



WEST SYDNEY WOLVES BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION COMPETITION BY- LAW

GENERAL

1.1 Basketball is a family-orientated sport and local competitions are conducted by West Sydney Wolves Basketball Association (WSWBA) primarily to promote enjoyment, fitness, teamwork, sportsmanship and community spirit for all participants. With this in mind, West Sydney Wolves Basketball Association expects all participants to adhere to the spirit of the rules, with fun and healthy recreation as the primary goals rather than displaying a win at all costs attitude.

1.2 Given the above (1.1) WSWBA reserves the right to make decisions that give effect to the intention of the By law, better than the literal interpretation.

1.3 WSWBA shall be the governing body for the authorisation, implementation and enforcement of the WSWBA Competition By-laws (the by-laws).

1.4 These by-laws should be considered in conjunction with the FIBA Rules of Basketball & the Official Rules of Basketball. Where a conflict exists between these documents, these by-laws shall take precedence. FIBA Basketball Australia & NSW Basketball Association Ltd (NSWBAL) shall contribute as governing bodies in relation to their relevant areas of responsibility.

1.5 West Sydney Wolves Basketball Association maintains a Zero Tolerance Policy regarding:

- Persistent and/or willful challenging of the decisions of referees
- Abuse of referees, players, officials or spectators
- Violence against players, officials or spectators
- Conduct deemed inappropriate for a community sporting environment

1.6 These by-laws shall apply to the operation of any local competition(s) and participants therein, operated or directed by WSWBA.

1.7 By participating in any role within a competition operated or directed by WSWBA or entering a venue under the control or direction of WSWBA, any individual agrees to abide by By-laws, WSWBA Codes of Conduct and/or WSWBA policy as stated or implied.

1.8 It shall be the responsibility of any participant in any role within any competition operated or directed by WSBA or entering any venue under the control or direction of WSWBA, to be aware of the most recent version of the by-laws and/or codes of conduct.



1.9 In these by-laws, an authorised representative of WSWBA shall refer to:

- A current member of the WSWBA Committee of Management (WSWBA COM)
- A current member of the WSWBA Administration team including office staff, Court Supervisors and Referee Supervisors

1.10 For the purposes of the by-laws, the term registration shall also include affiliation except where specifically stated.

1.11 For the purposes of the by-laws, the term sport shall refer to Basketball in any format conducted by WSWBA or other governing bodies of the sport.

1.12 Players are required to play in competitions according to the gender determined on their birth certificate.

1.13 Team benches are to be occupied only by team members, coaches and team managers. All spectators are required to be located in spectator seating areas provided.

1.14 Team captains act as representatives of the team during the game. Captains are permitted to make enquiries of game officials on behalf of team members provided such enquiries are made in an appropriate manner. Continual questioning of game officials is not permitted. Captains are required to provide reasonable assistance to game and WSWBA officials in ensuring that teams behave in an appropriate manner.

1.15 Coaches and team managers are required to provide all reasonable assistance to game and WSWBA officials in ensuring teams behave and participate in an appropriate manner.

1.16 Team members and/or spectators must not approach officials and must direct all queries through the Court Supervisor or Referee Supervisor.

1.17 The final grading of teams shall be at the discretion of WSWBA. Where a team or individual is considered to be too strong for a particular grade or competition, WSWBA reserves the right to move the team or individual to a more appropriate grade/competition as a condition of entry.

1.18 In the event of injury, it is the responsibility of the injured party to notify WSWBA administration of the circumstances of the injury as soon as possible.

1.19 In competitions up to & including U12's, free throws shall be taken from the U12 free throw line.

1.20 Three-point baskets will count as two-point baskets in competitions up to and including U/12s.

1.21 While WSWBA encourages all junior teams to play man to man defence, there is no formal 'Zone Rule' in WSWBA local competitions.

1.22 Mercy Rule – In all age groups up to and including U16's, where one team is leading by more than 20 points or more, the leading team shall retreat to play quarter court defense anytime the trailing team is



inbounding the ball. Should the margin fall below 15 points, this restriction shall be removed. This rule shall be enforced by supervisors, not game officials.

PARTICIPATION

2.1 All players must have their name pre-printed on the scoresheet and must sign on personally (i.e. write their playing number beside their name) before they enter the game.

