



NBL1 West - Rules of Operation

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DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

In these Rules of Operation, unless the context requires otherwise:

"Active Restricted Players" means a player that is game ready as expressed to the League Manager in writing.

"Affiliated Association" means an Association that has registered and paid affiliation fees with BWA, and that BWA has accepted its affiliation.

"Agreement" means the NBL1 WEST Licence Agreement including any Schedules or annexures, however described.

"Annual Levy" means the amount determined by the Board and payable by the Licensee to BWA each year.

"Any Other Games" means games between NBL1 WEST Clubs on an international and national basis organised by FIBA, a confederation within FIBA or a member federation of FIBA including BA.

"Association compliance penalties" means penalties imposed on Associations for breaches of the Rules of Operation to improve compliance levels.

"Basketball Australia" or "BA" means Basketball Australia Incorporated.

"Basketball Western Australia" or "BWA" means Western Australia Basketball Federation (Inc).

"Basketball WA Tribunal" means a Tribunal process established by BWA to deal with poor behaviour, both on and off the court fairly, impartially and consistently.

"Broadcast Rights" mean the right to record NBL1 WEST Games, any other games, other events and game statistics for transmission, display and distribution by way of audio, audio-visual, television (including free-to-air, subscription, multichannel, closed circuit and interactive television), televisual exhibition, internet, broadband, mobile and video, in all forms whenever devised in any part of the world, including rights to Virtual Signage.

"Coach" means any person who is appointed to coach a League team for any season or part thereof.

"Code of Conduct" means the NBL1 WEST Code of Conduct as developed by BWA from time to time, in consultation with the NBL1 WEST Clubs.

"NBL1 WEST Commission" means the NBL1 WEST Commission appointed by BWA to manage, direct and oversee the NBL1 WEST.

"Commissioner" means a Commissioner of the NBL1 WEST, appointed or elected in accordance with the Agreement.

"CPI" means the Consumer Price Index (All Groups) Perth as published by the Commonwealth Government and if for any reason the Commonwealth Government ceases to publish the CPI, then any equivalent index specified from time to time by BWA.



"Court announcer" means a person appointed by the home Association to make public announcements in relation to the presentation of a game and be responsible for playing music and where appropriate other audio recordings.

"Delegate" means the person appointed by an Association from time to time who will be the point of communication between the NBL1 WEST and NBL1 WEST Club.

"FIBA" or "Federation Internationale de Basketball Association" means the international governing body of basketball of which BA is a member federation.

"Finals" means the series of games as determined by the League played at the completion of the regular League season between qualifying Associations to determine the championship team for that season.

"Game" means a BWA game organised and staged by the Licensee (including a NBL1 WEST Game and a Non-fixture Game), including all incidental activities such as hospitality, advertising, promotions, merchandising and pre-game, half time and post-game entertainment and precinct activity.

"Game Commissioner" means the person appointed by the home NBL1 WEST Club to ensure a fixtured game is conducted in accordance with the Rules of Operation.

"Game Statistics" means data, statistics or information relating to NBL1 WEST Games or Any Other Games, basketball participants and basketball, collected by or for, or in the possession or control of the NBL1 WEST Club, including the Game result, and all other statistical information.

"League Manager" means the person who is appointed by Basketball WA to manage the NBL1 WEST (or their appointment in their absence).

"Home Venue" means the venue listed in Item 4 of Schedule 1 of the Agreement for the NBL1 WEST Club.

"Home Association" means an Association which is entitled or obliged to stage a Game.

"Home game" means a Game which an Association is entitled or obliged to stage at its approved Home Venue.

"Home team" means a team which is named first in a NBL1 WEST fixture.

"Investigations Officer" means a person appointed by BWA to investigate matters relating to conduct and any other matters deemed necessary.

"Licence" means the rights and obligations granted under the Agreement.

"Licenced Area" means the Licenced Area for each Club.

"Licensee Sponsor" means a sponsor of the NBL1 WEST Club that has been appointed by the NBL1 WEST Club.

"Member" means any person who acts in any official capacity for a Club, including as a player, coach, official, employee or administrator.

"MVP voting form" means a League provided document which allows each team Coach and game Referees to record votes for the purpose of determining a competition's Most Valuable Player (MVP) or other relevant NBL1 WEST awards.



"**NBL**" means the National Basketball League of Australia.

"**NBL1**" means the second tier National Basketball League of Australia.

"**NBL1 West**" means the branded NBL1 WEST competition of Western Australia.

"**Non-fixtured Game**" means any game participated in by the NBL1 WEST Club that is not an NBL1 WEST Game.

"**Operations Manual**" means the written guidelines for operating the NBL1 WEST as prescribed and amended from time to time by the League Manager.

"**Other Events**" mean events or functions organised or controlled by BWA relating, directly or indirectly, to the NBL1 WEST, including ceremonies, awards nights or official dinners or functions.

"**Player**" means any person who has signed a Contract with a NBL1 WEST Club.

"**Player Contract System**" means the system of regulating Player eligibility, registration, contracting, payments and transfer as set out in the Rules of Operation.

"**Personnel**" means any personnel engaged by the NBL1 WEST Club (whether paid or unpaid), including directors and Team Officials, but excluding Players.

"**Premium Ticket Provision**" means no more than 10 premium tickets, being courtside or as near as possible where available, to each NBL1 WEST Game.

"**President**" is the elected president of any NBL1 WEST Club.

"**Referee NBL1 WEST Appointments Committee**" or "**SAC**" means a group appointed by Basketball WA to manage matters relating to the appointment of Referees on its behalf.

"**Regular season game**" means any NBL1 WEST Game played in the regular home and away season.

"**Restricted player**" means a restricted player as defined in the Rules of Operation (4.3 Restricted Players).

"**Rules of Operation**" mean the rules and regulations for the conduct and operation of the NBL1 WEST as developed by BWA from time to time in accordance with clause 9.1(j) of the Agreement.

"**SAT**" means The State Administrative Tribunal.

"**NBL1 WEST**" means the state competition to be conducted by BWA between the NBL1 WEST Clubs previously known as State Basketball League, or any other name determined and notified from time to time.

"**NBL1 WEST Club**" means any Affiliated Association admitted by BWA to field a team and / or teams to participate in the NBL1 WEST.

"**NBL1 WEST Game**" means any BWA game played between NBL1 WEST Clubs during a Season, including any regular season or Final Series or officially sanctioned pre-season Game.

"**NBL1 WEST Partners**" mean the official broadcasters, the NBL1 WEST Sponsors and the NBL1 WEST Suppliers collectively.



“**NBL1 WEST Sponsors**” mean the naming rights sponsor of the NBL1 WEST and the sponsors of the NBL1 WEST from time to time, as notified by BWA to the NBL1 WEST Clubs.

“**NBL1 WEST Suppliers**” mean suppliers of products or services within the Supplier Categories that BWA has from time to time appointed as official suppliers to the NBL1 WEST.

“**NBL1 WEST Trade Identification**” means the logo of the NBL1 WEST, inclusive of the name of any naming rights partner, as notified by BWA from time to time.

“**Season**” means the period in each year determined by the NBL1 WEST Commission when the League competition takes place.

“**Style Guide**” means a document issued which prescribes how the NBL1 WEST Trade Identification is to be used on Association uniforms, other attire and documentation.

“**Team**” means a team of an NBL1 WEST Club which participates in the NBL1 WEST.

“**Technical official**” means any person acting as a score table official, statistician or Referee or Referee coach at any Game.

“**Tier 1 Signage**” means court level signage, including but not limited to A-Frame or LED signage, that appears predominantly within the field of view of the main game video camera.

“**Tier 2 Signage**” means signage that is elevated from the court level by greater than 1200mm.

“**Uniform Style Guide**” is defined as the standard requirements for uniforms worn by a Team and contains the minimum requirements of uniforms for the NBL1 WEST.

“**Venue**” means any playing venue where the NBL1 WEST Club will stage an NBL1 WEST Game, including the Home Venue including all surrounding areas owned, leased, licensed or otherwise controlled by the Venue owner or operator.

“**Venue Audit**” means a checklist issued by the League from time to time indicating minimum venue requirements and providing a means for NBL1 WEST Clubs to indicate compliance.

“**Venue Standards**” mean the standards set out in the Rules of Operation in relation to game day operations policies and procedures, broadcast and media requirements, police and security requirements and broadcast and sports presentation that the NBL1 WEST Club should ensure that it, its Personnel and the Venue complies with in relation to the staging of Games.

“**Visiting team**” means a Team which is named second in a NBL1 WEST fixture.

“**WNBL**” means the Women’s National Basketball League of Australia.

Persons, Singular Gender

Words importing the singular number include the plural and the masculine gender, the feminine or neuter and vice versa, and words importing persons include corporations.

Headings and Clause Numbers

Headings and clause numbers have been inserted for convenience and will not be considered in interpreting these By-Laws.



Interpretation

These Rules of Operation will be governed by the law of Western Australia.

Reference to Currency

References to currency in these Rules of Operation refers to Australian Dollars unless otherwise specified.

