chairperson or approved persons.
Clearances outside seven (7) days of sighting or signing or tabling at an Association meeting, if unanswered to receive an automatic clearance.
In the instance of the player seeking a clearance being un-financial with the Club or Team from whom the player is seeking a clearance and upon written notification and proof to the Board of this fact by that Club or Team, the player shall be ineligible to play for any other Club or Team from the date of tabling of notification at a Board meeting until financial commitments are fulfilled with the Club or Team from whom the player is seeking a clearance.

RULE 15 - REFEREES

- a) The appointment of referees to officiate at competition games conducted by the Association shall be the responsibility of the Board or duly appointed Sub-Committee.
- b) It shall be the responsibility of the Board or duly appointed Sub-Committee to determine the method of appointment of all referees.
- c) Referees should sign in for their nominated fixture/game 10 prior to the start of that game.

RULE 16 - TIMEKEEPERS AND SCORERS

- a) As required it shall be the duty of each team participating in any game conducted by the Association to provide scorers and / or timekeepers. Such officials to report to the Games Controller at least ten (10) minutes prior to the Scheduled start time of the game concerned.
- b) The scorers and timekeepers shall operate in accordance with the Official Rules of Basketball as applying to scorers and timekeepers.

RULE 17 - SCORE SHEETS AND EQUIPMENT

- a) It shall be the responsibility of the team coach, bench person/s and referees to complete the necessary team's details and ensure only active players are included on the Sports TG scoresheet. Players cannot be added after the start of the game.
- b) Only players listed as active on the Sports TG scoresheet shall take the court. If a player not listed as active on the scoresheet takes the court then that team shall lose the game (20-0).
- c) It shall be the responsibility of the Association to provide the necessary court equipment, as specified in the Official Rules of Basketball, for all games conducted by the Association.

RULE 18 - SUPPLY OF BASKETBALLS

- a) Match balls in all divisions shall be supplied by the Teams.
- b) Teams are to provide their own balls for warm up before a match.

RULE 19 - DUTY TEAMS

- a) The Board or duly appointed Sub-Committee 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 Board or duly appointed Sub Committee shall be considered in default and shall be subject to such penalties as from time to time are decided by the Board.

RULE 20 - FINANCIAL STATUS

- a) All affiliated Clubs and Teams shall remit to the Board such team nomination fees as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board.
- b) An un-financial group, club, team or affiliated centre shall not be permitted to participate in any competition conducted by the Association.

RULE 21 - PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

- a) An affiliated Club, Team, Member of the Board, Referee or Umpire 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 or the result of any competition match.
- b) Reports or protest by affiliated Clubs, Team or Member of the Board must be lodged with the Board within 72 hours of the completion of the fixture the subject of the protest.
- c) Reports referred to in paragraph (a) must be in writing, addressed to the Board. No protests will be accepted unless made by a member of the Association or affiliated Association of Basketball W.A. The Board shall immediately refer the matter to the Judiciary Panel as hereafter described, for decision. The Judiciary Panel shall be empowered to resolve the matter and in the event of a decision effected the result of the competition game, to order the necessary adjustment of the points table or replay of the game concerned.

RULE 22 - JUDICIARY

- a) A Judiciary Panel shall be appointed by the Board at the first meeting of the Board after the Annual General Meeting in each year.
- b) The Panel shall consist of a minimum of 5 Independent members and a maximum of 10 members. Three members of the Panel will be appointed by/or from the Board of Directors of the Association. Other members of the Panel will be appointed within the basketball network or totally independent from the Association. A minimum of three (3) members are required to sit on any Tribunal hearing. Any one of the Panel will be elected to chair the meeting on the night.
- c) The Kalgoorlie-Boulder Basketball Association Inc. adopts the Basketball W.A. Tribunal Rules.
- d) Any report made by a referee or other authorised person may be withdrawn by the person making the report. Notice in writing of the request to withdraw the charge must be provided to the Board by the reporting official. No reason need to be supplied. The written notice that the charge is to be withdrawn must be received by the Board no later than 12 hours before the matter is to be determined by the Tribunal.
- e) Any player found guilty as a result of Tribunal proceedings shall be rendered ineligible to receive any Fairest and Best Awards during the playing season in which the offence occurred.

RULE 23 - TROPHIES AND AWARDS

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

RULE 24 - JURISDICTIONS

- a) For the purpose of these By-Laws, members of affiliated Clubs and Teams 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 at other State centres, whether such games are organised by the Association, Teams or the Club concerned, are deemed to be within the jurisdiction of the Association from the time the team departs from Kalgoorlie until such time as all members return to Kalgoorlie.

RULE 25 - LIQUOR RESTRICTIONS

A member of an affiliated Club, Team or Association 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 Board such permission having been previously obtained in writing.

RULE 26 - INFRINGEMENTS

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

RULE 27 - AMENDMENTS

The Board shall have power to alter or amend these By-Laws. Any changes to the By Laws must be approved by no less than a two thirds majority of the Board when put to the vote.

RULE 28 - ITEMS NOT PROVIDED FOR

Any matters 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 Board.

Additionally to these local By Laws and Playing Rules, the Association follows the By Laws and Policies of its governing body, Basketball WA. These include:

- **Member Protection Policy (updated 2015)**
- **BWA Health Policy**
- **Disability Action Plan**
- **Tribunal By-Law**
- **Tribunal Procedure**
- **Privacy Policy**
- **Customer Service Policy**
- **Code of Conduct (Player, Coach, Parent & Spectator)**
- **Social Media Policy**
- **Anti-Doping Policy**
- **National Integrity Framework**
- **Inclusion Policy**

