



Manjimup Amateur Basketball Association

# Bylaws

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## PREFACE

These Bylaws should be read in conjunction with the following documents:

1. Manjimup Amateur Basketball Association Incorporated Constitution.
2. *Association Incorporations Act 1987*
3. *Associations Incorporation Regulations 1988*

The purpose of the Bylaws is to provide concise guidelines for all participants of the Manjimup Amateur Basketball Association Incorporated (Association).

VERSION	REVISION DATE	REVISED BY	DESCRIPTION	EXECUTED
2006	February 2006	Executive Committee		2006
2011	August 2011	Executive Committee	Amendments to 2006 version.	Not executed
2018	February 2018	Executive Committee	Major changes to entire document including new format, new rules, clarification of rules and general update to suit new policies and procedures in conjunction with BWA. Introduction of FIBA organizer systems into all facets of this document.	Executed OOS 4 February 2018
2019	November 2019	Executive Committee	Definition of Junior Player.	7 November 2019
2022	August 2022	Executive Committee	Change of section 23.9 to allow a game to start with 4 players  Change of section 24.1 late game penalty changed to 4 players  Addition of section 10.3 to allow shot clock to operate in last three minutes of second half	18 August 2022



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## 2 FOREWARD

We urge all Members to read, understand and comply with our Association Bylaws. If you require clarification of any rule, please direct your enquiry in writing to:

### THE SECRETARY

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## 3 AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

- 3.1 The Executive Committee shall have the power to add, alter or amend these Bylaws from time to time and as required. All amendments will be advertised and communicated to our members via appropriate methods and be displayed on the Association website.
- 3.2 Any matter not covered by the scope of these Bylaws, provided that it comes within the objects and jurisdiction of the Association, shall be dealt with by the Executive Committee on an as needs basis.
- 3.3 The Executive Committee has the discretion to waive the application of any Bylaw(s) in exceptional circumstances. In considering whether exceptional circumstances exist the Executive Committee must consider, where applicable:-
  - a) the hardship to any Player if application of the Bylaws is not waived;
  - b) the inconvenience to any Player, team or the competition as a whole if application of the Bylaw is not waived;
  - c) any detriment to any person, team or the competition if application of the Bylaw is not waived;
  - d) any benefit to the competition if application of the Bylaws is waived; and
  - e) the effects of maintaining consistency to all members in applying any change to the Bylaws.

## 4 JURISDICTION

- 4.1 For the purpose of these Bylaws, Members and Players 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.
- 4.2 Members of any Team selected to represent the Association are deemed to be within the jurisdiction of the Association from the time the team departs until such time as all members return.
  - a) If travel and accommodation is not arranged by Association then Members and Players deemed to be under the jurisdiction of the Association activities once within the precincts of the court where the competition is to be held.



## 5 WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

- 5.1 All Coaches and Managers of any the Association representative team must obtain a Working with Children Check (WWC Check) with costs being covered by the Association.
- 5.2 All Coaches and Managers of any team participating in the Association competition are strongly encouraged to obtain a WWC Check with costs being covered by the Association.
- 5.3 All Referees deemed to be on the Association Panel, over the age of 18, must obtain a WWC Check.
- 5.4 In all cases a copy of this documentation must be supplied to the Association for recording purposes, by the third playing date of each scheduled competition.

## 6 TROPHIES AND AWARDS

The Executive Committee shall have the power to award:

- 6.1 Trophies to various grades as required.
- 6.2 To decide upon awards for commendable performances during competitions conducted by the Association, Players, Referees and non members who have contributed to the objectives of the Association.
- 6.3 Special recognition by way of Life Membership may be awarded for outstanding services to the Association and may be awarded based upon criteria set by the Executive Committee.
  - a) Life membership must be recommended by a majority of Executive Committee and endorsed by a minimum of two (2) Life Members.

## 7 PLAYER WELLBEING

- 7.1 Parents of Players suffering from an illness or medical condition should make the Junior Coordinator aware of that condition, bearing in mind such information should be kept confidential.
- 7.2 It shall be the joint responsibility of the Coach and game Referees to ensure that any Player who is bleeding or has an open wound is substituted. The Player may return to the court only after the bleeding has stopped and the affected area or open wound has been completely and securely covered.
- 7.3 Any Player who has blood on their uniform must be substituted and cannot return to the court until the blood has been removed or another uniform is worn.
  - a) A Player needing to change a part of their uniform affected by blood will be permitted to wear another suitable garment as a replacement with the agreement of the Referees.
  - b) This Player will not be penalised by uniform violation points.

## 8 MOUTHGUARDS

- 8.1 It is compulsory for all Junior Players to wear a mouthguard at all times while on the court.
  - a) A Junior Player is defined as a Player aged under 19 years of age as at 31 December of the second year (second half) of the competition. For example in season 2019/20, the Player must be under 19 years of age as at 31 December 2020.
- 8.2 All Junior Players participating in the Senior competition are required to wear a mouthguard. Umpires will remove Junior Players from the game for not wearing a mouthguard.