2.2 Players whose names are pre-printed on the scoresheet may join the game at any time however players joining the game after the start of the second half must report to the Court Supervisor prior to doing so.

2.3 Where a name is not pre-printed on the scoresheet, that player must print their full name on the scoresheet and register or present proof of registration to the Court Supervisor before taking the court.

2.4 Unregistered players will be indicated on scoresheets by (EXP) beside a player's name. Unregistered players will be refused entry to a game if adequate proof of registration is not furnished to the Court Supervisor before taking the court.

2.5 Teams are required to be located and remain in the team bench area during the course of the game unless disqualified or ejected. Team A shall be located to the left of the score bench while facing towards the court and Team B shall be located to the opposite side of the score bench unless both teams agree to swap.

2.6 All substitutions, time outs, etc. must be directed through the score table.

2.7 Fingernails extending beyond the end of the finger must be trimmed or taped with a soft material-style tape for the duration of the game. Sports gloves are not permitted.

2.8 Any visible body piercing jewellery must be removed or taped before taking the court. All necklaces and bracelets must be removed before taking the court. WSWBA accepts no responsibility for body piercing jewellery not visible or any injury resulting from said jewellery. Wristbands, other than sweat bands made of a suitable material, are not permitted.

2.9 Any other equipment that may potentially injure other participants in any way or that does not comply with any other regulations in the sport must be removed.

2.10 Any player suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or any illicit substance will not be permitted to take the court. Any player displaying behaviour deemed by game officials or a Referee or Supervisor to be caused by being under the influence of any such substance during a game shall be removed from the court immediately.

2.11 Where a participant's and/or spectator's actions are considered detrimental to the sport or not within the spirit of the sport, a game official or authorised representative of WSWBA or its governing bodies may remove that participant from the game and/or the venue.



UNISEX RULES

- 3.1 Even more so than other WSWBA competitions, Unisex is promoted as a social competition and players must play within the spirit of the competition.
- 3.2 A maximum of two male players is permitted on court at one time.
- 3.3 If a team is unable to field a third female player during a game, this vacancy on the team may not be filled by a male player.
- 3.4 A male player may take a defensive position in front of a female player but must not attempt to block her shot. The male player's feet must remain on the ground and his hands within his cylinder. Infractions of this rule may be penalised by the shooter receiving two (2) free throws.
- 3.5 Unisex will be played with a size 7 ball.

REGISTRATION

- 4.1 All players must register on the official registration form (either hard copy or online) and pay the appropriate fee before taking the court for their first game.
- 4.2 It is the player's responsibility to maintain current registration at all times. WSWBA reserves the right to refuse participation to any unregistered party.
- 4.3 It is the player's responsibility to immediately notify WSWBA of any changes in personal details.
- 4.4 Players participating in an age-governed competition may be asked to produce proof of age.
- 4.5 WSWBA reserves the right to undertake identification checks as it sees fit.
- 4.6 Any team playing an unregistered player or players will have the result of that game recorded as a forfeit loss.
- 4.7 Any registered player found to be playing under a false name shall be suspended from all levels of participation for a period of no less than 2 weeks.
- 4.8 Where a team is found to be in breach of Section 4 of these by-laws, WSWBA reserve the right to remove said team from all competitions and impose an administration fee equivalent to four forfeit fines.



TEAM ENTRY

5.1 WSWBA is not bound by any offer of entry to accept nomination by any team or individual to any competition under its control for any reason it sees fit. Where a team entry is not accepted by WSWBA the entry fee shall be refunded.

5.2 Teams must submit the official WSWBA Team Entry Form (either hard copy or online) accompanied by the appropriate entry fee, on or before the date specified on the entry form.

5.3 It is a condition of entry that the manager and coach sign the Child Protection Declaration on the WSWBA Team Entry Form.

5.4 Entries will only be accepted if signed by a responsible adult who is prepared to act as team manager. These signatories shall be held responsible for the conduct of the team. An adult party acting as manager and/or coach must attend each game and be located in the bench area for the duration of the game.

5.5 Teams may nominate a maximum of 10 players per team.

5.6 Any late player nominations must be registered (as per **BY-LAW 4.1**) and listed on a Team Addition/Deletion form before taking the court.