1 PART 1 – INTRODUCTION

1.1. Management

The NBL1 WEST is managed by Basketball WA, with BWA Board endorsement when applicable. Its operation is overseen by an NBL1 WEST Commission comprised of 5 members, consisting of:

- Basketball WA CEO or their representative
- Two (2) positions appointed by the BWA Board
- Two (2) positions elected by the NBL1 WEST Clubs

The Board may appoint a further person to the Commission where they feel it will proactively add to the diversity of the membership group.

The League Manager will provide the secretariat for the NBL1 WEST Commission.

1.2. Aims

The NBL1 WEST aims to:

- a) Provide an elite basketball league that is aspirational and provides an inspirational pathway for associations, players, coaches and technical officials;
- b) Provide a highly attractive competition, that enables and results in commercial leverage opportunities and engages the community; and
- c) Grow the profile of the sport of basketball.

1.3. Competition Structure

The NBL1 WEST will consist of a men's and women's competition, each consisting of association representative teams.

1.4. Conferences

Where appropriate due to the number of teams competing, the competition may be divided into conferences.

1.5. Entry

New entry to the NBL1 WEST will be by way of application which will be reviewed based on:

- Proven association pathway structure / links



- Demonstrated competitiveness and/or success over the past 5 years in junior and senior competitions
- Demonstrated ability to market games and engage with community/supporters
- Designated Association personnel resource to administer teams and games
- Submission of business, marketing and game day plans
- Associations financial status with Basketball WA
- Associations general financial soundness
- Community engagement strategy
- Commitment to the running of a both a men's and women's NBL1 West team

Mandatory venue requirements being met including, but not limited to.

- FIBA full size court, with suitable run off
- Safe, well maintained playing surface
- Scoreboards and Shot Clocks at both ends of the court
- Minimum 500 seat capacity
- 4 Changerooms with clean whiteboards
- A dedicated referee room for referees separate to domestic referees, including access to showers
- Suitable lighting for Live Streaming (guide 500+ lux)
- Suitably qualified score bench and stats staff

Successful applicants will be granted a Licence at Basketball WA's discretion, with requirements monitored annually.

NBL1 WEST Clubs will be consulted on any new entry proposal to the NBL1 WEST.

There will be no formal promotion from or relegation to any other competition.

2 PART 2 – LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION

2.1. Rules of Operation

2.1.1. Establishment

These Rules of Operation are provided to each NBL1 WEST Club and have been developed to ensure the efficient operation of the NBL1 WEST. The Rules of Operation may change at any time subject to Rule 2.1.2 Variation. Variations required during a season will be designed to have minimum impact on the outcome of the League.

NBL1 WEST Club Delegates must acquaint themselves of all responsibilities contained in this document and ensure that relevant personnel are aware of their individual responsibilities and rights.

2.1.2. Variation

The Rules of Operation may be amended by the League Manager with input from the NBL1 WEST Commission and approval of Basketball WA where required.

The NBL1 WEST Commission may request input from NBL1 WEST Clubs from time to time regarding suggested amendments and at the request of Basketball WA the NBL1 WEST Commission may be asked to appoint a person or persons to review these Rules of Operation.

NBL1 WEST Clubs may be requested to suggest amendments from time to time.

2.1.3. Management and appeal

The League Manager shall in the first instance interpret and apply the Rules of Operation and make decisions based on them.

The League Manager at their discretion can also refer to the NBL1 WEST Commission for guidance on interpretation and application of any Rules of Operation.

The NBL1 WEST Commission shall act as a point of appeal for decisions made by the League Manager in relation to the Rules of Operation. Refer to Rule 2.3 Appeals.

2.1.4. Items not provided for

The League Manager shall have the discretion to decide on any questions not provided for in the Rules of Operation.

2.2. Penalties

2.2.1. NBL1 WEST penalties

The League Manager may impose penalties upon individual players, coaches, administrators / staff, NBL1 WEST Clubs, members of Affiliated Associations, technical officials, or any participant at their discretion. Penalties may be in the form or combination of compliance fees, forfeit, suspension or disqualification (as listed in Appendix 1), from NBL1 WEST games or any other penalty deemed appropriate by the League Manager from time to time. The League Manager will notify all penalties in writing to Associations.

The League Manager is empowered to impose penalties for non-compliance with the Rules of Operation and as specified below in Rules 2.2.2 NBL1 WEST compliance penalties, 2.2.3 Administrative and procedural fines, 2.2.4 Fines for forfeits and 2.2.5 Changes to venue/fixture.

2.2.2. NBL1 WEST compliance penalties

The NBL1 WEST compliance penalties are a mechanism for the League Manager to maintain League standards and ensure compliance by NBL1 WEST Clubs with a view to meeting the requirements of these Rules of Operation.

Where the League Manager detects a breach of these Rules of Operation they will apply the appropriate penalty for that breach. As an NBL1 WEST Club accumulates offences they shall be dealt with in accordance with the level of penalty as approved by the NBL1 WEST Commission. (Refer to Appendix one (1) Offences and Penalties).

Where an NBL1 WEST Club incurs a penalty the League Manager will inform the NBL1 WEST Club of the penalty and they will have the right to appeal to the NBL1 WEST Commission in accordance with Rule 2.3 Appeals of the Rules of Operation.



Should an NBL1 WEST Club exceed three offences in each season the League Manager will investigate the NBL1 WEST Club performance and decide on an appropriate additional penalty having regard to the nature of the ongoing offences.

2.2.3. Administrative and procedural fines

NBL1 West Clubs may receive an administrative or procedural fine (as listed in appendix 1), due to:

- a) Failure to respond to any administrative requests within timeline provided.
- b) Failure by an Association representative to attend any NBL1 WEST meeting sanctioned by the NBL1 WEST Commission requiring compulsory attendance.
- c) Per person for any breach of the Team bench dress code.

2.2.4. Fines for forfeits

In the event of a game being forfeited through non-attendance / withdrawal of a Team:

- a) Where a Home Team forfeits, 75% of the fine will be allocated to the visiting team.
- b) Where the Visiting Team forfeits, 75% of the fine will be allocated to the home team.
- c) If a forfeit does occur the League Manager will investigate the circumstances, and this may affect a future season's acceptance of Teams for that NBL1 WEST Club.

2.2.5. Changes to venue/fixture

- a) An NBL1 WEST Club must secure approval for a fixture change (date, time, and/or venue) from the League Manager prior to contacting the opposition; the opposition may decline the request for a change;
- b) An administrative fee (penalty) per change after the final fixture is published on the NBL1 WEST web site will be applied unless the change is made under extenuating circumstances. The League manager will determine if the circumstances are reasonable and extenuating.

2.2.6. Payment of fines

All penalties and charges incurred must be paid within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of account, except when a required date of payment is otherwise advised on the fine notification or agreed.

Where NBL1 WEST issued invoice(s) exceeds the due date of any invoice, the amount of the invoice will be subject to interest in accordance with SAT penalty rates until payment is received.

If after a reasonable period, payment remains outstanding the NBL1 WEST Club will be declared un-financial, with the League Manager empowered to take the following action:

- a) Prior to the competition commencing, the NBL1 WEST Club shall be ineligible for entry, participation or progression in the competition;



- b) If the NBL1 WEST Club becomes unfinancial during the competition, its teams shall cease to earn results until the matter is resolved. When the matter is resolved, the points lost in the unfinancial period cannot be regained.

2.3. Appeals

2.3.1. Introduction

Appeals relating to decisions made by the League Manager shall be referred to the NBL1 WEST Commission for a decision. There shall be no further appeal to the NBL1 WEST Commission once a decision is reached.

NBL1 WEST Clubs must lodge an appeal in writing to the League Manager within seven (7) days of the decision being notified, together with a bond of \$500. The appeals bond of \$500 will only be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

In the event an earlier pending decision is required (e.g. finals) the NBL1 WEST Commission may determine at its discretion the time duration cut off for the acceptance of an appeal and all other timings to the appeal.

2.3.2. Appeal process

An appellant seeking an appeal must submit the appeal in writing, detailing the matter in full and the decision made by the League Manager including:

- a) Ground(s) on which the appeal is made and
- b) Reason(s) or circumstances supporting the ground(s) of appeal;

Upon receipt, the League Manager will forward the submission to the NBL1 WEST Commission. The NBL1 WEST Commission will determine within seven (7) days if the appeal should proceed.

The appellant shall be advised within fourteen (14) days after receipt of the appeal whether the NBL1 WEST Commission will hear the appeal.

The appellant can be present at the hearing and must notify the League Manager within 48 hours of being advised that the appeal will be heard, otherwise the NBL1 WEST Commission will deal with the matter(s) on written submission only.

If the appeal proceeds, NBL1 WEST Commission shall determine the way the appeal shall be heard:

- a) By way of a full hearing or
- b) By way of a partial hearing of limited issues only;

The NBL1 WEST Commission may deal with the matter(s) by phone, video conferencing, email or such other means as deemed appropriate.