- 8.3 A Doctors or Dentist certificate will be required if there is reason for not abiding by this ruling. This will need to be reviewed on a seasonal basis and a copy must be kept on file.

**NO MOUTH GUARD = NO GAME**

## 9 PLAYER UNIFORMS

- 9.1 Each affiliated team shall select a distinctive uniform (a uniform consists of shirt and shorts) that shall be registered with the Association.
- Teams wanting to change their registered uniform need to complete the Association 'Request to change uniform' form.
  - Uniforms should not be purchased by teams until notified by Executive Committee.
  - Each Player's shirts shall be numbered on the front and back in accordance with the official Rules of Basketball. The only numbers permitted are from four (4) to fifteen (15), twenty (20) to twenty five (25), thirty (30) to thirty five (35), forty (40) to forty five (45) and fifty (50) to fifty five (55).
  - Uniforms must be the same style, not just the same colour.
- 9.2 The Executive Committee or approved sub Committee of the Association shall approve the design and colour scheme of the uniform and notify each team of the decision based on the following criteria.
- Teams who are playing their second year in the division/grade have the right to keep their playing colours as priority over any other team.
  - Full teams that are moving up to the next age division/grade have the right to keep their playing colours as long as it does not conflict with rule (a) above.
  - Approval of team uniform colours and styles are on a first in first serve basis and centred on receipt of the team registration form and full team payment.
  - The Association has specific club colours for junior grade teams only.
- 9.3 Sponsorship Advertising on any playing uniform must be approved by the Association to ensure there is no conflict between Association sponsors and that of the team wanting to be registered.
- Any non approved sponsorship will need to be removed or covered up before each game.
- 9.4 If on game night a uniform clash occurs the Duty Person is to refer to the registration forms when making a decision on who is at fault.
- If no fault has occurred on behalf of the teams, and the Association has missed the clash no penalties will apply.
  - If a team is deemed to be playing in the wrong uniform the team must rectify the situation, even if this means playing in plain clothes. Either way penalties will apply to the team out of uniform.
- 9.5 Out of uniform is defined as:
- Not wearing the team shorts.
  - Not wearing the team shirt including numbers.
  - Wearing inappropriate clothing, i.e. tracksuits, jumpsuits or jumpers etc.
  - Player's shirts must be tucked into their shorts at all times, enforced at the Umpires discretion.



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- 9.6 Under no circumstances will Bibs be accepted by the Association as an alternative.
- 9.7 A Player will not be permitted to play if:-
- a) A Player is out of uniform in the final series.
  - b) They are wearing any jewellery (sleepers, studs, earrings etc.) caps, bandannas or plastic headbands.
  - c) Taping of rings (including but not limited to earrings, nose rings) is not permitted.
  - d) Plaited hair and hard plastic hair ties / clips are not permitted.
  - e) They do not have footwear (i.e. bare feet and thongs are not permitted).
- 9.8 Players must be in correct uniforms by the start of the third game or penalties will apply.
- 9.9 The only exception is a fill-in Player who can play one game without the requirement for meeting the uniform ruling.
- 9.10 A Player who participates in a game and who is out of uniform will incur a two (2) point penalty. This is to be brought to the attention of the Referees before half time. Referees, not the scorers, will deduct the points from the offending teams score at half time.

## **10 PLAYING RULES**

- 10.1 All competitions or games conducted by the Association shall be conducted in accordance with the official rules of Basketball as adopted by Basketball Australia.
- 10.2 Variations or modifications to suit any particular set of circumstance must be with approval of the Executive Committee and will be advertised within these Bylaws.
- 10.3 Game time will consist of two twenty minute halves with the stop clock to operate in the last three minutes of the second half.

## **11 OFFICAL RULES INTERPRETATION**

- 11.1 FIBA Official Basketball Rules and Official Interpretations shall apply unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws or as described by the Association Executive Committee from time to time.
- 11.2. Amendments to either the Official Basketball Rules or Official Interpretations will only come into effect at the start of each Season unless otherwise advertised by the normal communications channels.
- 11.3 As our competition is not fully timed there will be minor adjustments made to the FIBA rules in order to ensure our competition is played within the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play. These minor adjustments will only be concerning rules that cannot be facilitated fairly without stopping the game clock.
- 11.4 When applying the FIBA rules, common sense is essential. Penalising every technical infraction that occurs will only succeed in producing dissatisfied spectators, Players and Coaches. With younger age groups in mind, the Referees will endeavour to consider the abilities of the Players concerned when applying the rules in order to maintain a balance between game control and game flow.
- 11.5 Day to day interpretation of the rules shall be the responsibility of the Association.
- a) On game night this responsibility is handed to the Duty Person and then the Umpire Coordinator in the Duty Persons absence.





