



BUSSELTON AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (INC)

By-laws

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Foreword

The Busselton Amateur Basketball Association (also referred to as Busselton Basketball Association or BABA), is responsible for running basketball within the City of Busselton region. BABA organizes and maintains a Junior and Senior Competition in conjunction with our Busselton Blazers Representative Program

Busselton Basketball Association encourages all members to become familiar with the Busselton Amateur Basketball Association (BABA) By-laws.

The Busselton Amateur Basketball Association reserves the right to amend or introduce By-laws, should they feel it is necessary, provided it is approved at a BABA Committee meeting with a majority in favour.

Discretion may also be used in the application of the By-laws if they are changed mid-season. In considering whether exceptional circumstances exist BABA must consider:

- The hardship, expense, or inconvenience to any player, Club, or Competition if the By-laws are not waived;
- Any benefit or cost to a competition if the By-laws are waived; and
- Consistency in applying the By-laws.

Any decision by BABA to waive the application of a By-law in exceptional circumstances shall apply to the current season only unless it is agreed to amend the By-laws for future seasons

If you require any clarification of any rule, please direct your enquiry to in writing to:

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1. Competition Rules

- a) FIBA Official Basketball Rules and Official Interpretations shall apply unless otherwise provided in these By-laws.
- b) As our competition is not fully timed, there shall be minor adjustments made to the FIBA rules which cannot be enforced fairly without stopping the game clock.
- c) Interpretation of the rules shall be the responsibility of Court Coordinators and BABA. BABA can provide further interpretation. BABA is affiliated with BWA and as such adopts BWA policies and procedures. All members are bound by the Codes of Conduct (refer to BWA and BABA websites).

2. Abbreviations & Classifications

BABA Committee

The Committee of management of the Busseton Amateur Basketball Association (BABA).

BABA (Officials of the Association)

BABA Committee Members, Association Administrator, Competition Manager, Court Coordinators, Referee Coordinators, Referees, and other Volunteers or Paid members as appointed

BSW, BWA, BA

Basketball South West, Basketball WA, Basketball Australia (BABA's governing bodies).

Divisions

Age-specific groups that are divided into both male and female e.g. U12 Girls or U12 Boys.

Grade

Levels given to groups within a division e.g. A/B/C or Divi 1/2/3 etc

3. Clubs

- a) A Club playing within BABA competitions must be approved in writing to do so by BABA.
- b) Club membership will be extended to any approved organization that enters two (2) or more teams to play in the BABA competition.
- c) A club must have two (2) or more Teams identified by name and uniform.
- d) Clubs will be considered as having an ongoing business relationship with BABA and must remain financial.
- e) Clubs will be expected to coordinate the entries of all teams playing under the Club name.
- f) The club will honour any amounts owed by individual members of the Club.
- g) Clubs are required to recruit players and enter teams at the base level of competition offered by BABA (i.e. from U10 age levels where possible).
- h) Clubs are required to have active participation in the grading observation process and participate in running of the Grand Final day and related presentations.

4. Teams

- a) Each Club may, prior to a date decided upon by BABA each year, lodge with BABA a list of team nominations for divisions and grades in which that Club wishes to field a team (or teams) during the upcoming season – this is necessary to allow the scheduling of competitions.
- b) Each team nominated must have a minimum of 7 players.
- c) BABA shall consider all such nominations and shall as far as possible include teams in the division/grades as nominated by their Clubs. In any instance where BABA is unable to allocate a team as nominated, it may make an alternative nomination.
- d) In the event that a Club enters more than one team in a division or has multiple teams in a grade, then the following is to apply:
 - Each team nominated by the respective Club must be done so in such a way that each team is competitive in that division/grade. If the teams are grouped in the same grade they must be considered of equal strength.
 - If the teams are viewed as unequal by BABA within a reasonable period, BABA has the power to direct the Club to re-allocate players.
 - If the Club is directed to re-nominate the teams, the Club will resubmit the teams and will be subject to further review by BABA.
- e) Team lists are to remain consistent. Players are not to move from team to team from round one (1), unless instructed or approved by BABA for a re-allocation.
- f) BABA will deem non-complying teams as ineligible, with sanctions to be determined by BABA.
- g) Teams are to supply their respective Clubs all team contact details.
- h) Each team is responsible for their conduct. Teams may be penalised for unsportsmanlike conduct by its Players, Scorer, Coach/es and Supporters on the court and in the precincts of the court.
- i) Senior teams must appoint one of its players as Captain and Vice-Captain prior to the commencement of the season. Teams must have a Manager as a point of contact. Only the Captain or Vice-Captain, in the case of the absence of the Captain may approach a Referee during a game for clarification of any ruling by a Referee during the game.
- j) Should a team have registered for the current season with payments outstanding, the Club or BABA reserves the right to withdraw the team from competition and hold any registration money paid until all outstanding payments due have been made. BABA reserves the right to reinstate such registration once full payment has been made.
- k) BABA is not bound to accept applications. BABA may reject applications in respect of individuals, teams or Clubs or impose such limitations on numbers of teams or other conditions as it sees fit.