The NBL1 WEST Commission shall have the power to:

- a) Dismiss the appeal;
- b) Uphold the appeal;



- c) Impose any penalties in accordance with these Rules of Operation;
- d) Reduce, increase or otherwise vary any penalty of the initial decision of the League Manager in such a manner as it thinks fit.

The NBL1 WEST Commission will provide the League Manager the outcome of the appeal in writing on the NBL1 WEST template, which will be forwarded to the appellant.

2.4. Member Conduct

2.4.1. Member Review

Membership of the NBL1 WEST by way of the grant of a Licence to participate shall be subject to the conditions in the Agreement.

On an annual basis but no later than 120 days after the end of each Season, BWA shall review the NBL1 WEST conducted in the preceding Season and shall consider the following matters:

- a) a financial report in relation to its delivery of the NBL1 WEST within the annual budget for that Season;
- b) the performance of BWA in meeting the objectives of the NBL1 WEST as set out in the Agreement;
- c) participation by the NBL1 WEST Club in the marketing program and support for NBL1 WEST Partners during that Season;
- d) Player professionalism, welfare and education programs;
- e) the NBL1 WEST Club's compliance with Player contracts and the Player Contract System; and
- f) the NBL1 WEST Club's overall compliance with the terms and the spirit and intent of the Agreement and the Rules of Operation.

2.4.2. Conduct detrimental or prejudicial to the NBL1 WEST

Any NBL1 WEST Club, Player, Personnel, spectator or technical official that behaves in a manner that adversely, or is likely to, adversely affect the NBL1 WEST in either its promotion or operation may be referred to the Basketball WA Tribunal, as appropriate.

This will include:

- a) Breaches of the Basketball WA Tribunal By-laws, Basketball WA Member Protection By-laws and the Basketball WA Code of Conduct.
- b) Criticism of the NBL1 WEST, NBL1 WEST Clubs, Players, Personnel or technical officials is a matter of concern for the NBL1 WEST. Any Affiliated Association member, including Players, Personnel and management who publicly criticise any of the above persons or bodies will be deemed to have acted in a manner detrimental and prejudicial to the NBL1 WEST and will be liable to penalty and will be referred to the League Manager.



Furthermore, any Affiliated Association member, participant or spectator who is found by the League Manager to have pursued and/or harassed technical officials before, during, or after a game will be subject to similar penalties.

NBL1 WEST Clubs will be held responsible for any adverse media or public comments of all their members by way of the public address system, game program, multimedia, in a public place or through any forum or media outlet including any form of social media.

The League Manager is empowered to impose a penalty or recommend expulsion, if any adverse media comment is reported, and after investigation is proven. The League Manager has the discretion with respect to the amount of fine or penalty to be imposed (Refer to Appendix One (1) Offences and Penalties).

2.5. League finance

2.5.1. Budgets

The League Manager will develop an annual budget which will ensure the satisfactory operation of the NBL1 WEST and gain approval from Basketball WA Board. The budget will be presented to the NBL1 WEST Clubs as per the Agreement.

Each member Association must develop an annual financial budget which is to be made available to the League Manager upon request and which will be held by the NBL1 WEST and Basketball WA in strictest confidence.

Basketball WA has a responsibility to ensure the financial viability of Affiliated Associations and may exercise the right to review an Association's financial status to ensure their financial stability and maintain the integrity of the NBL1 WEST.

The League Manager is empowered to assist with the development of NBL1 WEST Clubs who are identified as struggling financially. This assistance may include arranging financial advice, which may be in coordination with Basketball WA. The ultimate responsibility for financial stability rests with the individual Affiliated Association.

2.5.2. Annual Levy

The Annual Levy to be paid by NBL1 WEST Clubs shall be established within the budget prepared by the League Manager and communicated to the NBL1 WEST Clubs on an annual basis. The Annual Levy will be invoiced to participating associations in three (3) equal instalments as confirmed by the League Manager.

2.5.3. Withdrawal of entry

Once an application for entry has been accepted and the Annual Levy has been established, an Association is liable for a minimum of 50% of the fee. If an NBL1 WEST Club withdraws a Team after the fixture has been finalized, a forfeit fee for each game of the season will apply.



2.5.4. Un-financial Affiliated Association

An un-financial Affiliated Association, on the recommendation of the League Manager and with the approval of Basketball WA, will not be permitted to participate in the NBL1 WEST (refer to Rule 2.2.6 Payment of fines).

An Affiliated Association will be deemed un-financial when it has accounts outstanding to the NBL1 WEST (including Annual Levy or fines, other monies or part thereof) or Basketball WA when the date specified for payment has expired (refer to Rule 2.2.6 Payment of fines).

2.5.5. Sponsorship and League property

2.5.6. Sponsorship

- a) Subject to this clause, each NBL1 WEST Club may arrange with a person (for the purposes of this clause the "NBL1 WEST Club sponsor") its own corporate or other sponsorship, and will be entitled to retain for its own use all moneys paid by an NBL1 WEST sponsor;
- b) Subject to clause (c), an NBL1 WEST Club may not enter or be a party to a sponsorship agreement with an NBL1 WEST Club sponsor whose business is in direct competition with the business of a person who is/are a sponsor of the NBL1 WEST. The League Manager will notify all NBL1 WEST Clubs who the sponsors are at least one (1) week prior to the commencement of the season;
- c) Where prior to notification of the NBL1 WEST sponsors, an NBL1 WEST Club has entered into a sponsorship agreement with an NBL1 WEST Club sponsor whose business is in direct competition with the NBL1 WEST major sponsor(s), that NBL1 WEST Club will not be obliged to terminate the sponsorship agreement, but will not enter into a new sponsorship agreement to renew the existing sponsorship agreement with the NBL1 WEST Club sponsor, whose business is in direct competition with the NBL1 WEST major sponsor(s);
- d) Except as otherwise approved by the League Manager, an NBL1 WEST Club shall display such signage as directed by the League Manager in support of the NBL1 WEST sponsor(s), (refer to Rule 3.3.2 Venue signage & national flag);
- e) The penalty for a proven non-compliance shall be as deemed appropriate by the League Manager.

2.5.7. NBL1 WEST Trade Identification (logo)

- a) The NBL1 WEST shall have an official Trade Identification (logo);
- b) Unless otherwise advised, NBL1 WEST Clubs are required to use the NBL1 WEST Trade Identification (logo) in accordance with the Style Guide;
- c) An NBL1 WEST Club must use the NBL1 WEST Trade Identification (logo) including the sponsor's name and trademark (logo) on all match programs and promotions as advised.



2.5.8. Broadcast control

The NBL1 WEST has the exclusive right to market all recordings or broadcasts of games involving League teams by way of any technology. As a result, no NBL1 WEST Club is permitted to sell recordings or broadcasts of its games either domestically or internationally for any purpose without the written agreement of the League Manager, which will not be unreasonably withheld.

An NBL1 WEST Club may produce highlights for promotional non-commercial purposes only without limitation.

3 PART 3 - ASSOCIATION ADMINISTRATION

3.1. Member Associations

Only Affiliated Associations approved by Basketball WA may compete in the NBL1 WEST competition.

3.2. NBL1 WEST Club contacts

Each NBL1 WEST Club is required to appoint a Delegate and notify the League Manager of their name and contact details. All official NBL1 WEST communication will be directed from the NBL1 WEST office staff to the nominated person.

3.3. Venue Standards

3.3.1. Venue Standards

- a) It shall be the responsibility of the Home Team to ensure that all satisfactory equipment necessary for the correct and safe conduct of the Game is supplied;
- b) Satisfactory venue equipment and services as referred to in (a) and (c) of this clause shall include, but not be limited to:
 1. Safe, well maintained playing timber surface
 2. FIBA full size court, with suitable run off
 3. Backboards in good repair, affixed with standard, protective padding and constructed of a transparent material.
 4. Properly secured rings with nets in good condition attached;
 5. Adequate seating for team members, officials and adequate space for a minimum of 500 spectators;
 6. Time clocks, including 24 second clocks with a 14 second re-set and a score board at each end of the court, providing visibility to all persons participating in the game;
 7. A score bench to seat a minimum of four technical officials, with possession arrow and foul lights affixed
 8. A game ball and a spare 'blood' ball;



9. Two separate or interchangeable, lockable change room facilities for Visiting Teams and a lockable Referees change room including private access to toilets and showers.
10. A courtside announcer for each home game;
11. Two floor wipers at each end;
12. Statisticians to record game statistics;
13. Suitable lighting for Live Streaming (guide 500+ lux);
14. Meeting/function area and canteen facilities; and
15. A reliable laptop or tablet (with data / Wi-Fi) in accordance with the league's Instant Replay System requirements.
16. Any other reasonable equipment requested in writing by the League.

Should any venue not meet the above requirements, a waiver can be applied for by the NBL1 West Club from the League Manager.

- c) Reports of NBL1 WEST Clubs providing less than satisfactory venue equipment and services shall be submitted by an NBL1 WEST Club or technical official to the League Manager. This may result in fines or re-fixturing away from the venue of the offending NBL1 WEST Club;
- d) If requested, NBL1 WEST Clubs must complete and return a venue audit report prior to the commencement of each season to confirm compliance of venue requirements.
- e) Approval for use of a venue other than that used by the NBL1 WEST Club in the previous season must be sought from the League Manager prior to the commencement of each new season or prior to a game being re-scheduled because of unavailability or damage beyond the control of an NBL1 WEST Club.