- 11.6 In the event there is a joint grade (u12's & u14'S) the rules applied shall be those of the higher grade.
- 11.7 In any instance where an official ruling is required as to the intent or purpose of any rule included in the Official Rules of Basketball, the Umpire Coordinator appointed from time to time by the Association, will determine this in consultation with Basketball WA (i.e. not on game night).
- 11.8 All rulings given by the Umpire Coordinator shall be reported to the Executive Committee, together with his/her decision and reasons in regard to this the matter.
- 11.9 If the Umpire Coordinator 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.

## **12 MERCY RULE**

- 12.1 Any team that is leading by twenty (20) points or more MUST retreat to the half court line after they score until the opposition has brought the basketball into their offensive front court. This will remain in effect until the lead is reduced to nineteen (19) points or less.
- 12.2 It is the Coach/Captains responsibility to ensure his/her Team adheres to this rule.
- 12.3 Failure to do so may result in warning and then a technical foul being charged and entered in the scoresheet against the Coach/Captain.
- 12.4 Not applicable to u12 competition as it is governed by its own modified rules (see 14.5).

## **13 FINANCIAL STATUS**

- 13.1 All individuals and teams shall remit to the Association nomination fees as prescribed from time to time by the Executive Committee.
- 13.2 Such fees shall be in the hands of the Association Treasurer on or before the prescribed date, and any individual not having remitted the fees, shall be considered non financial as from midnight on the prescribed date and be subject to such penalties as determined by the Executive Committee.
- 13.3 Any outstanding fines, playing fees, court fees, representative fess or any other charges not paid in activity held by the Association (including the final series) until paid in full along with any new fees and charges imposed full from previous years by either Players or teams will render them ineligible to participate.
- 13.4 All fines to be PAID IN FULL prior to the next scheduled fixture, accepted and receipted by the Duty Person or Executive Committee member.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Any information and penalty (including non-payment of any monies due) will be shared with all Associations in WA and the Player(s) involved will not be eligible to play with any affiliated association until all fees are paid in full.

## **14 COMPETITION GRADES**

- 14.1 The Association shall try to foster competition in A, AR, B, U19, U16, U14, U12 and Aussie Hoops grades.
- 14.2 The Aussie Hoops competition is held separately to the main domestic competition which runs from October to March the following year.



- 14.3 Teams will consist of all girls or all boys' teams.
- 14.4 The Association does not currently offer a mixed competition.
- 14.5 U12 competition is governed by "Modified rules" as amended from time to time by the Executive Committee to foster inclusion and development in this age group.

## **15 REGISTRATION PROCESS**

- 15.1 Individuals and Teams wishing to participate in any competition or game conducted by the Association shall complete the required registration form(s) issued by the Executive Committee.
- 15.2 Individuals are encouraged to nominate a Team at registration time however; the Association will endeavour to find a team for any Player who requires this.
- 15.3 Individuals who wish to change teams after registrations have closed may only do so with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- 15.4 Any request for a change of Team must be made in writing to the Executive Committee.
- 15.5 Team registrations must have a minimum of 6 individual registered Players at the time of registration and a maximum of 10 Players.
  - a) Only A grade nominating Teams can list junior players (under 19 years) on their form.
  - b) Additional Player requests (including those to prevent a forfeit) need to be approved by the Senior Women's Committee prior to that Player taking the court. Penalties apply for unregistered Players.
- 15.6 All forms shall be in the hands of the Association Secretary on or before the due closing date. Individual and Team registrations forms received after the due date shall be invalid, except in special circumstances where the Executive Committee may accept such registrations as valid.
- 15.7 All Registrations/Team nominations shall be approved by the Executive Committee and such approval shall be given before any Team may participate in any game or competition conducted by the Association.
- 15.8 Acceptance by the Executive Committee of any Registration binds that Individual and Team to comply with these Bylaws and any other rules or Codes of Behaviour approved (and modified from time to time) by the Executive Committee.
- 15.9 Teams must apply in writing to remove and/or add Players from their Team list.

## **16 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS, COACHES, TEAM MEMBERS AND REFEREES**

- 16.1 Before any Player is eligible to compete in any competition or game conducted by the Association the Player must be registered with the Association in accordance with these rules.
- 16.2 Registration of playing members shall be considered completed when the registration form and registration fee as prescribed by the Executive Committee, have been received by the Association Registrar or any person duly appointed by the Executive Committee to carry out the duties of the Registrar.
  - c) Registration fees and personal member details will be passed onto to BWA.
  - d) Players who join a team after the start of the season will be required to pay a pro rata fee for season fees and insurance to ensure the registration process is complete.
  - e) Applications for deferred payments may be considered by the Executive Committee, if made in writing and delivered to the association prior to the registration day.



