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RULE 1 – PLAYING RULES

All competitions or games conducted by the Association shall be played in accordance with the OFFICIAL RULES OF BASKETBALL as adopted by Basketball Australia. Variations or modifications to suit any particular set of circumstances must be with the approval of the Committee.

RULE 2 – RULE INTERPRETATION

- (a) In any instance where a ruling is required as to the intent or purpose of any rule included in the Official Rules of Basketball, the Rules Interpreter/Referee Coordinator appointed from time to time by the Association will determine this.
- (b) All rulings given by the Rules Interpreter shall be reported to the Committee, together with his/her decision regarding the matter.
- (c) If the Rules Interpreter is unable to reach a satisfactory conclusion on any matter relating to the rules of the game, he/she shall refer the matter to the State Rules Interpreter, whose decision shall be final and binding.

RULE 3 – TEAM NOMINATIONS

- (a) Any affiliated teams or Association desirous of participating in any competition or game conducted by the Association, shall nominate electronically in the way prescribed by the Committee.
- (b) All nominations shall be approved by the Committee/Registrar, and such approval must be given before any team or Association may participate in any game or competition conducted by the Association.
- (c) To be considered for the fixturing process at the start of the season, each electronically nominated team must have a minimum of seven (7) financial players, a Coach, a Manager and an Assistant Coach if so desired.
- (d) No more than ten (10) players can participate for a team in a fixtured game.
- (e) The Registrar or Executive committee reserves the right to decide on the suitability of team names.
- (f) Only those players and coaching staff who are registered will be permitted to sit on the team bench during games.
- (g) When a nomination is accepted then the team nominees agree to abide by the Rules of the Association.

RULE 4 – REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- (a) Affiliated teams shall take steps to register with the Association annually, every playing member of the team.
- (b) Such electronic/paper registration shall be considered to have been correctly effected when the registration form and the subscription fee, as prescribed by the Committee, shall have been duly received by the Treasurer of the Association or any person duly appointed by the Committee to carry out the duties of Treasurer.

- (c) The Association shall maintain a register of all financial players showing the player's name and team. Such register shall be available at each and every meeting of the Committee, and shall include a record of the games and division in which every registered member has participated.
- (d) It is a requirement for all new players to the Association to provide an original copy of their birth certificate, Australian passport or Driver's Licence as proof of age on or before the second Association fixtured playing date. This document only needs to be sighted and is not to be copied and stored by the Association.

RULE 5 – GRADING/DIVISIONS

- (a) All competitions conducted by the Association shall be conducted on a grade/division basis, as determined by the Committee.
- (b) It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to determine relative merits of teams wishing to participate, and allocate them to respective grades/divisions.
- (c) The Committee shall have authority to change or amend teams within a grade/division from time to time.
- (d) The decision(s) of the Committee shall be final.

RULE 6 – PLAYERS UNIFORMS

- (a) Each affiliated team or Association shall select a distinctive uniform that shall be registered with the Association.
- (b) The Committee shall approve the design and colour scheme and reserves the right to decide on the suitability of uniforms.
- (c) Each player's uniform shall be numbered on the front and back in accordance with the official Rules of Basketball. See relevant article in the FIBA Rule Book, Article 4.3.
- (d) All players must be in full uniform for all games as from the Association's fourth (4th) playing fixture. Any variation will require prior written Committee approval.
- (e) An exemption to this playing uniform policy will only be considered by Committee on written application that is supported with a medical certificate.
- (f) A registered player who participates in a game and who is out of uniform will incur a four (4) point penalty. Referees will add the point's penalty to the opposition team at half time.
- (g) In the event that there is a uniform colour clash then TEAM A will be required to wear an alternative strip provided by the Association.
- (h) Shorts with open pockets are not permitted. Pockets that have been machine stitched may be accepted. Taping pockets is not acceptable.
- (i) Every playing member of a team must have shorts that are reasonably the same in colour/style/length/identical motif.