3.3.2. Venue signage & flags

- a) Each NBL1 WEST venue shall display prominently signage carrying the NBL1 WEST Trade Identification (logo) as provided by and in a manner requested by the League Manager;
- b) Each NBL1 WEST venue shall display signage in respect of NBL1 WEST sponsors as provided by and in a manner requested by the League Manager in accordance with the Agreement;
- c) Each NBL1 WEST venue shall display the Australian national flag and the Aboriginal flag such that they are clearly visible during all games.

3.4. Association uniforms and attire

3.4.1. Uniforms

NBL1 WEST Clubs shall have two uniform sets available for each team; one of which shall be predominantly light displaying player numbers in a contrasting dark colour, while the other shall be

of a predominantly dark colour displaying player numbers in a contrasting light colour. An NBL1 WEST Club that changes design of a uniform requires approval by the League Manager;

NBL1 WEST Clubs may wear a specially designed uniform to signify a prominent event or date with prior approval of the League Manager;

All NBL1 WEST uniforms must comply with the NBL1 WEST uniform style guide as provided by the League Manager and adjusted from time to time;

Undergarments, sleeves and skins must be of a tight fitting compression material and must only be black, white, beige or the same primary colour as the uniform singlet being worn for the game.

Strapping tape must only be black, white, beige or the same primary colour as the uniform singlet being worn for the game.

3.4.2. Team uniform allocations

The League Manager will release a weekly uniform allocation roster for all teams in the upcoming fixture. The Home Team will generally wear their dark uniform unless otherwise outlined by the League Manager.

3.4.3. Uniform numbers

Numbers used on uniforms must be one of the following 0, 00, 1 -99. The number marking must ensure all technical officials can clearly identify a player's number from both front and behind during on court action. Uniform numbers must be of a contrasting colour to the primary colour of the uniform and located in a position on the front and back of each singlet in accordance with the NBL1 WEST's Uniform Style Guide.

3.4.4. Player names

It is acceptable for NBL1 WEST Clubs to have the player's surname (or suitable nickname) affixed to the back of the player's uniform.

3.4.5. Uniforms placement of NBL1 WEST Trade Identification (logo)

All playing uniforms are required to display the official NBL1 WEST Trade Identification (logo) placed in accordance with Appendix 3 Uniform Style Guide.

Playing uniforms without the official NBL1 WEST Trade Identification will incur a fine per incorrect uniform, per match, until the uniforms are corrected.

3.4.6. Association logos

Where applied to playing uniforms or NBL1 WEST Club apparel, NBL1 WEST Club and/or NBL1 WEST Club sponsor's logos must be placed in accordance with Appendix 3 Uniform Style Guide.



3.4.7. Team bench dress code overall standards

All Team Players and Personnel shall be required to dress in a way that clearly distinguishes them as part of the Team and from other game officials.

The best description of the standard for Personnel would be business casual that suitably meets model business standards.

The best description for Players would be playing uniform.

The requirements are:

a) Coaches and assistant coaches

Coaches must wear a collared shirt. If this is a polo shirt then it must be an NBL1 WEST Club branded polo. During colder weather it is understandable that this will be covered by a jacket that must be either an NBL1 WEST Club tracksuit jacket or other jacket that fits the general description of business casual wear.

Denim, shorts, hats or tracksuit pants are not permitted for Coaches and their Assistants.

Shoes must be clean and tidy.

b) Team managers

Recognising that team managers have different responsibilities; the bench dress code standard can be modified slightly.

A team manager may wear an NBL1 WEST Club tracksuit provided it is the same colour as the warm up tracksuit for the Players and that it is a complete tracksuit (matching top and bottom). The tracksuit top must display the NBL1 WEST Club brand/logo.

If the team manager is wearing a tracksuit, runners are permissible.

In warmer weather a tracksuit bottom and NBL1 WEST Club polo shirt are permissible for the team manager.

c) Players

Players must arrive and depart the game wearing at least neat, casual clothing and preferably either an NBL1 WEST Club branded polo-shirt, jacket or pullover. The alternative option is an NBL1 WEST Club branded tracksuit or in the warmer weather NBL1 WEST Club brand tracksuit pants and an NBL1 WEST Club brand polo shirt.

d) Other team Personnel

Other Team Personnel; physiotherapists, doctors etc. must comply with the dress bench code standard for coaches or Team managers. Any non-playing individuals wishing to be part of the Team bench must dress to these standards. If they do not comply with the requirements, they should be seated with spectators and not on the Team bench.

e) Squad players

Squad players not participating in the game may sit on the Team bench provided there are spare seats available, they are contracted and dressed in accordance with the same bench dress code standard or in a full team tracksuit as per the Team manager. If they are not contracted or dressed to either standard, they should be seated with spectators.



The bench capacity must not be extended without permission of the home venue or overcrowded with standing squad members.

3.5. Seating

3.5.1. League officials

Each NBL1 WEST Club must provide seats for NBL1 WEST officials when advised of their attendance in advance as per the Premium Ticket Provision in the Agreement.

The home team can allocate preferential seating for its members and must make every attempt to accommodate the visiting team with suitable seating.

Home Clubs are required to permit free entry to League Season Pass Holders.

3.5.2. Crowd attendance

The official attendance number must be submitted to the League Manager in accordance with the timeline advised in the format requested by the NBL1 WEST.

4 PART 4 – TEAM & PLAYER ADMINISTRATION

4.1. Team content

4.1.1. Registration

Before any Player or coach of any Team is eligible to participate in the NBL1 WEST, they must be currently registered in a manner as specified by the League Manager.

4.1.2. Contract System

Every Player, coach and assistant coach must have a written contract with their NBL1 WEST Club, whether for monetary considerations or not.

A full (soft or hard) copy of each contract properly signed and witnessed must be lodged with BWA within ten (10) business days of being signed. The club is responsible for keeping a hard copy record of the contract for at least one (1) year following the termination date outlined in the contract.

A team may hold a total of 20 active player contracts per team, per season.

Multi-year contracts are accepted; however, the termination date must be clearly outlined in the contract. If a Player or Team option is outlined in the contract, a new contract must be lodged to BWA for the season which the option is considered.

It is the responsibility of each club to ensure contracts comply with all legal requirements including but not limited to:

- a) the Fair Work Act 2009 and any regulations,
- b) State Superannuation Act 2009,



- c) Workers Compensation and Injury Management Act 2023,
- d) All relevant Australian Tax office requirements.

4.1.3. Concussion Procedure

The NBL1 West will provide the clubs with a Concussion Policy Document, this procedure must be followed and adhered to by each NBL1 West club on a case-by-case basis, responsible for overseeing the treatment and recovery path for their individual players.

4.2. Restricted Player Limit

Restricted players are divided into two (2) categories to determine playing status.

Teams may have a maximum of three (3) active restricted players with no more than two (2) players from category A permitted to be active at any one time.

4.3. Restricted Players

To determine playing status in the NBL1 West, two (2) criteria will define a restricted player, Category A and Category B, unless a dispensation applies.

4.3.1. Category A - Restricted Players

- a) A player who is not a citizen of a FIBA Asia/Oceania region or an Australian permanent resident or refugee; or
- b) Any player (including Australian and FIBA Asia/Oceania citizens) who has played one (1) or more games between July 1st & January 31st, prior to the upcoming NBL1 WEST Season, in any of the following Tier 1 leagues, will be deemed a Category A restricted player for the entire NBL1 WEST season.

NBA
WNBA
EuroLeague

Should a player meet the criteria of Category A and any of the Category B criteria, the player shall be deemed a Category A player.

At any time, a player who gains Australian citizenship through naturalisation or permanent residency, must lodge official documentation to the NBL1 West League Manager to gain approval, prior to being deemed an unrestricted player.

4.3.2. Category B – FIBA Asia/Oceania Restricted Players

A player who is either a citizen of a FIBA Asia/Oceania region, Australian permanent resident or refugee and averaged greater than 50% (NBL) or 62.5% (WNBL) of available court time, in the season leading up to the NBL1 West Season, as at a point determined in 4.3.3, will be deemed a Category B restricted player for the entire NBL1 West Season.



4.3.3. Calculated average of current NBL/WNBL minutes

The calculated player minutes average, in the current NBL/WNBL Report will determine whether a player is a Category B Restricted player under clause 4.3.2, which will be determined by Basketball Australia and released at a point by the NBL1 West League Manager, no later than January 31st, prior to the NBL1 West Season commencement date.

Players on injury waivers for WNBL or NBL will not have games they were unavailable for included in their calculations.

Players, must (by entering games), compete in a minimum of four (4) games of NBL or WNBL in the season for minute restrictions to apply.