***In all circumstances all fees are to be paid prior to taking the court.***

- f) Upon payment of the required registration fee and acceptance of the registration by the Executive Committee or its duly appointed agent, a playing member shall be registered with the Association from that date until the end of the playing season for which such payment is made.
- g) The Association shall maintain a register of all registered Players showing the Players name, playing team, address, e-mail address, date of birth and any other relevant information deemed required.
- h) The Executive Committee may refuse to register any Player for whatever reason it sees fit.
- i) Coaches and Team Managers listed on the Nomination Form shall be registered as Members of the Association.
- j) Referees who are appointed by the Association to officiate in fixtures will be registered as Members of the Association.

## **17 MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS BETWEEN GRADES OR AGE GROUPS, FILL-IN AND EMERGENCY PLAYERS**

- 17.1 All Players MUST be registered.
- 17.2 All junior Players are strongly encouraged to play in their respective age group.
- 17.3 A junior Player can register and play in an older age group with the approval of the Junior Coordinator and/or relevant subcommittee.
- 17.4 No junior Player shall be permitted to play for another team (including as a fill in) in the same age group/grade during the season (under 12's are excluded from this rule).
- 17.5 A fill-in Player must be registered with the Association and must be financial with their normal playing team before being granted the right to be a fill-in Player.
- 17.6 Any Player can play one game per night in any age group higher than his/her normal competition game as a fill-in Player. Junior players cannot play in any age group higher than his/her normal competition game as a fill-in Player without prior approval from the Junior Coordinator and/or relevant subcommittee to play.
- 17.7 A Team may only use a fill-in Player(s) to make a full complement of five (5) Players for that fixture.
- 17.8 A registered Player can only fill-in for a higher age group THREE times in a season.
- 17.9 After a Player has played their third (3<sup>rd</sup>) game with the same team in a higher age grade they must stay in that team.
- 17.10 An emergency player is eligible to participate when a team has been unsuccessful in drawing a fill-in player from a lower grade or a junior player approved by the Committee, to prevent a forfeit (as player number five). Fee to be paid *prior* to Player commencing on court.

## **18 ELIGIBLE PLAYERS**

- 18.1 All Players must be registered (and financial) in accordance with the Association registration process.
- 18.2 To be an eligible Player within the meaning of these rules, a Player shall comply with the amateur definition as prescribed by the Australian Basketball Federation, and shall be a



registered member of this Association.

- 18.3 A Player is eligible to play if their name (first and surname) is “printed” on the score sheet.
- 18.4 Registered team Players who arrive “late” are not permitted to take the place of a fill-in Player once the game has commenced.
- 18.5 Registered Players in full uniform who arrive within 10 minutes of the start of the game, may have their name included on the official score sheet and take part in the game as long as all other conditions are met.
- 18.6 Players will be considered to have participated in the game when all the conditions above are met.
- 18.7 Referees are to ensure the score sheet reflects the correct number and name of all Players by crossing out the names of any Player who is not “playing” on the night. The Referee should initial next to each name he/she crosses out.

## **19 INELIGIBLE PLAYERS**

- 19.1 All instances concerning the alleged participation of an ineligible Player in a competition game shall be reported in writing to the Association within twenty four (24) hours of the incident concerned by the Referee of the game or Duty Person.
- 19.2 Such reports, which in all cases must be in writing, shall be referred to the Executive Committee.
- 19.3 In any instance where it shall be proved that an ineligible Player has so participated, then the Executive Committee shall be empowered to take such action as it may think fit against the offending Player.
- 19.4 If teams play an unregistered Player, that game will be deemed a forfeit and all premiership points will be deducted and the forfeit penalty process applied.
- 19.5 Any Coach who plays an unregistered Player will be reported by the Umpires on official Association forms and suspension for cheating may result.

## **20 ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN FINAL SERIES**

- 20.1 To be eligible to participate in the final series of any competition conducted by the Association, Players must have played at least one third of qualifying games conducted in that grade. Byes are classed as qualifying games and the following criteria shall apply:
  - 10, 11 or 12 fixture games 4 games to be played.
  - 13, 14 or 15 fixture games 5 games to be played.
  - 16, 17 or 18 fixture games 6 games to be played
- 20.2 A Player shall be eligible to participate in the final series of that grade with the Team the said Player is registered with and has played the qualifying number of games required.
- 20.3 Where a Player, through sickness, injury, or other circumstances beyond their control shall be prevented from completing the required number of qualifying games then the Executive Committee shall have power to waive the provisions of sub-paragraphs above, provided that the application (accompanied by a doctors certificate) is submitted in writing and is with the Secretary at least three (3) weeks prior to the commencement of the final series of the grade concerned.
- 20.4 The Executive Committee will prominently post a list of eligible Players not less than two weeks before the end of the qualifying rounds, however for the purpose of this rule, it shall be



the responsibility of all teams to carefully assess the eligibility of Players before permitting them to participate in a finals series.