RULE 7 – ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- (a) To be an eligible player within the meaning of these rules, a player shall comply with the amateur definition as prescribed by Basketball Australia, and shall be a registered member of an affiliated team or Association in accordance with Rule 12 of these By-laws.
- (b) All new fill-in players must register with BWA and also be financial with BWA by 5pm on the day prior to the fixtured game in which they wish to participate to be eligible to play. Please allow 24 hours for this action to be completed.
- (c) All instances concerning the alleged participation of an ineligible player in a competition game shall be in writing to the Secretary within 24 hours of the incident concerned, by the Games controller or any member of the Association, or a protest lodged by the offended team. Such report(s), shall be referred to the Executive or nominated sub-committee for a decision.
- (d) It shall be the responsibility of affiliated teams or Associations to ensure that ineligible players do not participate in competition games. In any instance where it shall be proved that an ineligible player has so participated the Committee shall be empowered to take such action as they may think fit against the offending team or Association.
- (e) Any player receiving a Disqualifying foul (Art. 38 or Art. 39) during a game will be ineligible to participate as a player in any other game on that playing night.

RULE 8 – COMPETITION FIXTURES

- (a) The Committee, or duly appointed sub-committee, shall be responsible for the compilation of an official fixture list, and to have it published or made available to Association members. Such a list must always be approved by the Committee.
- (b) A fixture list, once approved by the Committee, shall not be altered or amended in anyway, except by the Executive.
- (c) A set of fixtures shall be defined as one weeks set of games whereby each team in a grade/division plays one game or has a bye.
- (d) When a team is re-graded up or down during the season that team starts with a nil win/loss ratio.
- (e) When re-graded up or down during the season a players MVP votes are not transferrable.
- (f) Where a team, requires postponing a scheduled fixture, because of extreme circumstances:
 - i. An application must be made in writing to the Secretary at least one (1) week prior to the date of the scheduled fixture.
 - ii. The opposition team is not obliged to play on another night if it is inconvenient to that team – they would win on a forfeit.
 - iii. If played at another time and/or venue the team seeking the change shall organise the alternative fixture and incur all associated costs.
 - iv. ABA will cover referee payments and teams should endeavour to provide their own referees.

- (g) Teams that cause a fixture to start late will be penalised 2 points for every minute, or part thereof, that the game is delayed. Penalty points as deemed by the Crew Chief at the direction of the Committee are to be awarded to the opposition team's score at half time.
- (h) Where the teams agree and the Executive Committee approves to a fixture time change, the game must be played before the next Association set of fixtures or a forfeit will be the result.
- (i) Any competition game played at an unsanctioned time or place not in accordance with the official list of fixtures, as approved or amended by the Executive or a duly appointed sub-committee, shall not be taken into account when compiling the premiership points table for that grade/division. Neither team shall be allowed premiership points or the score for that game, which will be classed as forfeited/washed out for both teams.
- (j) Drawn Games – the result will stand during the qualifying fixtures, however, for all finals the Association will follow those rules as set down in the Official Rule Book.

RULE 9 – MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS BETWEEN GRADES OR DIVISIONS

- (a) No player shall be permitted to play for another team in the same age group during the season.
- (b) Any player can play one extra game per night in any age group higher than his/her normal competition game.
- (c) A registered player can only fill-in for a team in a higher age group TWICE in a season.
- (d) After a player has played their second (2nd) game with a team they may stay in that team provided they pay an additional subscription (as set by the Committee) for the extra competition from which they benefit.
- (e) A team may only use a fill-in player(s) to make a full complement of six (6) players for that fixture.
- (f) Registered team players who arrive late are not permitted to take the place of a fill-in player once the game has commenced.

RULE 10 – FORFEITS

- (a) Should any team listed to take part in an official fixture, fail to appear at the stipulated time, or for any reason, indicate it is not prepared to commence the game at the stipulated time, then the opponent team, (providing that the official rules of the game have been complied with), shall be awarded the game on a forfeit.
- (b) Any team that forfeits three or more games during the qualifying rounds may be disqualified for the season by the Committee.
- (c) When a team forfeits a game, that team will be responsible for the game fee as determined by the Association and will be required to pay that fee before the next fixtured game.
- (d) Game fees will be refunded to the non-forfeiting team provided the court is not used for a scratch match. A scratch match can be played, but no official scores or player votes will be recorded.