5.7 Players cannot be added to the roster after week 5. Players who have not played during the first five weeks will be removed from the team roster. Requests to waive this rule will be considered on a case to case basis.

5.8 For Junior competitions:

- Junior teams will be restricted to a 10 point system for Rep players please see junior 5 x 5 competitions.
- Where one representative player is unavailable for a particular game another representative player shall not replace them.

5.9 For the purposes of **By-Law 5.8**, a representative player is one who is a member of a representative team of any association (including Development Players) in the year of competition commencement.

5.10 All representative players are ineligible to play in our U10 competition.

5.11 All Premier League team must consist of a minimum of 10 points system. Rep players from other Associations are deemed to be Rep players for the purposes of this by-law.

5.12 WSWBA reserves the right to waive or alter **By Law 5.8** in the interest of placing a team in an appropriate grade/competition.

5.13 WSWBA reserves the right to restrict junior players from playing in older age groups at its sole discretion where the situation is deemed to be contrary to the best interests of the individual and/or the competition.

5.14 Any team withdrawing from the competition after the close of nominations will forfeit their nomination fee and pay a withdrawal fee equal to four forfeit fines.



6. COURT FEES

6.1 Court fees schedules will be published.

6.2 Team court fees will be paid in three parts:

- Pt 1 Game Fee x 10 games - due the 3rd week of competition.
- Pt 2 Remaining court fees for the season (up to and including the semi-finals) due the 11th week of competition (forfeits and byes will be taken into consideration).
- Pt 3 If required, a final adjustment for forfeits or draw changes (either credit or debit) will be made following the semi-final week and processed at the earliest opportunity.

6.3 All teams will be invoiced, and full payment must be made by the due date. Non-payment of court fees by the due date may result in teams being refused permission to take the court, loss of competition points or removal from the competition.

6.4 WSWBA reserves the right to utilise the services of a third party to recover any unpaid debts.

ELIGIBILITY

7.1 A competition shall be defined by age/day for Juniors and grade/day for Seniors

7.2 Once a player has played for one team in a particular competition, they may not transfer to another team in that competition without written permission from WSWBA.

7.3 Players may participate in a number of competitions (e.g.: Senior Men Monday and Senior Men Thursday or U/12's and U/14's) but not in two grades of the same competition (e.g.: U/12 A grade and U/12 B grade).

7.4 Exceptions to **By-Law 7.3** will be allowed where a player is filling in for a team in a higher grade. Once a player has played three games in the higher grade they will be considered ineligible for the previous lower grade. Once a player has played for a particular team in a higher grade, they may only play for that particular team in that competition.

7.5 Where a team is fielding players who are not on their regular roster a) a minimum of 3 players from the regular roster must participate in the game and b) it may only do so where the total number of players for that game does not exceed six. All added players must be registered and eligible for that competition/grade.

7.6 Senior Rep players may only participate in A Grade.

7.7 Where a player is participating in two competitions and games are scheduled for the same timeslot, the player may only play in one game in that timeslot.



7.8 In all age-governed competitions, players will become ineligible to participate where that player achieves the upper age listed during any calendar year in which the competition is played (e.g.: players nominated in the U16 competitions for the 16/17 Summer Competition may turn a maximum of 15 in 2017).

7.9 Teams fielding an ineligible player shall forfeit each game where the team is found to be in breach of these by-laws.

UNIFORMS

8.1 Uniform tops must be matching. Uniform bottoms may be a different colour to the tops but must all be matching. Minor variations in trim not acceptable. Variations in the form of additional colour panels are not acceptable. Assessment of variations will be undertaken on a case by case basis and WSWBA's ruling shall be final. Where shorts cannot be matched, plain black shorts may be worn.

8.1 A different one or two-digit number (00, 0-99) must be displayed on the front and back of each playing top. Numbers must be clearly legible, of a contrasting colour to the uniform top and must be fixed to the uniform. Numbers taped or pinned are not considered to be fixed.

8.2 Any undergarments (e.g. bike shorts, skins, shooting sleeves, under-shirts etc) which protrude from under the uniform may be worn provided they are the same colour as the team uniform or black.

8.3 All players must be attired in the correct uniform by the fourth week of competition. Requests for extension must be made in writing to the Competition Manager. Players not in correct uniform by the fourth week of competition (without valid exemption) will not be permitted to take the court.