- 20.5 Any protest or dispute concerning the eligibility of a Player to participate in a final series shall be reported to the Executive Committee and dealt with as a matter of urgency.
- 20.6 A Players name on the official signed score sheet is evidence enough that the Player participated in that game.
- 20.7 Eligible Players can play in multiple final series in different divisions if all required conditions are met.
- 20.8 In the case of a game won on a forfeit, only those Players whose names appear on the score sheet can count that game in assessing eligibility.
  - a) Games forfeited in advance will see approved registered Team lists eligible to count the game.

## **21 TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 21.1 The Executive Committee shall be empowered to allocate duties as required, to any team participating in any competition or game conducted by the Association.
- 21.2 Any team not carrying out the duties, as prescribed by the Executive Committee shall be considered in default and shall be subject to such penalties as from time to time considered by the Executive Committee.
  - a) Where the Executive Committee deems that a Team has blatantly disregarded duties allocated to that Team, such Team will be subject to disciplinary action and significant fines as outlined by the Executive Committee.
- 21.3 Teams must provide a competent scorer for the duration of each game. In the event that the two scorers cannot decide who will do the manual score card versus the electronic board, team A on the score sheet is responsible to fill in the score sheet.
- 21.4 The scorer shall operate in accordance with the official rules of basketball as applying to scorers or as so instructed by the Association.
- 21.5 All teams must ensure all Players full names, Coaches full name and Team Captain are entered on the score sheet 10 minutes before commencement of play.
- 21.6 All Teams shall be held responsible for the conduct of their Players and spectators.
- 21.7 Junior games on court one will not commence until the rostered team representative is in the canteen.
- 21.8 NO PLAYERS shall be permitted on the court during a time out.

## **22 GRADING**

- 22.1 All competitions conducted by the Association shall be conducted on a grade basis, such grades to be decided by the Executive Committee.
- 22.2 It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to determine the relative merits of competitor teams and to allocate such teams to the respective grades.
- 22.3 The Executive Committee shall have the power to call for such evidence as it may require for the purpose of allocating teams to grades and if considered necessary, the Executive Committee may conduct a series of grading games.
- 22.4 The Executive Committee shall have the power to alter or amend team grading from time to time.



22.5 The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final with regard to the grading of the team.

## 23 COMPETITION FIXTURES

- 23.1 The Executive Committee (or duly appointed subcommittee) shall be responsible for the compilation and publication of an official fixture list to cover all grades of any competition conducted by the Association. Such a list must always be approved by the Executive Committee.
- 23.2 Such an official fixture shall not be altered or amended in any way, except by a decision of the Executive Committee.
- 23.3 Where a team, requires postponing a scheduled fixture, because of extreme circumstances, applications must be made in writing to the Secretary at least 48 hrs prior to the date of the scheduled fixture.
- 23.4 The opposition team is not obliged to play on another night if it is inconvenient to that team and they would win on a forfeit.
- 23.5 Where the teams have agreed and the Executive Committee approves to a fixture change, the game must be played before the next Association set of fixtures or a forfeit to the team requesting the change will be the result.
- 23.6 If played at another time or venue the team seeking the change shall pay the court fees for both teams for the time slot not being played.
- 23.7 Any competition game played at a time or place not in accordance with the official list of fixtures (as approved or amended by the Executive or a duly appointed subcommittee) shall not be taken into account when compiling the premiership points table. Neither team shall be awarded competition points and scores for that game, both for and against, shall be by both teams resulting in a 0-0 point score.
- 23.8 If a game is drawn 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 to ensure a result is achieved (i.e. Extra time will be played).
- 23.9 Should a team listed to take part in an official fixture fail to appear within **10 minutes** of the stipulated time, or is not able to field **4 registered Players**, the opposition team shall be awarded the game on a forfeit.

## 24 LATE GAME PENALTY

- 24.1 A team will lose 2 points for every full minute (to a maximum of 18 points) if it is unable to field 4 Players at the start of the game.
- 24.2 These points to be awarded to the opponent's team score at half time by the Referee.

***Teams that cause a fixture to start late will be penalised 2 points for every full minute that the game is delayed. Points will be awarded to the opposition team's score at half time.***

## 25 SCORESHEETS AND EQUIPMENT

- 25.1 Score sheets in all grades shall be provided by the Association and it will be the Coach or Managers responsibility to complete the necessary team details thereon at least ten (10) minutes prior to the scheduled commencement time of the game.
- 25.2 Score sheets of all games shall be retained by the Association but in the event of any team



requiring the need to record games scores, this can be done in a separate scorebook. This does not relieve teams of responsibility to supply score keepers.

25.3 It shall be the responsibility of the Association to provide the necessary court equipment as specified in the Rules of Basketball for all games conducted by the Association.

25.4 Match balls in all grades shall be provided by the Association.

Under 8's, 10's and 12's use size 5 ball

Under 14's use size 6 ball.