Team Withdrawal

- a) Junior team (U19 and below) – written notification of the withdrawal of a team must be provided to the respective Club and BABA and signed by both the Coach and Manager.
- b) Senior team – written notification of the withdrawal of a team must be provided to the respective Club and BABA and signed by a minimum of 50% of the financial adult (18+ years of age) players.
- c) For withdrawing teams after the commencement of the season, no refunds are applicable.

- d) A team may be disqualified from the competition at the discretion of BABA when the team:
 - Gives 3 forfeits in a season;
 - Refuses to pay fines incurred; or
 - Breaches acceptable standards of behaviour, as specified in the Codes of Conduct please refer to the Codes of Conduct on the BWA and BABA website.

5. Registrations

- a) All players within BABA must be a registered financial member of a BABA affiliated Club.
- b) A player may only ever be registered in one particular Club and one particular team, at any one time, without BABA approval (this does not include Busseton Blazers or other Representative basketball).
- c) A player is considered registered in a particular team with a Club upon:
 - Being nominated into a team that has been approved
 - Upon acceptance of the registration by the Club and payment of the Clubs required registration fee. A playing member shall be registered with that Club from that date, until the due date of registration of the following season
 - Legally playing a game for a particular domestic Club.
- d) A player is considered registered in the division, in which their registered Team is competing.
- e) A junior player may also register and play in a Senior team, provided they meet the age requirements, and must obtain approval from both BABA and their club. The junior player must be a financial member of both teams.
- f) Juniors may cross Clubs to play seniors, should no position be available within their own Club and only upon written application to and approval by BABA.
- g) A junior player may not be registered to more than 1 Junior team.

6. Fees

- a) BABA shall determine game and other fees. These fees shall be determined prior to the start of the season.
- b) BABA shall advise each Club of the player fees payable for its nominations and the date by which these fees are to be paid.
- c) Fees:
 - Club Fee: determined by Clubs
 - BABA Player Membership Fee: determined by BABA
 - Basketball WA Affiliation Membership: determined by BWA
 - Game Development Levy: determined by BA,
 - and any other fees as determined by Governing bodies
- d) Junior players who play in a higher division (refers to seniors only – no multiple divisions or grades allowed in the Junior Competition, their age dictates the fees payable for each team registered in. No team will be given any discount for juniors who choose to play a Senior Division in addition to their respective Junior Division.
- e) Fees for players who register mid-season (first week back after Christmas break only) are to be referred to Club Committee's for fee structure on a pro-rata basis

- f) Due to the contributions Life Members have made to the Association, they may apply to BABA for a discount to their relevant player individual fee. This amount may be altered by BABA. Active Life Members are considered financial members.
- g) Unless instigated by the Association, no refund of fees for team withdrawal or removal will be entertained

7. Player Points System

- a) **Definition: Representative Player** – any player who played the previous season, in a:
 - Represented BABA or any other association in either the State Championship, or Country Championships number one (1) team
 - Team competing in any Western Australian Basketball League (WABL age group) Division 1 or 2 only (or in the case of no Division 1 being the top two teams in the WABL age group;
 - State Basketball Team (e.g., Country WA, Metro WA or School Sports);
 - National Basketball League (NBL1) Team or;
 - Equivalent to any of the above.

Players in lesser Regional competitions attract no points and are not classed as Representative Players for the purpose of the Representative Player's points system. Points may be applied or removed for individual players at BABA's discretion.

These By-laws allow BABA to make sure that the BABA season is both fair and competitive for all players, Coaches, teams and supporters. The primary aim of the competition is for fun and exercise for all concerned. While the BABA rules require all Representative Players to play in the BABA Competition, it is essential that no one team should dominate in any grade.