- (e) Referees will not be paid for scratch matches.
- (f) In the event of a team being disqualified from the competition, then each game in which that team should have participated shall; be considered as having been won by the opponent team. It shall not be necessary for the opponent team to appear at the place set down for the playing of the fixture. The score will be as per Bylaw Rule 10 (g).
- (g) In the event of a forfeit by any team, the score for the fixture in question shall be as per the FIBA Rule Book.

RULE 11 – MOUTHGUARDS

- (a) Mouthguards are now the responsibility of the parent/guardian/carer, in determining whether or not their child will wear this device on ABA game nights.
- (b) Players representing this Association in any other competition, will be required to adhere to that competition's ruling on mouthguards.

RULE 12 – FINANCIAL STATUS

- (a) All affiliated teams shall remit to the Association such fees as may be prescribed from time to time by the Committee.
- (b) All players must be fully financial with the Association and BWA prior to commencement of fixtures unless a prior arrangement has been made, in writing, with the Committee.
- (a) Players that are not financial with this Association or with BWA, will be deemed ineligible to play and will not be permitted to participate in any competition conducted by the Association.
- (b) Players who join a team at any time prior to the Christmas break will pay full fees.
- (c) Players who join a team after the Christmas break will pay a reduced subscription as determined by Committee.
- (d) Players that are not financial from the previous season (fines) must clear their debt before nominating for a new season.
- (e) Any request for refund of season fees will be determined by Committee. Applications for refunds must be in writing stating reason for request.

RULE 13 – DUTY TEAMS

- (a) The Committee shall have authority to allocate duties to teams, as required, in any matter related to the operation of the Association.
- (b) Any team, not carrying out the duties as prescribed by the Committee, shall be considered to be in default and shall be subject to such penalties as from time to time decided by the Committee.

RULE 14 – ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FINALS SERIES

- (a) To be eligible to participate in the Finals Series of any competition conducted by the Association, players must have played at least four (4) games during the qualifying rounds.
- (b) For the purpose of this rule, it shall be the responsibility of all affiliated teams to carefully assess the eligibility of players before permitting them to participate in a finals series.
- (c) The court manager will prominently post a list of possible ineligible players by the first playing fixture after the Christmas break.
- (d) Any protest or dispute concerning the eligibility of a player to participate in the Finals Series shall be referred to the Committee in writing and dealt with as a matter of urgency.
- (e) A player's name on the scoresheet/computer generated scoresheet shall be sufficient proof that he/she has represented that team for the game, providing the said player was physically present and correctly attired during the period of the game.
- (f) Eligible players can play in two finals series in different age groups.
- (g) Byes are not considered as qualifying games for the purpose of determining eligibility.
- (h) In the case of a game won on a forfeit, only those players whose names appear on the scoresheet/computer generated scoresheet can count the game in assessing eligibility for finals.
- (i) Where a team that has a fully financial player that is unable to satisfy (a) above, that team may seek Committee discretion for an exemption.

RULE 15 – COMPETITION POINTS ON A WIN/LOSS RATIO

The ABA competition operates under a standard competition points system that recognises team positions within a premiership table for each age group/division.

For each game the following points are allocated to the playing teams to form the premiership table:

- Win – 2 premiership points
- Draw – 1 premiership point to each team
- Loss – 0 premiership points

The premiership table consists of:

- Games played
- Premiership points – collective
- Points for – total collective points scored by a team
- Points against – total collective points scored by opposition teams against a team
- Percentage – calculated between points for and points against

Ladder positions on the premiership table are based on the team with the most Premiership Points. In the event that two or more teams have equal points then the ladder position is determined by the team with the higher percentage.