4.3.4. Category B - International Leagues

A player who is either a citizen of a FIBA Asia/Oceania region, Australian permanent resident or refugee and played greater than 50% of available court time in two (2) games between July 1st & January 31st, prior to the upcoming NBL1 WEST Season, in any of the following (top division) leagues (male/female equivalent) will be deemed a Category B restricted player for the entire NBL1 WEST season.

NBA G-League
FIBA Basketball Champions League
FIBA Americas League (LDA)
Liga ACB (Spain)
Basketball Super League - BSL (Turkey)
VTB United League (Russia)
Basketball Bundesliga (Germany)
Lega Basket Serie A (Italy)
LNB Pro A (France)
Adriatic Basketball League (ABA)
Greek A1 League (Greece)
Lietuvos krepšinio lyga (Lithuania)
Chinese Basketball Association (CBA)
Israeli Premier League (Israel)
Liga Nacional De Basquet (Argentina)
Campeonato Brasileiro de basquete (Brazil)
B.League (Japan)

If minutes played cannot be produced by any player who played in any of the restricted leagues, the player shall be treated as a restricted player.

4.4. Restricted Player Dispensation

A player who is either a citizen of a FIBA Asia/Oceania region, Australian permanent resident or refugee, who has played at least 100 men’s or 90 women’s NBL1 West or SBL games at the Association which the player is to be registered, who otherwise would be a restricted player in category B under clause 4.3.2, shall be deemed unrestricted from category B.

To be recognised as a citizen of a FIBA Asia/Oceania region who does not offer official citizenship and are dependant of another Nation (e.g. Guam/ American Samoa to the United States), players must prove citizenship to the country via FIBA Basketball ID – as recognition, to be eligible to represent that country.

Players who do not hold Australian citizenship status but immigrated to Australia with their parents prior to their fifteenth (15th) birthday may apply for a Special Foreign Player Licence to receive dispensation from rule 4.3.1.

4.5. Restricted and foreign-born player procedures

4.5.1. Procedure

- a) Registration requirements for restricted players are as for any unrestricted player. For non-Australian citizens, applicable Basketball Australia, FIBA and Australian government conditions must be met. Specifically:
 1. Foreign born, including Asia/Oceania born players and Permanent residents of Australia require approval from BA and a FIBA Oceania Foreign Player License;
 2. Refugees must submit their National Identification Certificate, or their passport as proof of refugee status.
- b) While the League Manager will attempt to monitor all players entering the League, it is the Club's sole responsibility to identify a foreign or restricted player status.

4.5.2. Australian citizenship

- a) A player who gains Australian citizenship through naturalisation must lodge certificate of Australian citizenship with the League Manager prior to participating in the NBL1 WEST as a non-restricted player.
- b) It is the NBL1 WEST Clubs responsibility to ensure the correct registration procedure (online system) is followed and completed (and a confirmation email is received) before playing a player.
- c) Before any player or coach of any Team is eligible to participate in the NBL1 WEST they must be registered via the online system and players must be assigned to each Team in which they will participate.

A team that plays an ineligible player who is not both registered and assigned to the team will forfeit the game.
- d) Registration of a player who is not an Australian citizen will not be considered complete until such procedures have been completed allowing Basketball Australia and, where necessary, FIBA Oceania to authorise the player to play in writing. A team that plays an ineligible player that does not have BA or FIBA authorisation will forfeit the game and be fined.
- e) A player's league registration will remain in force from the date of registration in that competition year until after the last grand final;



- f) A player must turn at least 14 years of age during the year in which the player seeks to register. Any Team that plays an underage player will automatically forfeit the match and be fined.
- g) In addition to registration by the player, a parent of a player who is sixteen (16) years of age or younger at the commencement of the season must complete and sign in the presence of the Delegate, an indemnification form provided by the NBL1 WEST in recognition that the NBL1 WEST is a senior competition.
- h) All player and coach contracts must be submitted to the League Manager within 14 days of the date on which a contract is executed.

4.6. Release for state and national commitments

Any player that misses participation in NBL1 WEST scheduled games whilst representing their state in their country's National Championships or on official national team duties at camps or playing for their country, including 3x3 National duties in FIBA recognised tournaments, shall have those games missed due to such participation, included in the calculations for finals eligibility.

The player must be registered and have participated in a minimum of four (4) games for that Team, prior to the missed games, to have those games included in the calculations for finals eligibility, unless the games missed are prior to the Teams fourth regular season scheduled game. Applications must be in writing to the League Manager at least fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the finals.

Details of games missed and a copy of the release for state and/or national commitments must be included. Such commitments prior to registration will not be considered in determining eligibility. No applications will be considered outside these timelines.

4.7. Clearances

4.7.1. Player clearances

- a) Any player who has played in at least one (1) regular season fixtured NBL1 WEST game of the current season for an NBL1 WEST Club, is ineligible to play for another NBL1 WEST Club during that season, unless a dispensation is received from the NBL1 WEST Commission for exceptional circumstances.
- b) Players who receive a clearance to an NBL1 WEST Club after the conclusion of round 13 of the current NBL1 West season, are ineligible to play for the remainder of the season, unless a dispensation is received from the NBL1 West Commission for exceptional circumstances.

4.7.2. Clearance Approval

An NBL1 WEST Club may decline a player a clearance for one or more of the following reasons:

- a) The player currently holds an active contract with the NBL1 WEST Club.

An active contract is defined as a contract lodged and accepted in accordance with the league rules by the NBL1 West League Manager.

- b) The player is on an active sponsored visa of the NBL1 WEST Club.



If the NBL1 WEST Club declines a player's clearance, they must respond in writing, outlining reasons to the NBL1 West League Manager within five (5) days of the clearance request being issued.

The NBL1 West League Manager will then review and determine the clearance status.

Should no response be received from the current NBL1 WEST Club within five (5) days, the player can be cleared by the NBL1 West League Manager.

It is the sole responsibility of the destination NBL1 WEST Club to ensure that the required clearance is obtained before any player takes the court, to avoid the penalties of playing an ineligible player.

4.8. Player Contracts

4.8.1. Termination of Contract

If a player is terminated by a club, or terminated by mutual agreement, the player is permitted to play for another NBL1 WEST Club upon clearance approval subject to 4.7.

4.8.2. Resignation of Contract

If a player with a current contract registered with the NBL1 West League Manager, resigns from their contract between 01 December and the end of the NBL1 West Season, and the player intends to play with another NBL1 West Club during the current season, the following will apply:

- a) The player may sign with another NBL1 West Club but is not eligible to play any NBL1 West games for a period of 28 days from the start of the season, or from the resignation date if the NBL1 West season has already commenced.
- b) If a club disputes a player's resignation, and the player wishes to sign with another NBL1 West Club (after 01 December and before the end of the current NBL1 West Season), the player must provide evidence of the resignation by email to the NBL1 West Club and the NBL1 West League Manager, clearly stating the resignation and the effective date.
- c) If a player has already played in at least one (1) regular season fixtured NBL1 WEST game of the current season for an NBL1 West Club, then rule 4.7.1 will be applied.

4.9. Clearance process

The process for obtaining a clearance varies depending on where the player is transferring from.

It is the responsibility of the destination NBL1 WEST Club to ensure the correct procedure is followed and completed (including email confirmation) before registering or playing a player.

4.9.1. Internal NBL1 West Clearance

For internal NBL1 West clearances where the player was last contracted to an NBL1 WEST Club, the clearance process is:

- a) Destination NBL1 WEST Club or player submits a clearance request via an online platform as directed by the NBL1 West League Manager.



- b) Clearances are required irrespective of the time that has elapsed since the player last played in the NBL1 West or SBL competitions.
- c) The NBL1 West League Manager will endeavour to lodge the clearance request to the player's current NBL1 West Club within 2 business days.
- d) The players current NBL1 WEST Club will receive a clearance request (via email) from the League Manager seeking clearance approval.
- e) Should no response be received from the current NBL1 WEST Club within five (5) consecutive days, the player can be cleared by the NBL1 West League Manager.
- f) Following five (5) consecutive days, or an earlier received response, the NBL1 West League Manager will send a notice to the player's destination NBL1 WEST Club advising the result of the lodged clearance request.

4.9.2. External Clearance

For clearances where the player last played in an Australian representative competition outside of the NBL1 West or SBL, irrespective of time elapsed, the player must complete a Basketball Australia domestic player clearance form and forward it to the players former Association to gain approval before being eligible to play.

Basketball Australia Domestic Clearance Form: <https://basketballwa.asn.au/policies-forms/>

4.9.3. International Clearance

If the player last played in an overseas competition, irrespective of time elapsed, the destination NBL1 West Club must request an International Clearance on behalf of the player via Basketball Australia.

An approved Letter of Clearance (LOC) from Basketball Australia is required, before being eligible to play NBL1 West.