- b) A player who has played in a Representative Squad for WABL, State, NBL1, and /or represented any Association in the State Championships, or Country Championships number one (1) team in the preceding season, will be allocated points in accordance with the level played. These points will apply whilst playing at an equivalent age group in the BABA domestic competitions.
- c) Points will be halved if playing in a higher division than your age dictates.
- d) Being a "bottom age" player in the competition will not change the qualification and representative points will be applied in that age group irrespective of age.
- e) Player points calculated on highest applicable not a player's combined sum.

Age Group	Blazers	WABL	STATE	NBL1
U12	2	4	5	-
U14	2	4	5	-
U16	2	4	5	-
U19	2	4	5	5
Senior	-	-	-	-

- f) Points allocation for players – the members of each team will be allocated points based on the players previous seasons and /or prior to the season commencing playing experience at any Association.

- g) A junior boy's team shall not have more than three (3) permanent Representative Players registered to a team. A junior girl's team shall not have more than four (4) permanent Representative Players registered to a team
- h) It is the Club's and team's responsibility to ensure that all junior boy's teams are nominated at nine (9) points and under, and that all junior girl's teams are nominated at ten (10) points and under, and remain so for the entire playing season.
- i) The Association will review all entries which may include a cross-check with Representative Player lists from other Associations and the PlayHQ platform.
- j) A failure to comply with these provisions (i.e. a team playing a game with more than nine (9) or ten (10) points for boys/girls respectively, across their entire playing list, including fill-in players) will result in the game being forfeited with the loss of competition points.
- k) Any team attempting to mislead the Association by playing a player under a false name, exceeding the nine (9) or ten (10) point criteria for any reason or under the name of a registered player will be deemed as committing "grave misconduct" and be referred to the BABA Tribunal.
- l) Player points will not be applicable in the Senior Men's or Women's competition. A Senior team shall not have more than two (2) NBL1 Players registered to a team. NBL1 / State players are expected to play in the A Grade competition.
- m) The final decision on placement of a team (regardless of Representative points) will rest with BABA.

8. Age Groups

- a) The BABA Competition is defined by the following divisions:

U10 – Years 2 & 3

U12 – Years 4 & 5

U14 – Years 6 & 7

U16 – Years 8 & 9

U19 – Years 10, 11 & 12

Senior

- b) The school year is determined as at the commencement of the domestic season.
- c) The following age requirements over ride School Years when determining the division played in.

By 30 June in the year the season ends, to play in:

- U10s, a player must be turning at least seven (7), and at the most nine (9),
- U12s, a player must be turning at least seven (7) and at the most eleven (11)
- U14's, a player must be turning at least nine (9) and at the most thirteen (13)
- U16s, a player must be turning at least eleven (11) and at the most fifteen (15)
- U19's, a player must be turning at least thirteen (13) and at the most eighteen (18)
- Seniors, a player must be turning at least fifteen (15)

Please see form "Season Age Groups & Fill-In Players" for the current season.

- d) Any exceptions to the above must have an Exemption request submitted in writing from the Club. Approval will be determined by BABA.

9. Illegal Players

- a) A player shall be considered an Illegal Player in a minor round if:
 - They play in a game without their full name (first and surname) being entered in the electronic scoring device or scoresheet
 - They play under a false or an assumed name
 - They play in a lower division or grade than the division or grade in which they are registered
 - They play as a fill in player without approval and the appropriate form completed
 - They play for a different Club than the Club in which they are registered
 - They are a Representative Player and participate in a game without the permission of BABA
 - They are a girl playing in a boys' grade, or a boy playing in a girls' grade
 - They play whilst under suspension by any affiliated Association
 - Their Club identifies them as an un-financial player after the third round of competition
 - They fail to meet the age requirements of these bylaws
- b) A Player shall be considered an Illegal Player in a Finals Series if:
 - They would be deemed an Illegal Player in a Minor Round;
 - They are registered in a Club which is un-financial with BABA at the time of the Finals Series game; or
 - They fail to meet any of the Finals Series Eligibility Criteria.
- c) If a team:
 - Fields an Illegal Player;
 - Exceeds the Representative Player requirements in any one game

They may lose the game by forfeit and be subject to forfeit fines imposed by BABA.

- d) Players may play in a game provided they arrive at the game before the end of the first half and have had their name entered into the electronic scoring device before legally taking the court.
- e) A player knowingly playing as an Illegal Player, or a Coach knowingly playing an Illegal Player, may be reported for unsportsmanlike behaviour to BABA.
- f) Any protests in relation to the eligibility of a player must follow the procedure outlined in Section 27. Reports & Protests.