Example

	Games Played	Won	Draw	Loss	Premiership Points	Points For	Points Against	%
Team 1	3	3	0	0	6	95	45	211
Team 2	3	1	1	1	3	65	57	114
Team 3	3	1	1	1	3	61	68	89
Team 4	3	0	0	3	0	43	75	57

RULE 16 – FINALS SERIES

The finals series shall be played at the end of qualifying rounds and the methods detailed, may be used:-

(a) 1st Semi Final Team shown as No. 3, plays team shown as No. 4 on the premiership ladder.

2nd Semi Final Team shown as No. 1 plays team shown as No. 2 on the premiership ladder.

Preliminary Final Winner of the 1st Semi Final versus the Loser of the 2nd Semi Final.

Grand Final Winner of the 2nd Semi Final versus the Winner of the Preliminary Final.

(b) 1st Semi Final Team 1 versus Team 4 on the Premiership Table.

2nd Semi Final Team 2 versus Team 3 on the Premiership Table.

Grand Final Winner of each Semi Final.

(c) Grand Final Only No. 1 versus No. 2 on the premiership table at the end of the qualifying rounds.

(d) Team/team members who forfeit any finals series game shall:-

- Forfeit the right to participate in any future finals in that season.
- Be fined \$20 per team member.
- Not be permitted to play in the future with this Association until the fine is paid.

(e) The committee may decide to “fully time” a portion of the Grand Final game time.

(f) The Committee may choose to appoint scorers for the finals series.

RULE 17 – TROPHIES & AWARDS

(a) The Committee shall have authority to allocate:

- i. Trophies to various grades/divisions.
- ii. Awards for acknowledging meritorious service by anyone who has contributed to the objectives of the Association.

- iii. Special recognition by way of Life Membership of the Association as per Constitution, recognising voluntary service to the Association. A summary of service is to be provided to the Committee for consideration.
- (b) A player receiving a Disqualifying foul (Art. 38 or Art. 39) or two (2) game ejections (Art. 36 and/or Art. 37) during the season will be ruled ineligible for awards.

RULE 18 – STATE PLAYER SUBSIDY

- (a) Recognition of successful selection to an approved BA/BWA Championship team may entitle ABA players to a representative subsidy as follows:-
 - i. Must have played two (2) consecutive full seasons with ABA prior to selection in a representative team at this level.
 - ii. Represented ABA at Country Championships in prior year(s).
 - iii. Has nominated ABA as home association with the State body.
 - iv. Appropriate ABA subsidy application form has been submitted to Committee for consideration.
- (b) The Committee will review the subsidy amount on an annual basis.

RULE 19 – REFEREES

- (a) It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to determine the method of appointing and paying referees for all games played under the jurisdiction of the Association.
- (b) The Association shall endeavour to provide ongoing training to those who seek to improve their refereeing service.
- (c) The Association may choose to provide incentives to elevate the standard of refereeing by whatever means deemed reasonable.
- (d) The Association shall determine the appropriate standard of dress for Referees.

RULE 20 – SCORERS

- (a) It shall be the responsibility of each team competing in any grade/division conducted by the Association to provide one scoretable person per team. Such duty personnel shall operate in accordance with the Official Rule Book as applying to scoretable personnel.
- (b) The Association shall endeavour to provide ongoing training to those who seek to provide a score table service.
- (c) Team A will assume the duties of the scoresheet/computerized scoresheet and Team B will operate the visuals.

RULE 21 – SCORESHEETS, COMPUTER GENERATED SCORESHEETS & ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT

- (a) Scoresheets and/or electronic scoring mechanisms for all games conducted by the Association shall be supplied by the Association.

- (b) It shall be the responsibility of the coach or manager to electronically select each player physically competing each game night at least (5) five minutes prior to the scheduled commencement time.
- (c) It shall be the responsibility of the Association to provide all necessary court equipment for all games conducted by the Association.
- (d) Any team, not carrying out the duties as prescribed by the Committee, shall be considered to be in default and shall be subject to such penalties as from time to time decided by the Committee.

