

### **Section 1: Senior competition Team entries & administration**

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#### **1A: Clubs**

- 1) Registered Clubs must consist of four or more teams entered in the senior competition.
- 2) Registered clubs are required to be incorporated.
- 3) Registered clubs are required to hold an Annual General Meeting of its members and provide the Board of WBI with details and contact details for the Club's executive and other officials.
- 4) Registered clubs are required to appoint a committee to manage the day-to-day operations of the Club.
- 5) Registered Clubs are required to provide the Board of WBI with all requested details and documents within the time frame provided by WBI Board, including documentation regarding their AGM, incorporated status and annual financial statement.

#### **1B Independent teams**

- 1) Individual teams may enter the senior competition, at the discretion of the WBI Board.
- 2) A designated team contact must advise WBI of contact details and agree to represent the team and ensure the team abides by the rules and regulations of the competition.

#### **1C Responsibilities of Club Officials and Team Contacts**

Club Officials and Team Contacts must:

- 1) Liase with the WBI Board and appointed officials to ensure that competition rules and objectives are met for the benefit of the whole competition.
- 2) Ensure all players are fully insured and registered in accordance with the rules of the competition.
- 3) Provide the Courtmaster with a Team List of registered players at least one week prior to Round One.
- 4) Communicate changes to team lists to the WBI courtmaster
- 5) Oversee the completion of all applicable online registrations of their teams and players
- 6) Are responsible for the payment of forfeit fees
- 7) Are responsible for ensuring their members abide by the rules of the competition, by laws, and codes of conduct.

#### **1D Team entries (applicable to clubs and independent teams)**

- 1) The Board must decide the date and time of the season draw, and advise closing dates for acceptance of team entries.

- 2) The Board may include additional provisions and expectations with team entries for the benefit of the competition including the provision of team referees and special grading requirements.
- 3) Individual Teams and Club Teams must be registered with the Association prior to the commencement of each playing season, within the time frame advised by the WBI Board.
- 4) Late team entries will be admitted to the competition at the discretion of the WBI Board. An administration fee may apply.
- 5) Any request for an alteration to a team entry after the draw has been completed, which causes the draw to be re-calculated, will attract a penalty fee
- 6) Withdrawal of a team after round three (3) will attract a team withdrawal fee, as advised by the Board.

#### 1E Other team entries

- 1) Wangaratta Warriors Junior Representative sides may be entered into WBI senior domestic competitions at the discretion of the WBI
- 2) Teams from other Associations may register to play in the Wangaratta Basketball Inc. competition, at the discretion of the WBI Board.

#### 1F Grading

- 1) The Board will decide which grades are offered each season. Notification will be given via the website prior to the commencement of the season.
- 2) Grades in which less than 4 teams are entered may be discontinued at the Board's discretion. Team entry fees will be refunded in this case if the competition has not extended beyond three rounds.
- 3) Grading matches may be played for up to the first three (3) rounds of each season, whereby the Board has the right to re-grade teams as they see as being in the best interests of even competition either following or during the first three (3) rounds of competition. Results of matches played as grading matches will count towards the calculation of ladder positions.

#### 1G Uniform

- 1) The penalty for a uniform violation is ten (10) points per offender, indicated on the scoresheet and applied by the referee at half time.
  - 2) All numbers must be clearly visible on the front & back of all tops. If a player's number is unreadable, they will be given one (1) warning. The player may play out that game. In future games unless they have a readable number, a ten (10) point uniform violation will be incurred.
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### ***Section 2: Forfeits***

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- 1) If a team forfeits a game, without notice, it will incur a fine of \$50.00 for a Senior game,
- 2) If the Courtmaster is notified of the forfeit at least twenty four (24) hours before any proposed forfeiture, no penalty shall be incurred. Such notice may be given by email to the Courtmaster who shall notify the opposing Club or Team Secretary/Contact person and scheduled referees immediately.
- 3) If a paid scratch match is played, no forfeit fine will apply. A scratch match cannot be played without a referee.
- 4) For percentage purposes, a score of twenty (20) points to nil (0) is recorded for all forfeits.
- 5) For the purposes of determining eligibility to play finals, ALL players in attendance (names on scoresheet) when the forfeit occurs, will be deemed to have played.
- 6) If a notified forfeit occurs, players are deemed to be in attendance if they played the previous or following round.
- 7) Should both teams fail to have four (4) eligible players present and ready within 10 minutes of 'centres' being called the match will be declared a draw. The match result will be 0-0.
- 8) Any Senior team incurring a second unadvised forfeit within the season will be ineligible to play finals.
- 9) A third forfeit (advised or unadvised) may result in the team being excluded from the competition.