10. Fill-in Players

- a) Fill-in players can only be sourced from a lower division or grade in accordance with the Section 8. Age Groups c)
Please see form "Season Age Groups & Fill-In Players" for the current season.
- b) A fill-in player must be a current registered player in the BABA Domestic season.
"Visitor" – Visiting players or unregistered players are NOT permitted to play.
- c) A player can fill-in a maximum of four (4) games in any higher division or grade.
- d) A team may only use fill-in players to make a full compliment of seven (7) players for a game.
- e) A team utilising any fill-in players must have at least 3 original registered players for a game.
- f) Fill-in players must meet all other bylaw requirements.
- g) If a team wishes to field a fill-in player, the Manager must report to the Court Coordinator at least 20 minutes prior to the fixtured game to fill out the appropriate form.
- h) If a player wishes to play more than four (4) games in any higher division, they must request approval from their club and BABA.

11. Uniforms

- a) Each affiliated Club shall select a distinctive uniform that shall be registered with the Association. The pattern and colour scheme of the uniform shall be approved by BABA prior to affiliation.
- b) Any new uniforms will require both Club and BABA approval. Approved Club colours for affiliated BABA Clubs are outlined in the 'Approved Affiliated Club Uniforms'
- c) Bibs shall be provided by each Club In the event of a colour clash.
- d) Teams with reversible shirts/tops must reverse their shirts/tops in the event of a colour clash.
- e) In the event both teams have reversible shirts/tops, Team B (or "Away" team) must reverse their shirts/tops.
- f) In the event that neither team has reversible shirts/tops, Team B (or "Away" team) is required to wear a set of club provided shirts/bibs.
- g) The following uniform requirements apply to all players:
 - Only an approved Club uniform with a number located on the front and back of the singlet may be worn. The only numbers permitted are numbers that have been approved by BABA and must be clearly visible from both the front and back.
 - All players in a team must have different numbers on their singlets.
 - All players in a team must be wearing the same style and colour uniform.
 - Playing shorts must not have any pockets or zips.
 - Playing singlets must remained tucked in at all times.
 - T-shirts must not be worn under playing singlets.
 - Inappropriate clothing, which includes but is not limited to tracksuit pants and/or jumpers must not be worn.
 - Compression garments are permitted to be worn – colours must be black, white, skin toned or match the playing uniform.
 - Players must not wear headgear or hair accessories that have the potential to cause injury to other players (eg: loose material capable of being caught accidentally during play).
 - Players must not have their hair plaited or braided in a way that can cause injury to other players.
 - Players must not wear any jewellery – All piercings must be removed.
 - Players must not have long nails.
 - All players under the age of 18 must wear a mouthguard, regardless of the division they are playing in.
- h) Any player who does not meet the above uniform requirements is considered out of uniform and shall not be permitted to take the court. This will be enforced by the Referees, Court Coordinator and/or BABA.
- i) Players may not tape jewellery or nails to avoid being out of uniform.

Exceptions

- j) No uniform penalty shall be applied for:
 - The first three (3) weeks of each season
 - Teams wearing a set of bibs in the event of a colour clash.
 - Players wearing an alternative shirt due to their normal playing top being ripped or soiled with blood during the same game.
 - Piercings may only be taped if they cannot be removed for medical reasons. A signed waiver by a parent/guardian must be provided to BABA prior to taking the court.
 - Headbands with a maximum width of five (5) cm made of non-abrasive cloth, pliable plastic or rubber may be worn.

12. Equipment

- a) Only BABA provided basketballs should be used for games.
- b) Private basketballs may be used for warming up; however, the Association reserves the right to confiscate any basketballs if the use interrupts games.
- c) Basketball sizes for respective age groups:

U10, U12	Size 5
U14	Size 6
U16, U18, U21 (Girls) Senior Women	Size 6
U16, U18, U21 (Boys) Senior Men	Size 7

13. Transfers

- a) Transfers are used to change the Club, in which a player is registered. Requests to transfer Clubs must be notified to BABA
- b) A player may change the Club in which they are registered during the season, by acquiring a transfer. This transfer must adhere to all clauses outlined in these By-laws and be applied for prior to 31 December of the year in which registrations commenced.
- c) In the event that all other teams in a division have reached their limitation of Representative Players, BABA shall decide if the Representative Player can transfer to the selected team or any other team determined by BABA.
- d) Protests in relation to transfers must follow the procedure outlined in the Section 27. Reports and Protests.