8.4 No part of the uniform may feature external pockets or any other feature with the potential to cause injury.

8.5 Bandanas, beanies and other similar headwear are not permitted.

8.6 In the event of a clash of colours, the team listed as Team A shall be required to wear alternative uniforms. If these teams meet in the next round, the other team shall be required to change.

8.7 Teams refusing to change uniforms, as per **By-Law 8.6** shall be assessed a forfeit loss.

8.8 If deemed necessary, officials may instruct players to tuck in uniform tops.

8.9 Footwear must be purpose-designed for use on the playing surface used for the competition. Any damage caused by inappropriate footwear shall be the responsibility of the wearer.

8.10 WSWBA may provide hire uniforms for an individual player or an entire team under certain circumstances. A hire fee will be payable prior to collection of the hire uniform. Hire uniforms remain the property of WSWBA and must be returned at the completion of the game.

8.11 Where a team uses WSWBA hire uniforms, WSWBA reserves the right to charge the hiring party for any damage incurred to, or loss of hire uniforms or any part thereof.

8.12 The wearing of religious garments/items will be considered on a case by case basis.



TIMING REGULATIONS

- 9.1 Standard timing regulations for round games shall be:
 - 1 x 5-minute warm-up period
 - 2 x 19-minute halves for running clock games
 - 1 x 2-minute half time period

9.2 During games with a running clock, teams shall be permitted 1 x 1-minute time-out per half. No time-outs will be permitted in the last 3 minutes of the second half. Where a time-out is requested within the last four minutes of the second half, only the portion up to the last three minutes may be taken.

9.3 During fully timed games, teams will be permitted two time-outs per half.

9.4 In the event of a tied score at the end of regulation playing time:

- In a round game, the result shall stand as a draw
- In a Quarter Final, Semi Final or Grand Final such 3 periods of extra time shall be played as are required to obtain a result.

9.5 Standard timing regulations for grand finals for competitions using a running clock:

- 1 x 5-minute warm-up period.
- 2 x 19-minute halves.
- 1 x 2-minute half time period
- Each team is permitted one time out in the first half. Clock does not stop.
- Each team is permitted two time-outs in the second half. Clock stops.
- Clock stops for injury.
- The final minute of the game shall be fully timed.
- The final minute of any extra period shall be fully timed.

9.6 Standard timing regulations for grand finals for fully timed competitions shall be as per round games.

9.7 In the absence of a time display on a scoreboard, officials may use the adjacent court's scoreboard determine the duration and/or termination of a playing period.

9.8 WSWBA reserves the right to alter any timing regulations if deemed necessary.

FORFEITS AND LATE STARTS

10.1 A team may commence a game with a minimum of 4 players.

10.2 Where a team is unable to field at least 4 players at the scheduled starting time, the game clock shall start and the team shall incur a penalty of 2 points per minute or part thereof until such time as the required number of players is achieved up to a maximum of 10 minutes and 20 points. Where the team does not have four players after 10 minutes, the game shall be declared a forfeit.

10.3 Where a team forfeits the score shall be recorded as 20-0



10.4 Where both teams fail to appear with at least four players after 10 minutes, the game double forfeit and the score recorded as 0-0

10.5 A forfeit fine of double court fees will be payable by any team forfeiting giving 24 hours' notice will receive 0 competition points while teams failing to advise 24 hours of the game shall receive minus 3 competition points.

10.6 Any team that forfeits 3 times in a competition may be removed from the competition and/or finals series.

PROTESTS, TRIBUNALS, APPEALS AND DISCIPLINE

11.1 To ensure the safety and enjoyment of all participants, WSBA shall adopt the NSWBAL Disciplinary Tribunal By-Laws as part of these **WSWBA By-Laws**. The NSWBAL Disciplinary Tribunal By-Laws are available at <https://www.westsydneywolves.com.au/policy-procedures>

11.2 WSWBA reserves the right to deal with any breaches of the WSBA Zero Tolerance Policy, the WSWBA Competition By-Laws or the WSWBA Codes of Conduct via the framework of the NSWBAL Disciplinary By-Laws (including Administrative Tribunals) regardless of restrictions set out in the NSWBAL Disciplinary By-Laws.