### ***Section 3: Player Eligibility***

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#### **Section 3 Part A: General**

- 1) Players must pay their match fee prior to the commencement of the match. Late fee receipts must be presented to the scorer before a player can take the court. If a player takes the Court without paying, a penalty of 10 team points will be awarded to the opposing team on both the scoresheet and the scoreboard by the referee at half time and marked unpaid player.
- 2) Any team or club that plays a player who is ineligible, unregistered or suspended (or players playing under assumed names) or plays under another player's name will be automatically disqualified from the game concerned. Penalty – loss of four (4) premiership points. If the team playing the ineligible player loses the match, then the winning team has the option of having the actual scores stand or having them changed to a win by forfeit.
- 3) Any player from another BVC affiliated association must present proof of insurance from their own association before registration is accepted by WBI.
- 4) A player may not play two (2) games in the same round for two (2) teams from the same club in the same grade. eg: 'A player from "Boomers Gold cannot play for "Boomers Green in the same round.

- 5) A player playing senior competition may play additional games with their Club only (not with an individual team), provided that all games played in the same round of matches fall within two (2) consecutive grades. Eligibility rules apply.
- 6) A player registered as a Junior may play in any Senior grade but in doing so, must abide by all by-laws applicable to senior players, whilst playing in senior competition.
- 7) Professional players are ineligible to play. Players must not receive benefits of any kind with the exception of legitimate expenses or trophies.
- 8) Players must be registered with a Club or an Individual Team. They cannot be registered with both.
- 9) A player may fill in for another team within their club in another grade (eligibility rules apply).
- 10) A player registered with a club cannot fill in for an independent team or another club unless a permit has been completed and accepted.
- 11) A player may swap teams (within their club) only to stop a forfeit; that player being the fourth player. I.E. If Titans Blue (A Grade) has three players only, a player from Titans Red (A Grade) may play to stop a forfeit, but only if that player hasn't played in that grade already that night. If a player arrives late, the player used to stop the forfeit must be removed from the game.
- 12) Junior players, 18 years and younger, must play in a junior competition, if offered, before being eligible to play in a senior competition.

### Section 3 Part B Senior Finals Eligibility

- 1) A bye does not count as a match played for player eligibility with respect to the Finals.
  - 2) To qualify to play in finals, a player must have played at least 3 possible games during the season for that team.
  - 3) Once a player has played six season's games in the higher Senior grade they will not be eligible to play in the lower Senior grade.
  - 4) A player that has played no more than 5 games and a minimum of 3 games in the higher grade and minimum three games in the lower grade is eligible to play finals in both grades.
  - 5) Games do not count for eligibility to play finals unless players have taken to the court in the first half. Referees are responsible for striking off players who have not taken to the court by half time.
  - 6) Only players that are fully eligible for the team (juniors and seniors) can play in finals matches. Playing an ineligible player will result in the team forfeiting the match.
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### *Section 4: Clearances and Permits*

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#### Section 4 Part A: Clearances

- 1) Players that wish to play for a new club or team within a calendar year must apply for a clearance.
- 2) Clearance applications must be made on an official clearance form (Appendix 3) and must be lodged with the courtmaster or secretary prior to the player being able to participate in the match for his new club/team.
- 3) Clearance applications must be lodged prior to round 4 of the season. No other clearances will be accepted during the season. The only exception will be if a player hasn't played in the previous season. Special circumstances may be granted by the Board.
- 4) Club secretary/team contact has 7 days to authorise a clearance as accepted or refused.
- 5) Should the clearance form not be returned prior to the expiry of the 7-day period, and then the clearance shall be automatically granted.
- 6) Uncontested clearances will be approved automatically by the Board.
- 7) Contested clearances must be forwarded to the Board within seven (7) days. The Board is to decide the clearance and the Secretary must notify the player and both clubs of the Board's decision.
- 8) A new player will be allowed two (2) games grace with the Club/s and/or Team/s of their choice prior to deciding which Club/Team they wish to play with on a regular basis. Upon having played their third (3rd) match, they will be classed as a member of that particular Club/Team and be subject to the relevant clearance By-Laws, should they wish to change Clubs.
- 9) Players, who have not represented their former Clubs or Individual teams for a period of one (1) season, may play for another Club or team simply by re-registering with the Association. They do not have to apply for clearances.
- 10) Where a Club/Team has disbanded, players in that Club/Team do not require a clearance.
- 11) A player refused a clearance may appeal in writing to the WBI Secretary within seven (7) days of such refusal. The appeal must be heard by the Board within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of such appeal, and its decision shall be final and binding.
- 12) Upon receipt of such written appeal, the Association Secretary shall record same and shall notify the following parties of the date and time when the appeal will be heard.
  - (i) The Club that refused the clearance.
  - (ii) The Club to which the player is to be cleared.
  - (iii) The Player concerned.
- (c) One representative from each club concerned and the player concerned may then attend the appeal hearing and speak on the matter.

#### Section 4 Part B Permits

- 1) If a team is facing a forfeit due to lack of players, a one (1) game permit is available so a player from another Club/Team may play.
- 2) Permits will not be automatic. Permitted players first obligation is to play with the first Club that they are registered with.
- 3) Players may obtain a permit from their registered Club/Team to play for another Club/Team for a season due to the following circumstances:
  - i. Too many players in the team
  - ii. No Club team playing for the season
  - iii. To even out competition (Board to vote on this)
- 4) Player permits to be lodged on the current Player Permit Form at Appendix 4.
- 5) SENIOR players (over age of 18) can obtain a one-season permit to play in a higher grade with another club, NOT lower.