Procedure

PRE SEASON PROCEDURE

- a) Transfers between Clubs may occur in the pre-season when team nominations are being received. Clubs are required to send a courtesy email to the Clubs involved and BABA to advise each other of player inter-Club transfers. Any potential transfers need to adhere to these By-laws.

IN SEASON PROCEDURE

- a) A player or their parent/guardian must initially contact the Club Committee of the Club they seek to transfer **from**. The Club Committee must attempt to resolve any differences with the player's existing Club.
- b) If a transfer is still sought, the player or the player's parent/guardian shall contact BABA for the consideration of the transfer.
- c) Under no circumstances should a Club that a player seeks to transfer into, offer a place for that player until the transfer request has been considered by the player's existing Club and the Club Committee of both Clubs have conferred regarding the transfer application.
- d) No transfer will be approved if any fees are owed or property has not been returned by the player to the existing Club.
- e) Where both Clubs agree to the transfer of a non-Representative Player, BABA shall action the transfer and the new Club shall advise the player's parent/guardian.
- f) BABA may override any existing rule and approve a clearance where it feels exceptional circumstances apply.

14. Responsibilities

- a) All teams shall provide a competent scorer/timer aged thirteen (13) years or older for the duration of the game. The scorer from Team A (or "Home" team) shall complete the electronic scoring device. The scorer from Team B (or "Away" team) shall complete the score board. Scorers/timers are to have no other influence on the game other than fulfilling their scoring duties.
- b) It shall be assumed that the Coach (or in the event of no Coach, the Manager) (with the exception of the Senior Division the Captain and Vice-Captain) is satisfied that the names entered on the electronic scoring device are correct.
- c) It is the responsibility of the team to provide competent scorers who will record the games points & fouls accurately against the correct player. Both teams' scorers must check after each point or foul to make sure the electronic scoring device and score board remain the same for the duration of the game.
- d) If any information in the electronic scoring device is disputed, it is the responsibility of the Coach and Manager (with the exception of the Senior Division the Captain and Vice-Captain) to follow the procedure outlined in the Reports & Protests section. During the game if the electronic scoring device varies from the score board the result will revert to the score on the electronic scoring device.
- e) Only the Coach or Assistant Coach is permitted to remain standing during the game, but not both at the same time.
- f) It is the Coaches responsibility to ensure any other people in their Team bench area remain seated.
- g) Teams will be required to pay any invoices by the due date specified on the invoice.
- h) Teams are responsible for ensuring that any player 'filling-in' is registered and appropriate for the division.
- i) All junior teams must have an adult present at each game to be responsible for the team's actions.
- j) All Referees, Coaches, players and parents are to adhere to the BWA and the BABA Codes of Conduct.

- k) All Referees, Volunteers, including Coaches and Managers must meet all legislative Basketball WA and the BABA requirements in relation to Working with Children Checks and Police Volunteer Checks. Refer to the following website:
<https://workingwithchildren.wa.gov.au/>

15. Timing of Games

- a) Minor Round, Semi & Preliminary Finals games shall be timed as follows:
First Half – Twenty (20) minutes running clock
Second Half – Twenty (20) minutes running clock
- b) Grand Final games shall be timed as follows:
First Half – Twenty (20) minutes running clock
Second Half – Seventeen (17) minutes running clock plus a further three (3) minutes stopped clock
- c) Extra periods shall only be played in Finals Series games in the event of the final score being a draw.
- Extra periods are three (3) minutes running clock in Semi & Preliminary Finals
 - Extra periods are three (3) minutes stopped clock in Grand Final
 - Extra periods are played in the same direction as the Second Half of the game.
 - Extra periods are played until a winner is decided.
- d) Two (2) time-outs are permitted each half, and one (1) time-out in any extra period.
- e) No time-outs are permitted in the final three (3) minutes of the second (2nd) half in a Minor Round game.

16. Grading of Teams

- a) All fixtures shall be conducted on a division and grade basis, to be decided by BABA.
- b) It shall be the responsibility of each Club in the first instance and BABA in the second to determine the relative merits of competitor teams. BABA has the overall power to make the determination.
- c) BABA shall have the power to ensure an even competition by moving teams classed as being too strong for their playing division to a higher division.
- d) Re-grading of teams, both up and down, may occur in the first four (4) weeks of the competition. Whilst it is hoped that most re-grading occurs by week (4), in extraordinary circumstances at the discretion of BABA, teams shall be moved to a higher or lower grade in week five (5) – seven (7). All regrading shall be considered final once the mid-season (Christmas) break is reached.
- e) All requests in relation to grading changes need to be made to their Club. The President/Club representative must investigate whether the move is required and if they agree then forward the request to BABA for review. Any grading decision passed down from BABA will be final.