11.3 A Tribunal Committee will be appointed by WSWBA to:

- adjudicate on any matter or dispute directed to it by any game official or authorised representative
- adjudicate upon any matter related to or reflecting upon the operation, performance or representation of the association or the sport of Basketball as referred to it by the WSWBA COM or WSWBA Management

11.4 Any player, coach, team official or team follower may be cited and reported to appear before the tribunal if, in the opinion of a game official, Court Supervisor or authorised representative of WSWBA, s/he: - has drawn the sport of Basketball into disrepute

- has drawn the operations or reputation of WSWBA into disrepute
- has drawn the role of a game official into disrepute
- has acted in a manner that is detrimental to the proper and efficient conduct, control or administration of Basketball by WSWBA.
- has contravened the by-laws, policies or guidelines of a governing body of the sport

11.5 The reporting official shall lodge any citation or report in writing, on the official form as soon as practical after the game in which the incident occurred. Completed reports will be forwarded to WSWBA competitions as soon as possible who shall take all reasonable steps to ensure a copy of the report form is forwarded to the charged person in a timely manner.

11.6 Where a person is required to attend a Disciplinary Tribunal, the reported person is free to play until the relevant hearing has been held.



11.7 Where an alleged offence has been committed against a registered player, the aggrieved party may be invited to attend the hearing.

11.8 The reporting official, supporting official or party and reported person are required to attend the tribunal hearing.

11.9 Where the reported person does not attend the hearing, the tribunal shall be entitled to implement a finding based on the evidence available.

11.10 Where the reporting official does not attend the hearing, the tribunal shall be entitled to implement a finding based on the evidence available. The tribunal chairman may refer the absent official to the WSWBA Officials Manager for further action.

11.11 Where any party is not of legal age, said party must be accompanied at all times throughout the tribunal process by a party of legal age.

11.12 Both the reporting official and the reported person are permitted, within reason, to bring witness to support their case. These witnesses are required to abide by any instruction or directive provided by the tribunal.

11.13 Any party found to have interfered in any way with the tribunal process through misinformation or any type of fraudulent behaviour, may be cited to appear before the tribunal or the WSWBA to face further action.

11.14 Where any party chooses to have legal representation, said representation must advise their intended presence in writing a minimum of 48 hours in advance of the scheduled hearing.

11.15 Where any player participates whilst suspended any games in which they are involved shall be awarded on forfeit to the opposing team.

11.16 Any party appealing a finding of the WSWBA Tribunal must address that appeal to the WSWBA appeals Tribunal in writing. Unless the WSWBA Tribunal grants permission, appellants are not permitted to participate in Basketball activities until the appeal is heard.

11.17 For the immediate safety of participants and association property, WSWBA reserves the right to penalise the following infringements via the Administrative Tribunal system:

- Hanging from rings (except to avoid injury)
- Misuse or abuse of equipment (incl. nets)

+ WSWBA reserves the right to pass on the cost of any repair or replacement of damaged property

11.18 All complaints, protests or appeals must be lodged in writing to the General Manager by close of business within 5 working days of the match or alleged incident, for referral to the appropriate bodies.

11.19 The decision of the WSWBA or their duly appointed representative shall be final except where an appeal process is provided for by any of the governing bodies of the sport.



11.20 If the WSWBA by-laws are silent on any matter, the relevant by-laws of NSWBAL or any authorised governing body shall apply.

11.21 Where a person receives a Technical or Unsportsmanlike Foul during a game s/he will be required to leave the court for a period of no less than 5 minutes playing time. Playing time does **NOT** include time outs taken by the offending team. If substitutes are available, this player may be replaced.

11.22 Where a person receives a second Technical or Unsportsmanlike Foul during a game, s/he will be ejected from the game and therefore from the playing area. (e.g 2 x Tech Fouls = ejection. 1 X Tech Foul+1 x U/S= ejection.

11.23 Where a person receives a third Technical or Unsportsmanlike Foul during the season (all grades/teams), s/he will be suspended for one rostered playing week (all grades/teams)

11.24 Where a person receives a fourth Technical or Unsportsmanlike Foul during the season (all grades/teams), s/he will be suspended for two rostered playing weeks (all grades/teams) and will be referred to an Administrative Tribunal.