4.10. Finals qualification

- a) To be eligible to play in the finals, a player must have played over 33% of games for the NBL1 WEST Clubs respective Team in that season.
- b) When calculating a player's games played, the player's name must have been on the score sheet and the player in playing uniform either seated on the team bench or the court for the duration of the game to be credited with a game played;
- c) When calculating required games to be played and where the number is not a whole number, then the number will be rounded up to the next whole number e.g. 19.1 goes to 20;
- d) If an NBL1 WEST Club is found to have played an ineligible player in any finals game, that team will immediately forfeit that game. The matter will be referred to the League Manager for further action as may be determined appropriate in the circumstances, including, but not limited to a fine, penalty or forfeit of the final series.
- e) When a NBL1 WEST game has commenced and the game is subsequently abandoned, all players on the score sheet shall be deemed to have participated in the fixture. For the



purposes of player finals eligibility, if the game is subsequently replayed, any player on the score sheet who was on the score sheet for the abandoned NBL1 WEST game shall only be credited with one game's participation in terms of that fixture;

- f) When a NBL1 WEST game is forfeited, only those players on the score sheet for the team which did not forfeit will be deemed to have participated in the fixture. Where the forfeit is notified prior to preparation of a scoresheet, all players eligible at that time to play for the team which did not forfeit will be deemed to have participated in the fixture.

4.11. Injury List

The League Manager shall maintain, during the season, a list of players who, if not for injury or illness, would be eligible to represent a Team in regular season fixtures (known hereafter as the injury list) and have their games missed counted towards finals eligibility.

For a player to be placed on the injury list, the request must come from a NBL1 WEST Club in writing to the League Manager requesting the player to be deactivated and placed on the injury list. The club then has 10 business days to submit a medical certificate for games to be counted towards finals eligibility. The player will only be added to the injury from time of notification of the injury to the League Manager.

In considering any application the League Manager shall have regard only to two criteria:

- a) Whether the player is a bona-fide player for the Team as indicated by the player being registered and assigned to the Team prior to the date of injury/illness or commencement of the season if the injury/illness occurred prior to the season commencement;
- b) The validity of the injury or illness preventing the player from otherwise qualifying to play must be demonstrated by submission of a medical certificate with dates the player was medically unfit to play from a suitably qualified medical practitioner.

A player on the injury list is not eligible to play until a written request to the League Manager is supplied by an NBL1 WEST Club requesting the player be removed from the injury list.

5 PART 5 - ADMINISTRATION OF REFEREES AND JUDICIARY

5.1. Referee administration

5.1.1. Referee appointments and development

Basketball WA shall appoint a Referees Technical Advisor and Selection Committee to supervise the scheduling, administration and development of Referees.

5.1.2. Appointment of Referees

Appointment of Referees will be made by the NBL1 WEST Appointments Committee for fixtured NBL1 WEST games. Three Referees will be appointed to all games where possible.



5.2. Obligations of Referees

5.2.1. Behaviour and performance of Referees

Referees shall conduct themselves in a manner always befitting their position. Unsatisfactory Referee Evaluation Forms regarding the behaviour or performance of a Referee will be investigated. Such a report shall be made in writing in the first instance to the League Manager who may take appropriate action and/or refer the matter to the BWA Tribunal.

5.2.2. Referee obligations

- a) NBL1 WEST Referees will enforce the FIBA playing rules, including any Basketball WA NBL1 WEST Rule Variations as notified from time to time and NBL1 WEST Rules of Operation;
- b) Referees are required to check the scores, sign the score sheet and then return it to the score table officials or Game Commissioner within 10 minutes of the completion of the game;
- c) Referees are to report to the League Manager any activity associated with the fixture in which they officiate which they may deem as unsportsmanlike or unprofessional within 48 hours of the conclusion of the game.

5.2.3. Equipment check

Prior to the start of a game, Referees shall inspect all equipment including the court, basketballs, baskets, backboards and scoring/timing equipment.

Any unsatisfactory game equipment should be reported to the Game Commissioner and to the League Manager.

5.3. Home Association obligations to Referees

5.3.1. Referee escort

Referees are to be escorted to and from the court by the Game Commissioner or a suitable Home Team appointed and identifiable person. This person will also look after the reasonable needs of the Referees. They are responsible for the security of the Referees at all times. This includes departure from the venue, if necessary (refer to Rule 6.5.1 Game Commissioner).

5.3.2. Arrival

Referees and Referee coaches are required make their arrival known to the Game Commissioner or similar. Home Teams should expect Referees to arrive at least one (1) hour prior to game time and should contact the Basketball WA Technical Advisor or the League Manager where there is concern about the arrival of any appointed Referee(s).

5.3.3. Referees change room

Home venues shall provide Referees with their own lockable private change room or equivalent which should include where possible a shower with exhaust provisions, 4 chairs, lockers or



clothes hooks, blackboard/whiteboard, heating/cooling facilities and a private changing area. As a minimum, a lockable cabinet or equivalent must be provided for Referees storage;

A key or code to the Referee change room should be readily available to avoid Referees having to stand in corridors;

Only Referees, Referee Coaches and NBL1 WEST officials are permitted in the Referees' change room. No other person, including Association officials and persons associated with Associations are permitted in the dressing room without permission of the Referees and rooms must be private from the public view.

5.3.4. Refreshments for Referees

It is the responsibility of the Home Team to ensure that adequate refreshments are made available for the Referees during a game.

5.3.5. Amenities

Each Referee or Referee Coach and a partner are to be provided free entry, and seats for games in which they are officiating, provided they have notified the Home Team of their requirements no later than two days prior to the game. Home Teams are to ensure that they are invited to the post game function and treated as guests.

5.4. Referee finance

5.4.1. Referee payments

The NBL1 WEST, via the League Manager is responsible for Referee match and travel expense payments. These payments will be as approved by the League Manager in formulating the budget.

5.4.2. Referee accommodation expenses

The NBL1 WEST, via the League Manager will be responsible for arranging travel and accommodation for the referees throughout the season.

5.5. Reports and tribunal

5.5.1. General

It is the duty of Referees in any match to report any person or player who misconducts themselves. It is expected that in normal circumstances this would be no later than 48 hours after the incident leading to the report, but the failure to lodge the report within 48 hours does not in any way affect the validity of the report;

An independent tribunal appointed by Basketball WA shall deal with the report. In some cases the League Manager may choose to have an incident investigated by the League Investigations Officer;



The League Manager may appoint an Investigations Officer who shall investigate any matters referred to them by the League Manager or NBL1 WEST Commission. The Investigations Officer will operate within the parameters of their role as detailed in Rule 5.5.2 League Investigations Officer;

All protests and complaints shall be referred in the first instance to the League Manager;

Basketball WA Tribunal procedures will be used in all cases and circumstances;

All players and/or team staff must be clear of any penalties imposed by any basketball authority directly or indirectly affiliated with Basketball Australia that would preclude them from participating in a game.

5.5.2. Investigations Officer

As required, the NBL1 WEST Commission will appoint an Investigations Officer to investigate matters relating to the conduct of matches, whether before, during or after concerning players, personnel technical officials, spectators, etc. or other matters as deemed necessary to be investigated by the NBL1 WEST Commission or League Manager;

Where a situation or complaint requiring investigation is referred to the League Manager, action will only be taken where a formal written complaint or application is received by the League Manager requesting an investigation;

If deemed necessary, the matter will be referred to the Investigations Officer by the League Manager for investigation;

The NBL1 WEST Commission or League Manager can also instigate an investigation without a complaint being made. No other party is authorized to instigate an investigation;

NBL1 WEST Clubs are to provide the Investigations Officer with all materials or items deemed necessary for a decision to be made;

The Investigations Officer is authorised to accept or provide information pertaining to the matter being investigated only, which in turn will be provided to the League Manager. All matters should be referred through this process;

If the Investigations Officer believes it is necessary to visit an NBL1 WEST Club or venue, then approval is to be obtained from the League Manager prior to undertaking any such visit;

The Investigations Officer will not make comments to the media regarding any incident under investigation. All public comment and written reports to NBL1 WEST Clubs will be via the League Manager or NBL1 WEST Commission ;

After arriving at a decision, the Investigations Officer will forward a report and all relevant items including any Report to the Tribunal, to the League Manager within seven (7) days of having all items requested being made available.



6 PART 6 - GAME OPERATIONS

6.1. Fixturing

6.1.1. Scheduling responsibility

- a) The League Manager will determine fixtures for the regular season and for finals that will be as fair, both competitively and economically, as possible. All games will be fixtured as double headers between the men's and women's teams from the same NBL1 WEST Clubs;
- b) Regular season games will be scheduled generally on Friday and Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon, however may include other midweek evenings. NBL1 WEST Clubs may make requests for midweek games to the League Manager, however the visiting team has the right of refusal.

6.1.2. Fixturing requests

Each NBL1 WEST Club shall submit fixture request and venue availability information in a format and at a time specified by the League Manager to allow fixturing to commence.

6.1.3. Draft fixtures

Draft fixtures will be issued to NBL1 WEST Clubs at the earliest possible time and will incorporate changes proposed by NBL1 WEST Clubs where possible and where such changes would not significantly adversely impact other NBL1 WEST Clubs.

6.1.4. Official fixtures

At least four weeks prior to the season's start, the League Manager will issue the official fixtures for the season to NBL1 WEST Clubs.

6.1.5. Amendment to fixtures

Generally, once released, the official fixtures will not be amended, unless authorised by the League Manager. Should a game be needed to be re-fixtured at the request of an NBL1 WEST Club, the League Manager may apply a penalty in the form of a fine.