17. Forfeits

- a) **Definition** – Notified Forfeits: where sufficient notice has been given. (**more** than 24 hours prior to the fixtured game)
- b) **Definition** – Un-notified Forfeits: where sufficient notice has not been given. (**less** than 24 hours prior to the fixtured game)
- c) **Definition** – Illegal Player Forfeits: where a team has fielded an Illegal Player.
- d) Notification must be received twenty-four (24) hours before the game.
- e) The forfeiting team must notify their Club for all forfeited games.
- f) The forfeiting teams' Club must contact BABA and the opposition Club to advise of forfeit.
- g) BABA will confirm receipt of the forfeit notification and advise other relevant parties
- h) If a junior team does not have four (4) players who have legally taken the court within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled starting time, they shall lose by forfeit.
- i) If a Senior team does not have five (5) players who have legally taken the court within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled starting time, they shall lose by forfeit.
- j) If a team plays while having an Association Invoice overdue, they shall lose by forfeit.
- k) If one Team forfeits the final score shall be twenty (20) – zero (0).
- l) If both Teams forfeiting the results shall be recorded as a zero (0) – zero (0) draw to each team.
- m) Any team forfeiting three (3) times in any one (1) season, may be removed at the discretion of BABA.
- n) Forfeit Fines are set by BABA prior to the start of the season. Payable via bank transfer, with bank details to be provided with the invoice issued to the team. BABA will provide all clubs with the table of fines document which will state the amounts payable, prior to the season.
- o) BABA will use their discretion as to whether or not a forfeit fine will be issued to teams.
- p) If a team has formally protested against an Association Invoice the invoice will not be considered overdue. If the protest is dismissed, the invoice will be considered overdue immediately.

18. Late Start

- a) A Junior or Senior grade game shall not start unless each Team has at least four (4) players present and ready to play.
- b) Failure to start the game on time shall result in a two (2) point penalty being awarded to a player of the opposition team for each minute, or part thereof, that the game is delayed.
- c) Teams can elect not to begin playing but will be subject to the late start penalty and forfeit rules as defined in these By-laws.

19. Abandoned Games

- a) The time that the game stops being played, as opposed to when the decision is finally made, shall be used when deciding whether the game has reached half time.
- b) If the game has reached half time before being abandoned, the result shall stand.
- c) If the game has not reached half time before being abandoned, there shall be no result, and the game shall be considered a washout.
- d) If due to circumstances beyond the control of BABA, a match is unable to be played as fixtured (except forfeits) BABA reserves the right to reschedule the match.

20. Premiership Ladders

- a) In Minor Rounds, the result of a drawn game shall stand. There is no overtime in Minor Rounds. BABA will use the ladder template provided by Play HQ
- b) Points shall be awarded for matches as follows:

MATCH RESULT	POINTS AWARDED
Win	3
Loss	1
Draw	2
Bye	2
Washout	2
Receiving Forfeit	3
Giving Forfeit	1

Overall Percentage is calculated as follows: points For divided by points Against multiplied by one hundred (100).

- c) Premiership Ladders shall be calculated based on Overall Match Points.
- d) If the Overall Match Points for multiple teams is equal, then Overall Percentage shall be used to split the tie.
- e) Where teams finish level on Match Points and Overall Percentage, then ladder position will be determined by head to head results.
- f) A team being re-graded in a competition will for the purposes of the Premiership Ladder, keep their win-loss record, however, they will receive an average of their points For and points Against for their percentage & their ladder points will be adjusted to place them midway in the ladder for their new grade.
- g) Teams average scores For and Against will be rounded to the closest whole number.
- h) If an anomaly is found within the online ladder BABA can correct the anomaly and notify the Clubs involved.