11.25 Players penalised under **By-Law 11.21-11.25** may not participate in any capacity including filling any role on the Score bench. Where necessary, the substitute shall remain as scorer reducing the team by one player.

11.26 Once a player has been removed from the court for any infringement under **By-Law 11.21-11.25**, any further Technical Foul shall also be deemed a “personal penalty” for the purposes of any further decision under **By-Law 11.21-11.25** and any ensuing disciplinary action.

11.27 WSWBA reserves the right to address alleged misconduct via letters of warning, disciplinary meetings, the disciplinary tribunal, administrative tribunals or any other means deemed suitable for the circumstances.

RESULTS AND OUTCOMES

12.1 Competition points will be awarded as follows: Win = 3 points; Loss = 1 point; Draw = 2 points; Bye = 2 points; Forfeit = -3 points; Notified Forfeit = 0 points

12.2 Where a scoresheet error is discovered at the time of recording, scores and/or results may be altered to reflect the correct result. Teams will be advised should the result be altered.

12.3 If a game cannot be played due to factors beyond the control of WSWBA, the association reserves the right to reschedule the game to another time and/or date. If the game cannot be rescheduled, the game may be declared drawn.

12.4 Where a game has begun and is terminated due to factors beyond the control of WSWBA, the result may be determined by the score at the time of termination or by other means.

12.5 In the event of 2 or more teams finishing equal on competition points at the conclusion of round games placings shall be decided by:



- the win/loss results between the tied teams, THEN
- points for and against from games involving the tied teams only, THEN
- total points for and against from all round games

DUTY RESPONSIBILITIES

13.1 Each team is required to provide ONE ONLY appropriate representative for score bench duty for any game in which they play. This may mean that a team will provide one of their players. Teams may have more than one representative on the score bench only where one party is training the other however no more than 4 people in total are permitted in the score bench area.

13.2 Where a team fails to supply a scorer, that team will have no right of query or appeal in relation to any matter pertaining to the scoring of that game.

13.3 One team's representative shall complete the scoresheet while the other team's representative shall operate. If either representative wish to swap roles at half time, this swap must take place.

13.4 Where the game officials or an authorised representative of WSWBA considers the performance of a score bench representative to be adversely affecting the game, they shall be authorised to replace that score bench representative.

13.5 Game officials shall be entitled to forfeit a game where a team fails or refuses to comply with any part of Section 13 of these by-laws.

13.6 Continual failure to comply with Section 13 of these by-laws in part or whole may result in the removal or future exclusion of teams and/or individuals from competitions conducted by WSWBA.

FINALS

14.1 Qualification for finals shall be determined by WSWBA from competition scoresheets.

14.2 To be eligible to participate in a finals series, a player must meet one of the following criteria:

- Participate in at least 50% of total round games where the qualifying number of games is a whole number or rounded up to the next whole number (i.e. 5.5 games shall equate to a minimum qualifying level of 6 games).
- Submit and have approved a request for exemption from the above qualification requirement. This request should be made in writing and include medical certificates and/or any other relevant information. Such requests will be assessed on a case by case basis.

14.3 It is the team's responsibility to check a player's eligibility with WSWBA administration.

14.4 Byes do not count as qualifying games.

14.5 Double result games count as single games for eligibility purposes.

14.6 Any team playing an ineligible player in a Finals game shall forfeit that game.



14.7 Where a team is ruled ineligible for Finals or an eligible team notifies of their intention to forfeit, the association reserves the right to offer that place in the finals to the next highest team determined on the competition ladder.

INTERPRETATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

15.1 The WSWBA and/or Chief Executive Officer are entitled to make decisions or rulings on any matter or issue not specifically covered by these by-laws notwithstanding the FIBA Rules of Basketball.

15.2 Any recommendations or proposals for amendments to these by-laws WSWBA must be submitted in writing to the WSWBA or Chief Executive Officer

15.3 Any amendments to these By-laws shall be notified in writing by the Association to all relevant parties and/or notified via the Association official internet website

15.4 WSWBA reserve the right to waive the By-laws in part or whole for any circumstances as deemed appropriate by the WSWBA, Chief Executive Officer or an authorised party.

15.5 No other party shall be authorised to waive the By-laws except where specifically authorised to do so in writing and/or by appointment by the WSWBA or Chief Executive Officer.

SIGNED AND APPROVE BY

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