RULE 22 – REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

- (a) There must be a minimum of two (2) trials.
- (b) Those seeking to coach must complete the online application form by the due date to the Secretary/Carnival Co-ordinator.
- (c) Players seeking selection in a team must actively participate in at least one trial session.
- (d) Any requirement for the wearing of mouthguards is as per Rule 11 (b)
- (e) Court costs will be subsidised by the Association for the first two trials.
- (f) The Association will cover the cost of three (3) full-court training sessions for each representative team following the trial process. Thereafter it becomes the responsibility of the coach/manager to organize further training sessions and payment.
- (g) The Committee reserves the right to consider prospective players who at the time of trials are prevented from trialling for medical reasons. Carnival Coordinator may require a Dr's Certificate.
- (h) Representative teams are to be made up of a minimum of eight (8) players to a maximum of 10.
- (i) Team selection process shall be by the Coach with the assistance of two (2) committee members who should both be present at the trials. All three should compile their team list and together submit a final team selection to the Carnival Co-ordinator. Issues will be dealt with by the Carnival Co-ordinator.
- (j) Following the first Representative event, the Carnival Co-ordinator may, re-open a new team selection process. This process will be open to all eligible players and be completed and confirmed by the Carnival Co-ordinator before the last fixture in December of each year.
- (k) Only the Carnival Co-ordinator reserves the right to approach players following trials, if a representative team is short of players.
- (l) Where there is more than one team nominated in any age group the Carnival Co-ordinator shall delegate coaches to teams on a per Carnival basis.
- (m) Upon selection all players must attend training. If they are injured it is expected they attend and watch and assist the coach/manager where possible. Following each training session, the names of absentees are to be recorded by the Team Manager/ess and the Carnival Co-ordinator will be notified of any attendance issues.

- (n) The Carnival Co-ordinator or Executive Committee has the power to withdraw a team or a player if training requirements are not being met.
- (o) Each representative player may be required to pay an ABA sanctioned set fee to the Team Manager within two (2) weeks of selection. This will cover additional training costs and BWA game day entrance fees. The manager/ess is to record training expenditure and any surplus is to be recorded and presented to Committee prior to March 1st to enable redistribution to players/parents. No other money is to be collected from players.
- (p) Referees of representative teams will be paid a game fee as determined by the Committee.
- (q) Referee travel expenses:
 - i. Where a parent conveys an ABA junior referee to officiate on our behalf at a BSW carnival this Association will make contribution to fuel costs.
 - ii. Where a parent conveys an ABA junior referee to officiate on our behalf at a BSW carnival, but also has a child playing in that same competition, this Association will contribute half of the amount offered for (i.) above.
 - iii. Senior referees will also be covered as applicable.
- (r) The Association will contribute to the costs of the coach, referee and team manager for BWA Country Championships.
- (s) The Association will decide the number of teams that will be nominated to attend events.

RULE 23 – CHARGES, PROTESTS & DISPUTES

- (a) Members of the Association shall have the right to lodge a report on the nature of a charge or protest, or give notice of a dispute in relation to the conduct of any fixtures game, or the behaviour of any player taking part in the match, or the result of any fixture game.
- (b) A member of the Committee, the referees, the administrator or games controller, shall have authority to bring charges against any team or player in relation to matters as detailed in clause (a) above.
- (c) Such reports shall include a comprehensive account of any incident or happening giving rise to the charge, protest or dispute, and shall name the team or player(s) concerned, and be in the hands of the Secretary/President within twenty four (24) hours of the completion of the game concerned.
- (d) Any report lodged by any team or persons authorised to do so, which alleges unsportsmanlike conduct or matters as prescribed in clause (a) hereof, shall be considered to be a charge against the player, team or member concerned.
- (e) Any report lodged shall be handled in accordance with clause (f) hereof.
- (f) Upon receipt of any report(s) as referred to in this rule the Secretary shall immediately refer the matter to the Executive, for a decision before the next playing date.
- (g) All reports made under this rule shall be in writing, and signed and dated by the person making the charge, protest or dispute.

RULE 24 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(a) The Executive Committee will comprise

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

and ANY one (1) other ordinary committee person that may be required from time to time.

RULE 25 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (internal mediation)

(a) Shall comprise the President, Vice President, and Treasurer. (Secretary used as a scribe)

(b) For judiciary hearings use two (2) executive members and one other member from Committee as required.