21. Finals Series Eligibility

- a) A qualifying game is any game (including Forfeits) that is not part of a Finals Series, with the exception of washouts.
- b) A game shall be considered a washout if there was no result.
- c) Byes are not considered as qualifying games.
- d) Only qualifying games may be credited to players for Finals Series Eligibility in a particular grade.
- e) A qualifying game may be credited to a player for Finals Series Eligibility in a particular division or grade, provided:
 - They are not an Illegal Player;
 - They are legally substituted into the game; and
 - They have their full name and playing number entered into the electronic scoring device.
- f) A qualifying game may be credited to a player for Finals Series Eligibility in a particular division or grade if an injury prevents them from playing or being present at a game provided that:
 - They provide BABA with a medical certificate; and

- BABA receives and acknowledges seeing the medical certificate at least one (1) day prior to the last Minor Round for that division or grade.
- g) In the event of a game lost by forfeit, the qualifying game shall not be credited to any players for Finals Series Eligibility.
- h) In the event of a game won by forfeit the following players may be credited with the qualifying game for Finals Series Eligibility:
 - All players who are registered for the team at the time of the forfeit; and
 - All players have their full name entered into the electronic scoring device prior to the forfeit.
- i) To participate in the Finals Series of a competition, a player must be credited with at least five (5) qualifying games for a particular team.
- j) In the event of a player legally changing teams as the result of a transfer or team withdrawal, any qualifying games credited to that player prior to the transfer/withdrawal shall remain credited to that player in their new team or grade.
- k) Any protests in relation to the Eligibility of a Player Participating in a Finals Series must follow the procedure outlined in the Reports & Protests section

22. Finals Series

Finals shall be played over two (2) weeks as follows:

First week:

Semi Final 1 (SF1) 1st v 2nd
Semi Final 2 (SF2) 3rd v 4th

Winner of SF1 progresses directly into the Grand Final

Second week:

Preliminary Final 1 (PF1) Loser of SF1 v Winner of SF2
Grand Final Winner of SF1 v Winner of PF1

All Finals Series games dates and days to be played will be determined by BABA. Members will be informed during the mid-season break.

23. Special Rules

Under 10 Division

- a) No Finals Series will be played.
- b) No uniform penalty shall be applied. Non-pocketed shorts must be worn during all games.
- c) No late start penalty shall be applied.
- d) No scoreboards shall be used.
- e) Lowered back-boards shall be used.
- f) Free throws shall be taken from the front of the charge circle.
- g) The players are encouraged to pass the ball to a teammate or shoot (whichever is the better option) when they have bounced the ball five (5) times. The Coaches are to verbally encourage the player to “pass the ball” or “shoot the ball” when they have bounced the ball five (5) times (except on an open court fast break).
- h) Successful three (3) point shots shall count as two (2) points.
- i) No zone defence is permitted.
- j) 5 seconds in the keyway – players are encouraged to move out of keyway.
- k) 8 second rule to get the ball over halfway does not apply.
- l) The defence shall retreat to beyond the half court after a basket is scored and in all out of bounds situations in the offensive backcourt. Once the ball has been inbounded the defence shall then be permitted to play full court defence.
- m) Coaches are permitted to walk from the end line up to their side of the score bench.
- n) Teams are allowed to use players from opposing BABA Clubs to avoid a forfeit.

Under 12 & Under 14 Divisions

- a) U12 - Successful three (3) point shots shall count as two (2)
- b) U12 - 5 seconds in the keyway applies U14 - 3 seconds in the keyway applies
- c) U12 - 10 sec. rule to get the ball over halfway U14 - 8 sec. rule to get the ball over halfway
- d) No zone defence is permitted up to and including the U14s.
- e) The penalty for playing a zone defence is a technical foul being charged and entered in the electronic scoring device against the Coach or the offending team.

Zone defence is defined by BWA below:

Any defence played in the offensive frontcourt, which does not incorporate normal man-to-man defensive principles, shall be considered a zone. For this purpose, trapping defences that rotate back to the man-on-man defensive principles shall be acceptable.

Trapping defences and double team defences in the offensive backcourt shall be acceptable but must rotate back to man-to-man defence in the offensive frontcourt.

Only the Referees and Referee Coach may determine whether a zone defence is being played. If it is believed that a zone defence is being played, the Coach or Manager may ask for the Court Coordinator to notify the Referees. If it is an illegal defence it may result in a technical foul being charged and entered in the electronic scoring device against the offending Coach.

- f) **The Mercy Rule:** Any team who is leading by twenty (20) or more points must retreat to beyond the half-court line after they lose possession until the opposition has brought the basketball into the offensive frontcourt. This shall remain in effect until the lead is reduced to nineteen (19) points or less. Failure to do so may result in a technical foul being charged and entered in the electronic scoring device against the offending Coach.