Under 16's & under 19's Girls use size 6 ball.

Under 16's & under 19's Boys use size 7 ball.

25.5 The Association will provide warm up balls.

## 26 FORFEITS

26.1 Any team that forfeits three games during the qualifying rounds will be disqualified by the Executive Committee.

26.2 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.

26.3 In the event of a forfeit by any team, the score for the fixture in question shall be as per the official Basketball Rule Book (Twenty to zero, 20 to 0).

## 27 ABANDONED GAME

27.1 In the case of abandoned games due to outside influences (power failure, condensation etc.) the following shall occur:

<b>Before half time</b>	No result game rescheduled.
<b>Half time</b>	Result on score sheet.
<b>After half time</b>	Result on score sheet.
<b>Last 10 minutes of game</b>	Result on score sheet.

## 28 REFEREES

28.1 It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to determine the method of appointing and paying Referees for all games played under the jurisdiction of the Association.

28.2 The Association shall endeavour to provide ongoing training to those who seek to provide a refereeing service.

28.3 The Association may choose to provide incentives to elevate the standard of refereeing by whatever means deemed reasonable.

28.4 Financial payments to Referees shall be as per the agreed schedule.

28.5 Referees should have their own standard of dress which will be set from time to time by the Association.

## 29 FINAL SERIES

29.1 It is recommended the finals series shall be played at the end of qualifying rounds using one of the methods detailed below depending on the number of teams in each division:



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| 1st Semi Final    | Team 3 versus team 4 on the premiership ladder.                  |
| 2nd Semi Final    | Team 1 versus team 2 on the premiership ladder.                  |
| Preliminary Final | Winner of the 1st Semi Final versus Loser of the 2nd Semi Final. |
| Grand Final       | Winner of 2nd Semi final versus Winner of Preliminary Final.     |

Grand Final Only      Team 1 versus Team 2 on the premiership

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- a) The Executive Committee may alter the final series at its discretion in the interest of promoting basketball.
- 29.2 Teams or Team members who forfeit any finals series game(s) shall:
- a) Forfeit the right to participate in any future finals in that season.
  - b) Be fined \$20.00 per team member.
  - c) Not be permitted to play in the future with this Association until the fine is paid in full.
- 29.3 Independent observers in consultation with the official game umpires are appointed to assess the most valuable Player (MVP) in competition grand finals. This does not apply to U12 grades.
- 29.4 During all finals series Independent scorers and timekeepers will be nominated to the bench by the Executive Committee.
- 29.5 The last three (3) minutes of all Preliminary and Grand Final games in every grade/division will be fully timed.
- 29.6 Attendance by two (2) registered Players from each senior Team for the whole duration of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is required for Teams to be eligible to participate in the final series.

### 30 PREMIERSHIP LADDER

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

Win	3 Points
Draw	2 Points
Bye	2 Points
Loss	1 Points
Forfeit	Minus 2 Points
Unregistered Players	Minus 2 Points
Not fulfilling duties	Minus 2 Points

- 30.2 In the event two (2) or more Teams being level on points at the end of the regular season, eligibility to compete in the final series shall be on the basis of:
- a) Firstly the Team who won the most games between those who tied.
  - b) If a tie still exists, secondly on percentage (%) points scored for, as compared with points against, in the regular season's fixtures between the Teams involved in the tie.
  - c) If a tie still exists, they shall be ranked by the number produced by dividing (/) the total points scored for, into total points scored against for all fixtures in the regular season.
  - d) If after this a tie still exists, the Team with the lowest amount of points scored against them





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in the regular season shall take priority.

### **31 LIQUOR RESTRICTIONS**

- 31.1 No persons shall convey liquor into any building or premises being used by the Association for the purpose of conducting any match or competition.

### **32 ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS**

- 32.1 We encourage all members to try out for their respective age group.
- 32.2 Those seeking to Coach a team must apply in writing to the Secretary.
- a) The Association does not necessarily have to accept any application.
  - b) The Association will be looking for Coaches who portray the ethos of our Association.
  - c) The Association has the right to withdraw a team if a suitable Coach cannot be found.
- 32.3 Team Managers must apply in writing to the Secretary after the team has been selected.
- 32.4 There must be a minimum of two (2) trials for each age group and division.
- 32.5 Players seeking a position in the team must actively participate in at least one training session.
- 32.6 The Selection process shall be undertaken as outlined in the Association Selection Policy and Process.
- 32.7 Referees of representative teams will be paid a game fee as determined by the Executive Committee.
- 32.8 The Association will contribute to the accommodation costs of the Referee on an as needs basis.
- 32.9 Mouth guards are to be worn at all training sessions, trials and games.
- 32.10 Representative teams are to be made up of ten (10) Players for U13 age group and where possible minimum of eight (8) Players for U14, U15, U16, U18 grades.
- 32.11 Upon selection all Players must attend training. If Players are injured they must attend and watch and assist the Coach / manager where possible.
- 32.12 The Executive Committee or designated Executive Committee person has the power to withdraw a team or a Player if training requirements are not being met.
- 32.13 Teams nominating must supply the Executive Committee with the name of all Players and Officials representing that team prior to the payment of nominations. Should the Team withdraw following payment of the nomination, that Team shall reimburse the nomination fee to the Executive Committee. Failure to do so will result in each Player being ineligible to play in any official Association fixture until that total fee is paid.

