

Videoing and Photography Policy

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The Western Australian Basketball League (WABL) is conscious of concerns raised regarding the taking of video footage or still photographs in basketball stadiums. Nevertheless, we are also conscious that there are genuine and innocent reasons why this may happen, including the recording of family memories and scouting by team coaches.

In setting a policy with regard to the use of cameras in its stadiums and during its competitions and programs, the WABL has endeavoured to reach a fair and simple compromise between these competing needs.

The following policy shall apply to the use of any photo or video record device (camera, smartphone etc.) in all WABL stadiums and during all WABL competitions and programs. A person is permitted to video and photograph games involving minors provided that they are:

- a) related to a player involved in the game, or
- b) doing so for scouting purposes, or
- c) approved by the Officials Education Officer at Basketball WA for the purpose of referee development and education.
- d) approved by the League as an Official Photographer.

In the cases of b, c, and d, the person must make themselves known to the Games Controller prior to acting. The use of SLR cameras is strictly prohibited, unless used by an approved Official Photographer.

If parents have concerns about people videoing or taking photographs of junior games, they should raise them with a stadium official. If the person using a camera is then unable to convince the stadium official that they fall into either of the above categories, they will be asked to discontinue taking photos/filming and may be asked to leave the venue.

Any person aggrieved by that decision should raise the matter at the earliest opportunity during business hours with the WABL Competitions Administrator at Basketball WA.

No videoing or taking of photographs will be permitted under any circumstances in the toilets or changing areas of stadiums where WABL programs or competitions are being conducted.

Under no circumstances should video footage or photographs taken in WABL programs 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.

The above policy will apply to the BWA State Championships as it sits under the WABL competition banner.