The Mercy Rule applies to U12 and U14 age groups. It is the Coaches responsibility to ensure their team adheres to this rule.

24. Safety Precautions

- a) **Medical Conditions:** Parents/guardians of players suffering from an illness or medical condition are to accept responsibility for the player and are asked to make the Coaches and Managers aware of that condition. This information needs to be provided to the Court Coordinator and Referee Coach. This information must be confidential.
- b) **Blood Rule:** It shall be the joint responsibility of the Coaches and 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 bleeding has stopped and the affected area or open wound has been completely, and securely, covered. If the bleeding cannot be stopped, the player is not to return to the court. Any clothing soiled with blood is to be removed before a player is allowed back on the court. The Referee's decision shall be final in determining whether a player may return to the court.
- c) **Injured Players:** Injured players should not be moved until someone with first-aid training has attended to them or their parent/guardian decides to do so. Any persons injured during a game shall complete an injury report form with the assistance from the Court Coordinator.
- d) **Mouthguards:** BABA strongly supports the use of mouthguards in all divisions of our competition. Mouthguards are compulsory for all Under 18 year old players, regardless of the division they play in.
- e) This support is in line with the strategies and initiatives of SportSafe and BWA in promoting better attitudes towards safety in sports, and in particular, basketball.
- f) No modifications to the court will be made.
- g) BABA shall enforce the Hot Weather Policy. (Refer to BABA website).
- h) BABA shall enforce the Drug and Alcohol Policy. (Refer to BABA website).
- i) BABA or the Venue staff members have the authority to ask a person over the age of 18 to leave the stadium if they are behaving in a disrespectful manner that puts other players, referees and/or BABA at risk or are in breach of the BABA Codes of Conduct or the Drug and Alcohol Policy. (Refer to the BABA website)

25. BABA Representative Sides

- a) BABA facilitate a Junior Representative Program called the Busselton Blazers. Information, expectations and requirements can be found in the "Busselton Blazers Representative Program Information" Booklet
- b) U19 State Championship and/or Senior Country Championship teams may be submitted to the relevant carnivals upon written request to BABA
- c) All players who represent BABA in any carnival, are to be current registered players in the BABA Domestic Season
- d) Players have a responsibility to ensure that any uniform they are provided, is returned undamaged straight after their last carnival game to the Manager. The Manager shall wash the entire full set and return to BABA in the supplied Kit Bag.

26. State Representation

- a) **Definition** - A player, Referee, Coach or Official selected at a State Basketball level (Country WA, Metro WA or School Sports)
- b) BABA may provide financial assistance to a maximum of \$250 per season to assist with travel costs to participate in State Basketball.
- c) Eligible recipients must not have had any disciplinary action/records during the previous & current BABA season.
- d) BABA will decide whether to provide financial assistance. The recipient must have:
 - Played, officiated or coached two (2) full seasons with BABA prior to selection at this level
 - Represented BABA at Country Championships or State Championships in the prior year(s)
 - Nominated BABA as home Association with the State body; and
 - Apply in writing to BABA for their consideration.

27. Reports & Protests

- a) BABA adopts and enforces the BABA Tribunal and Appeals Procedures in line with the BWA policies and procedures (refer to BWA website).
- b) All persons attending BABA fixtured games or events at affiliated stadiums may be subject to a report by any Official of BABA.
- c) A Tribunal Board may be appointed as required by BABA.

Protest of Game Result, Player Eligibility, Rulings & Forfeit Fines

The Coach of the protesting team must complete the following within twenty- four (24) hours following the end of the game in question, notification of the transfer ruling being protested, or at least one entire day before the due date on the forfeit fine invoice being protested:

- d) Notify BABA in writing that they are protesting; and
- e) Outline the relevant by-laws and reason for the protest.

28. Communication & Complaints

- a) In the case of any complaints, BABA will, as far as practicable, do everything possible to ensure complaints:
 - Are investigated thoroughly;
 - Remain confidential;
 - Are appropriately dealt with in a timely manner;
 - Procedural fairness and natural justice is applied to all parties involved in the process; and
 - Adhere to BABA and/or BWA policies and procedures.
- b) All complaints to BABA should be submitted by the relevant Club.
- c) Common sense should prevail in all cases. Issues arising within teams are best resolved by the Coach & Manager, if further action is required the matter can be referred to the Club for resolution and/or disciplinary action.
- d) Basic BABA complaints flowchart