6.1.6. Game abandonment

If a game is to be abandoned, the Home Team shall contact the League Manager as soon as possible.

The final decision as to whether the game is abandoned lies with League Manager. If the League Manager cannot be contacted, the final decision rests with the game Referees.

The following criteria will be used to determine the result for a game that cannot be completed.

- a) After three-quarter time, the result stands at the score line when the game was abandoned if the margin is 15 points or greater;



- b) In games that cannot be commenced or other abandoned games (which 6.1.6 a, does not apply), the League Manager at its discretion and after consultation with the Referees and NBL1 WEST Commission may determine the actions to be followed. This decision can include rescheduling of games that have not commenced and replaying of games that have commenced.

If a match referee calls off a game because of bad behaviour of one or both Teams, it shall be deemed a forfeit, and a report must be lodged with the League Manager. If the behaviour is, in the opinion of the game officials, primarily that of one team, that team shall be deemed to have forfeited the game. If the behaviour is, in the opinion of the game officials, that of both teams, both teams shall be deemed to have forfeited the game.

6.1.7. Team withdrawal

Should a Team withdraw from the competition prior to the completion of the regular season, the League shall determine the fairest way to adjust the competition to ensure Teams that have played or are yet to play the absent Team are not disadvantaged.

6.2. Door charges

Each NBL1 WEST Club has the right to set its own door price for its own regular season home games, exhibition, pre-season or finals games.

6.2.1. Ticketing arrangements for finals

Where the Home Team elects to presell tickets, it must:

- a) Notify the Visiting Team of ticketing arrangements and ticket price list a minimum of 24 hours prior to going live with ticket sales using online systems and/or at the specified physical ticket selling location(s);
- b) Allocate at least 75 tickets available for sale to the Visiting Team for their members to be able to attend the match. 72 hours prior to the match start time, in the event the Visiting Team has not used their full allocation of tickets, the Home Team may then make available any leftover tickets to their members for purchase. In the case of a game being scheduled on the following day, 72 hours shall be reduced to 6 hours, commencing 9am the following morning.
- c) In the case of a home team hosting both a Women's & Men's finals game at the same venue, the hosting club may decide to split ticketing.
- d) Where the Home Team elects to not presell tickets, it must:
 1. Notify the Visiting Team no later than 48 hours after the match is determined of the time at which ticket sales will commence at the match venue and ticket price list;
 2. If the Visiting Team is travelling greater than 100km to compete, the Home Team must allow the Visiting Team to pre-purchase 100 tickets in accordance with Rule 6.2.1;
 3. Sell remaining tickets at the match venue on a first come, first served basis with no preference to Home Team members.

6.3. Game day timing

6.3.1. Warm up period

There shall be a warm up period of not less than twenty (20) minutes on the playing court prior to the game.

6.3.2. Pre-Game Announcements

- a) When the game clock reaches five (5) minutes remaining in warm-up, it shall be stopped and both Teams shall return to their respective benches. The Court Announcer will introduce the players and other team officials individually, starting with the visiting team and then the home team and then finally announcing the Referees, together with any special guests;
- b) When all players, team officials and Referees have been announced, the Court Announcer will perform an Acknowledgement of Country and the Australian national anthem will be played by the Court Announcer or sung by a performer. All players and officials shall maintain a dignified position during the national anthem;
- c) On completion of the introductions, the clock shall be restarted and the teams may complete their warm up;
- d) Any modification to this pre game procedure by the Home Team must have prior approval from the League Manager and be communicated by the Home Team to the Visiting Team;
- e) Both Teams and all personnel must be present on court ten (10) minutes prior to tipoff for the introductions and to complete score sheet formalities. Any Team failing to appear as requested by the League Manager will be subject to penalty or further action that may be appropriate in such circumstances, including but not limited to, a fine, or loss of game.

6.3.3. Game timing

- a) All NBL1 WEST games will consist of four (4) quarters of ten (10) minutes each which shall be fully timed;
- b) There shall be a break of two (2) minutes duration between the first and the second quarters, and between the third and the fourth quarters. A half time interval of ten (10) minutes shall apply to all games unless otherwise directed by the League Manager. Irrespective of half time on-court activations, at least the final five (5) minutes of the half time interval must be available to teams for warm ups;
- c) If the scores are tied at full time, a further five (5) minutes of extra time will be played to decide a winner. If scores remain tied after this period of extra time, another five (5) minutes is to be played and continue until a winner is determined.

6.3.4. Half time extension

- a) The duration of the half-time break may be extended by up to 5 minutes (fifteen (15) minutes in total) at the discretion of the Home Team;



- b) Half-time extensions beyond fifteen (15) minutes are to be used only in extraordinary cases relating to the recognition of competitive achievements, e.g. Retiring a uniform number or the setting of a significant statistical record.
- c) Any half-time extension requires League Manager approval and should be requested in writing at least four (4) days prior to the game for which it is required. This will enable time for the matter to
- d) The fact that a Visiting Team does not object to approval being granted does not necessarily mean that it will be approved by the League Manager.

6.3.5. Starting time change

- a) The Game Commissioner shall ensure that the game commences at the time scheduled;
- b) If an NBL1 WEST Club wishes to amend a tip-off time after the release of the official fixtures, it must apply in writing with the Visiting Team's approval to the League Manager. If approved, a penalty in the form of a fine may be applied. No such amendment to tip-off time may take place without prior approval from the League Manager.
- c) If a Team is delayed due to unforeseen circumstances, e.g. travel delays, the League Manager and opposing Team must be notified immediately.

6.4. Playing rules

6.4.1. Rules to apply

All NBL1 WEST games shall be played in accordance with the FIBA playing rules, including any Basketball WA NBL1 WEST Rule Variations as notified from time to time.

6.4.2. Minimum Team Numbers

Each Team is required to always have a minimum of twelve (12) players on its playing list and to have eight (8) players dressed, eligible and able to play any regular season game or finals game.

6.4.3. Points of emphasis

Prior to the commencement of each season the Basketball WA Officials Technical Advisor will advise all Associations of the points of emphasis to be applied by Referees for the coming season.

6.5. Home team responsibilities

6.5.1. Game Commissioner

- a) The home Association must appoint a Game Commissioner for each fixtured NBL1 WEST Game who is easily identifiable and whose duties include;
 - 1. Ensuring the match starts on time and half time breaks etc. are adhered to;
 - 2. Collection of game statistics for both teams and score sheet for subsequent uploading;



3. Escort or ensure an appointed, suitably identifiable person escorts the referees to and from the court. (Refer to Rule 5.3.1 Referee escort);
4. Communicating with coaches regarding any uniform compliance issue(s) identified by the assigned match referees and the need for the player(s) to address the non-compliance prior to tip off;
5. Removal of any unruly spectators from venue, when directed to by a Referee;
6. Compliance with the NBL1 WEST signage and promotion requirements;
7. Security of visiting teams at all times, including the player benches.
8. Ensuring no spectators have any prohibited noise makers so games are not disrupted and if identified, the matter is addressed immediately;

6.6. Change rooms

A whiteboard (minimum size 900mm x 600mm), lockable change room or lockable cabinets in a change room, are to be provided for the use of the Visiting Team. If a venue only has two lockable change rooms the changeroom procedure must be communicated to the Visiting Team prior to game day.

6.6.1. Provision of ice, water and towels

The Home Team shall provide access to water and ice for the Visiting Team.

6.6.2. Access to games

Home Teams are required to allow free entry to any person listed on the Visiting Team list up to a limit of twenty (20) team personnel or any person who presents a NBL1 WEST pass or Media pass as shown on the game pass guide issued by the League Manager.

Home Teams are required to provide 10 tickets to the NBL1 WEST as per the Premium Ticket Provision of the Agreement.

6.6.3. Game Program

- a) The Home Team is required to produce a game program of a reasonable standard which must include Team personnel names, players' names, numbers, heights and positions, if available NBL1 WEST provided competition reviews and previews, ladders and season fixture, NBL1 WEST sponsors, together with any other content requested by the NBL1 WEST from time to time. The game program cover must display the League Trade Identification (logo). Where a Visiting Team provides details of a naming rights sponsor, this is to be included in the game program.
- b) Where an electronic/online version only of the Game Program is produced, the Home Team must provide:
 1. A minimum of 4 printed copies of the Game Program or at least the team lists, distributing 1 each to both head coaches, the score table/statisticians and referees.



2. A convenient means for spectators to access the electronic Game Program at the venue, such as prominently displaying the download URL, preferably in a machine readable format; e.g. QR code.

6.6.4. Pre-game procedure

By 5:00pm on the Wednesday prior to a fixtured game, both NBL1 WEST Clubs must send their opposition a copy of their team list including the Game Day contact person and update by Friday 10:00am with any changes;

- a) Game Day contact(s);
- b) Team list including players name, number, age and height;
- c) All other details relevant to the game day.

6.6.5. Balls

The Home Team is to provide a match ball and a spare 'blood' ball, both of which are to be of a type specified or provided by the League Manager.