### **33 CODES OF CONDUCT**

- 33.1 The Association is affiliated with BWA and therefore all Codes of Conducts and Member Protection policies are used as a guideline in the instance where the Association does not have its own Policy or Code.
- 33.2 THE ASSOCIATION HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE TO ANY FORM OF PHYSICAL OR VERBAL ABUSE.
- 33.3 Any offending person will be asked to leave the premise by an appointed Executive Committee member/s immediately.



- 33.4 The Association has decided that court manners and sportsmanship will be one of the major aims in the development of Players for the foreseeable future. To help with this Referees have been instructed to:
- a) Issue a Technical Foul for any displays of bad sportsmanship or swearing by Players or any member on or near the bench area.
  - b) Instructed to stop play and have the Court Manager eject spectators who break the code of conduct.

**THE REFEREE'S DECISION IS FINAL**

**34 NON MEMBERS – PARENTS AND SPECTATORS**

- 34.1 All non members must abide by their relevant code of conduct as issued by the Manjimup Amateur Basketball Association.
- 34.2 Non members will receive 1 warning of impending suspension from competition games for breaching the code of conduct including for abuse, audible swearing or lack of self-control towards Umpires, members and Executive Committee members.
- 34.3 Any non member, having received a previous warning of impending suspension, who subsequently reoffends a second time within the set season will face a suspension from further games in the Season.

**35 COACHES**

- 35.1 All Coaches must abide by their relevant code of conduct as issued by the Association.
- 35.2 All Coaches are responsible for the on and off court behaviour of Players.
- 35.3 Coaches are responsible for those people sitting on or standing near the playing bench and they are considered part of the team in terms of Technical Fouls.
- 35.4 Any Coach that is considered to be intimidating a Referee will be duly warned and asked to stop his / her actions immediately. Failure to do so will result in a Technical Foul being charged and entered in the score sheet against the Coach/Captain.
- 35.5 Executive Committee will be notified of any continued unsportsmanlike behaviour.
- 35.6 A letter will then follow indicating that any further acts of intimidation will result in the Coach being immediately ejected from the Stadium and cancellation of their right to attend Association activities in any capacity.
- 35.7 Any Person that is considered to be intimidating an Official, Member or Volunteer of the Association will be immediately ejected from the Stadium by our Games Controller for breach of Association's code of conducts and a report written up for further action.

**36 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- 36.1 In any discussion of Executive Committee, or Executive Committee all conflicts of interest are to be declared prior to any discussion.
- 36.2 Any person who has a conflict of interest is to remove themselves from any of the discussion and voting.

**37 FOULS**

- 37.1 All technical, unsportsman like and disqualifying fouls are to be registered on the score sheet.
- 37.2 It is the responsibility of the Umpire to ensure this is completed.



- 37.3 The Umpire Coordinator must be informed of all cases of the above fouls for recording within our management system.

### **38 COMPLAINTS, CHARGES, PROTESTS AND DISPUTES**

- 38.1 All Members of the Association shall have the right to lodge a written report within 24 hours on:
- a) Notice of a dispute in relation to the conduct of any fixture game.
  - b) The behaviour of any Player taking part in the match.
  - c) The result of any fixture game.
  - d) Unsportsman like conduct or breach of the Association or affiliate BWA Codes of conduct.
- 38.2 A member of the Executive Committee, the umpires, or Duty Person, shall have authority to bring charges against any Member in relation to matters as detailed in clause 22.1 above.
- All reports made under this rule shall be in writing, and signed by the person making the charge, protest or dispute and be on the formal Association forms.
- 38.3 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.
- 38.4 Any report lodged by persons authorised to do so, which alleges unsportsmanlike conduct or matters as prescribed in clause 22.1 hereof, shall be considered to be a charge against the Player, team or member concerned. This member being reported must be verbally informed of the charge at the time of the incident where possible.
- 38.5 Any report lodged shall be handled in accordance with 38 hereof.
- 38.6 Upon receipt of any report(s) as referred to in this rule, the Secretary shall immediately refer the matter to the Judiciary Panel, for a decision before the next playing date.
- 38.7 A copy of the report must be provided to all Members involved with the incident within 72 hrs.
- 38.8 Any member has the right to appeal the decision.
- 38.9 The appeal must be in writing and received by the Secretary within 72 hours.
- 38.10 The Executive Committee has the right to reject the appeal if it is a clear cut case, or pass the appeal onto the Judiciary panel.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this rule the Executive Committee may refer any matter to the Judiciary Panel for its consideration as it sees fit. The Judiciary Panel may consider such matters referred to it by the Executive Committee and either imposes such penalties as it sees fit or recommend a course of action to the Executive Committee in writing. The Judiciary Panel shall have absolute discretion in deciding whether matters referred to it should be the subject of a Judiciary Panel hearing or should be referred back to the Executive Committee.