RULE 26 – JUDICIARY COMMITTEE (external mediation)

This committee requires three (3) community members with basketball/referee/public court system knowledge.

RULE 27 – EXECUTIVE/JUDICIARY MEETING PROCEDURE

(a) An Executive or judiciary member shall have no connection with the team or player(s) involved in the report.

(b) Where possible this Committee should be gender balanced.

(c) The Secretary or designated committee person shall act as convenor for all meetings of the Executive or judiciary committee.

(d) The Executive or judiciary committee shall have power to enquire into all reports submitted in accordance with Rule 23 of the By-Laws.

(e) The Executive or judiciary committee shall consist of three (3) people who will each have a copy of the charge made against the offending persons(s).

(f) In the event of a protest or dispute, the executive or judiciary committee shall be empowered to resolve the matter, and in the event of a decision affecting the result of a fixtured game, to order an adjustment of the premiership table or a replay of the game concerned.

(g) In the matter of a charge against a player, coach, referee, spectator or team, for alleged unsportsmanlike conduct or any other action, the executive or judiciary committee shall be empowered to impose such penalty as it may consider necessary.

(h) Verbal notice by a referee, umpire or the person making the charge, at the conclusion of any competition fixture or at the time of any incident to be referred to the Executive or judiciary committee, shall be considered as sufficient advice to the person/player or team concerned.

(i) The Secretary shall ensure that all parties involved in any charge, protest or dispute shall be supplied with a copy of the charge.

- (j) A date for the hearing should be set in the week following the reported incident. This should not be imposed without the player, the team or member concerned being given a reasonable opportunity of appearing before the Executive or judiciary committee.
- (k) The Secretary shall prepare a report of the meeting proceedings and place on file.

RULE 28 – JUDICIARY PROCESS

- (a) Elect a Convener for the meeting.
- (b) Read the incident report prepared by the person(s) making the charge.
- (c) Each party is permitted one witness and one support person (if under 18) that is not a parent.
- (d) Individually invite the person(s) laying the charge(s) to give their version of the event in dispute. Executive or judiciary committee can then ask questions. Complainant(s) leave the room.
- (e) Individually invite the defendant(s) to hear the charge(s) and then give their version of the event in dispute. Executive or judiciary committee can then ask questions. Defendant(s) leave the room.
- (f) Only recall defendant(s) if there is a need to clarify an issue.
- (g) Executive or judiciary committee retires to make a ruling on the matter. It may be appropriate as a guide, to have on hand a copy of the penalties as set down by BWA.
- (h) Defendant to stay to hear the verdict.
- (i) Should the defendant(s) be unavailable on the date stipulated, the executive or judiciary committee shall still meet for a decision.

RULE 29 – JURISDICTION

- (a) For the purpose of the By-laws, members of affiliated teams or Associations are considered to be within the jurisdiction of the Association while they are in the precincts of any playing 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, and also while any player or official is representing the Association at any games or series, wherever it may be played.
- (b) Members of any team selected to represent this Association are deemed to be within the jurisdiction of the Association from the time the team departs from Australind until such time as all members return to Australind.

RULE 30 – INFRINGEMENTS

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

RULE 31 - AMENDMENTS

The Committee shall have the power to add, alter or amend these By-laws from time to time.

RULE 32 – WORKING WITH CHILDREN CERTIFICATION

This government legislation must be abided by. The Association must sight this documentation and details must be recorded and/or updated on an annual basis.

RULE 33 – BA & BWA POLICY DOCUMENTS

The Association reserves the right to access these documents for items not covered in the Australind Basketball Association By-laws.

- (a) No Zone Rules – for junior competition.
- (b) Tribunal Rulings and Penalties for consideration
- (c) Codes of Conduct
 - i. Players
 - ii. Coaches
 - iii. Referees
 - iv. Spectators
- (d) Any other current BWA document

RULE 34 – ITEMS NOT PROVIDED FOR

Any matter not covered by the scope of these By-laws, provided that it comes within the objects and jurisdiction of the Association, shall be dealt with by the Committee.