### **39 JUDICIARY PANEL**

- 39.1 A judiciary Panel shall be appointed by the Association as soon as possible after the Annual General Meeting in each year.



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- 39.2 The panel shall consist of at least three (3) members, including (where possible) an Independent Chairman and an accredited Referee.
- 39.3 All members shall have no connection with the team or Player(s) involved in the report.
- 39.4 If there is a conflict of interest the member must be replaced for that particular report.
- 39.5 The Hearings Officer shall act as convener for all meetings of the Judiciary Panel.
- 39.6 The Judiciary Panel shall have power to enquire into all reports submitted by the Executive Committee for the purpose of determining a ruling.
- 39.7 In any instance where the eligibility of a Player is questioned, or where a decision is required as to the amateur status of a Player or official, or group of Players or officials, the matter shall be referred to the Judiciary Panel. After investigation the Judiciary Panel shall report its findings to the Association.
- 39.8 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 Executive Committee shall be empowered to impose such penalty as it may consider necessary.
- 39.9 In the event of a protest or dispute, the Judiciary Panel shall be empowered to resolve the matter, and in the event of a decision affecting the result of a competition game, to order the necessary adjustment of the points table or a replay of the game concerned.
- 39.10 No penalty should be imposed without the Player or member concerned being given a reasonable opportunity of appearing before the Panel. Should circumstances prevent the attendance of Player or member concerned, he /she may nominate an advocate to appear in his /her place.
- 39.11 The Player or member involved in any charge, protest or dispute may be accompanied by an advocate, but appearance and participation by the advocate shall be at the discretion of the Chairman of the Judiciary Panel.
- 23.12 Judiciary Panel shall meet as required, and shall conduct hearings of all charges, disputes and protests lodged.
- 39.13 Non availability of Players or members concerned in charge, dispute or protest shall not defer the hearing. Any Player or member may appoint an advocate as provided for above.
- 39.14 Any Player or member, who has incurred a penalty as a result for a Judiciary hearing shall be entitled to right of appeal. Such appeal shall be in writing, addressed to the Chairman of the Judiciary Panel and shall contain full details of new or additional evidence supporting the appeal. The Chairman shall determine acceptance or rejection of appeal and his decision shall be final.
- 39.15 Any Player receiving suspension as a result of a Judiciary proceeding shall be rendered ineligible to receive any Fairest and Best Awards during the playing season in which the offence occurs.
- 39.16 Any Player under suspension shall be prohibited, during the term of suspension, from participating at Association or State Level, or in any feature events conducted at Association or State level, but suspension shall not prejudice his/her inclusion as an Association or State representative in any team participating in any event or series conducted after the termination of suspension period.
- 39.17 A full report of all proceedings of the Judiciary Panel meetings shall be prepared for submission to the Association. Reports shall be in writing and signed by all members of the Judiciary Panel and recorded on file with the Association.
- 39.18 In the matter of a charge against a Player, Coach, Referee, spectator or team, for alleged



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unsportsmanlike conduct or any other action, the executive or judiciary Executive Committee shall be empowered to impose such penalty as it may consider necessary.

- 39.19 A date for the hearing should be set in the week following the re-reported incident. This should not be imposed without the Player, team or member concerned being given a reasonable opportunity of appearing before the Executive or judiciary Panel

#### **40 JUDICIARY PROCEDURE**

- 40.1 Elect a Convener for the meeting.
- 40.2 Read the incident report prepared by the person(s) making the charge.
- 40.3 Each party is to be permitted one witness.
- 40.4 Individually invite the defendant(s) to hear the charge(s) and then give their version of the event in dispute.
- 40.5 Panel members have the right to ask questions. Defendant(s) leave the room.
- 40.6 Individually invite the person(s) laying the charge to give their version of the event. Panel has the right to ask questions. Complainant(s) leave the room.
- 40.7 Only recall defendant(s) if there is a need to clarify an issue.
- 40.8 Panel 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 (refer member protection policy).
- 40.9 Defendant to stay to hear the verdict.
- 40.10 Should the defendant(s) be unavailable on the date stipulated, the Judiciary Panel shall still meet for a decision.

#### **41 ITEMS NOT PROVIDED FOR**

Any matter not covered by the scope of these Bylaws, provided that it comes within the object of basketball, shall be dealt with by the Executive Committee.