The Home Team is to provide three (3) official league balls to the Visiting Team for warm up prior to and during the game.

The League Manager will provide each NBL1 WEST Club with six (6) official NBL1 WEST balls, as determined by the NBL1 WEST, each year.

6.6.6. Option of ends

The home team has the option to choose which end it will attack in the first period and which team bench it will use. Team warm ups shall be conducted at the end in which the teams are attacking thereafter.

6.6.7. Security of player's bench

At all times while in the venue, the security of the visiting team is the responsibility of the home Association's Game Commissioner. This includes the security of the player's bench where the visiting team must be sheltered from undue harassment or interference from the fans.

6.6.8. Disruption of game

- a) Aerosol horns, whistles, vuvuzelas and megaphones may disrupt games and are not permitted at NBL1 WEST games;
- b) Other noisemakers such as party horns and percussion instruments are conditionally permitted into the venue subject to the game technical officials being able to effectively officiate the match. Should the use of these items interfere with the audibility of game calls, the Referee may stop the match and request their use be discontinued or removed via the Game Commissioner.



6.6.9. Floor maintenance

It is the responsibility of the Home Team to ensure that:

- a) Floor wipers are available during the game to mop dry any wet spots which may be on the floor. Technical officials are not expected to perform this duty. At least two floor wipers (one each end) of at least 10 years of age are to be provided throughout the game, equipped with broom or other suitable style floor wipers.
- b) No promotions may be conducted by any NBL1 WEST Club, either pregame or during the half time break, that may involve the introduction of a foreign substance to any part of the playing surface, either within the playing area or on the area surrounding the floor.
- c) A blood kit in accordance with the Basketball Australia Blood Policy must be available for use as required by a senior NBL1 WEST Club official.

6.6.10. Court Announcer

It is the duty of the Court Announcer to:

- a) play warm-up music prior to each game and appropriate music (no profanity) during the game, time outs, game breaks and at half time;
- b) introduce teams/players/coaches/referees to the spectators;
- c) Acknowledge Country prior to each game;
- d) play the national anthem prior to each game
- e) provide information relative to the state of the game that may not be readily available to the spectators;
- f) promote NBL1 WEST sponsors at appropriate times;
- g) provide live reads as advised by the NBL1 WEST;
- h) acknowledge official guests to the audience as a whole;
- i) provide a legitimate commentary on the game (as detailed below).

6.6.11. Specific guidelines:

- a) The Court Announcer is an official of the game and as such visiting teams should be treated in an equal way. Neutrality extends to what is said, not necessarily how it is said. It is reasonable for the Announcer to use more emphasis in their tone in relaying positive information about the home team in comparison to similar information on the visiting team;
- b) There shall be no commentary or music while a player has the ball in their possession to shoot free throws (refer to game limitations - point 3);
- c) Comments during play that take longer to make than the time it takes a team to progress to the halfway point of the court are too long.
- d) Game commentary should be limited to providing the following information at the appropriate times:



1. Scoring - who scored, three pointers, accumulative individual totals and an occasional mention of assists may be appropriate;
 2. Foul - Who fouled, numbers of fouls both individual and team. Who is shooting free throws and how many (if required) plus the result of the attempts.

NOTE: The Referee's call should not be pre-empted in any way. The announcer must wait for the Referees decision and signal - DON'T GUESS. Incorrect information can create confusion and embarrassment to all.
 3. Violation - name the violation - NOT the player;
 4. Time out - which team called it and how many they have had;
 5. Rebounds, blocks and steals - can be mentioned if required and appropriate, but who made turnovers is generally not appropriate for comment.
- a) The Court Announcer is not a cheerleader, barracker, noise generator or game critique. The principal duties are to pass information to the crowd, encourage it, but not incite it. Modifiers, which imply critical analysis should be avoided, e.g. nice try, great block, super shot, etc. as an editorial description;
 - b) Any comment reflecting on the performance of the Referees, either positive or negative, is not allowed. Any criticism of the NBL1 WEST or its staff is not allowed. Critical remarks of any type towards players or coaches are not acceptable (including pre-taped comments played on the PA system);
 - c) Home teams should generate their crowd support and noise through methods other than the Court Announcer, e.g. team mascots, cheer leaders, etc.;
 - d) The Court Announcer should be an official conduit between the game Referee and the audience in conveying information relative to rule decisions that may not be apparent to the spectators. There are often timing and rule confusions that occur between the Referees and the score table, or between the Referees themselves resulting in game stoppage and consultation. The Court Announcer should be able to clarify these circumstances with the spectators after they have been resolved. This is an important function;
 - e) Acknowledgement of official NBL1 WEST sponsors and guests are a part of the Court Announcers duties. These announcements should be limited to pre-game, time out and quarter/half time breaks. The Court Announcer will be obligated to acknowledge any NBL1 WEST naming rights sponsor and any other NBL1 WEST major sponsors as requested by the League Manager.

6.6.12. Score-table and statisticians

- a) The Home Team must provide a score table consisting of a minimum four scoreable officials (5 recommended), two of which must be at least Level 2 qualified, and the remainder shall be at least Level 1 qualified, unless prior exemption approval is granted by the League Manager;
- b) The Home Team must provide a separate tablet or laptop at either the Score-table or Statisticians table, available for the chief referee in accordance with the Instant Replay System Policy.



- c) The Home Team is responsible for recording the statistics of the game and providing this information to both teams and to the League Manager in accordance with the following:
- d) The home club is responsible for sourcing final (12 players, head coach, captain) team lists from both the home & away coach/team managers to give to the statisticians 1 hour before tip-off, with the starting 5 no later than 15 minutes before tip-off.
- e) Statistics will be recorded using a software program specified by the NBL1 WEST. Where the software program provides the functionality, live webcasting of the statistics is compulsory. If circumstances prevent webcasting at the game conclusion, a subsequent webcast shall be performed within twenty-four (24) hours of the game concluding;
- f) Statisticians used by the NBL1 WEST Clubs must be Level 1 qualified and a staff of at least two Statisticians must be used for each game;
- g) The statistics for the game must be accurate and must reflect the official score sheet when submitted to the League Manager;
- h) Where the NBL1 WEST provides electronic versions of team files for use, NBL1 WEST Clubs must always use these team files and players must not be manually added unless authorised by the League Manager.
- i) Statistics in the form of a box score shall be provided to each team immediately at the conclusion of each quarter;
- j) Following reconciliation of the statistics and score sheet, the game shall be finalised within the statistics software program and each team shall be provided with a copy of the validated box score.

6.6.13. Documented medical procedures

The Home Team shall have a documented incident procedure to follow in the case of serious injury and with which the Game Commissioner is familiar.

6.6.14. Video recording of games

- a) In the absence of an automated camera system, the Home Team must ensure each game is video recorded for the purpose of, but not limited to:
 - 1. Live Streaming;
 - 2. Referee development;
 - 3. Scouting;
 - 4. Tribunal evidence;
 - 5. Statistics collection or review and
 - 6. League promotion.
- b) For the recorded video to be fit for purpose outlined in 6.6.14 (a) the video recording must:
 - 1. Be competently recorded to ensure it is clear and in focus;



2. Cover the whole game, including player introductions and extend to at least one minute after the game, full time;
3. Not be edited;
4. Not be paused during any breaks in play, including timeouts, quarter, half and three-quarter time;
5. Generally show all players on court and preferably all Referees in the frame, particularly when the ball is in play in the front court;
6. Be recorded at the highest resolution possible, but not less than 720p (HD) and
7. Be retained in original format to be available to the League Manager on request for at least fourteen (14) days after the game.

6.6.15. Video live streaming of games

- a) In the absence of an automated camera system, the home Association must provide a video producer to manage the live stream to a League approved platform.
- b) The video producer / live stream must:
 1. Monitor Slack communication app & follow any direction from the NBL production team.
 2. Cover the whole game, at least from tip-off through to the completion of the game;
 3. Include commentary by Association appointed commentators with the aim to provide a reasonably neutral commentary for the viewing audience;
 4. Be streamed in not less than 720p (HD);
 5. Generally, show all players on court, particularly when the ball is in play in the front court. Close up shots, replays and/or alternative camera angles should not be used while the ball is in play;
 6. Be distributed as a clean feed, not including any scores, sponsors logos or graphics.

6.6.16. Game Day Photography

- a) It is the requirement of the Home Team to have a suitably qualified or capable photographer on-site for each NBL1 WEST game;
- b) Photographers or a club official must upload at least 5 usable images (offensive) of the opposition team by Half Time to cover social media requirements for the game. These must be uploaded to the distribution platform determined by the League Manager & NBL1 HQ,
- c) Photographers must capture and upload images of both participating teams from each game for the purpose of NBL1 WEST promotion and use by the visiting team;
- d) The Home Team shall provide the name of the game day contact when providing team lists prior to the commencement of any NBL1 WEST game;
- e) At the conclusion of the game, in line with the NBL's policy, the best 20-25 photos of each women's / men's game should be uploaded, including shots of both teams, considering potential player of the week candidates, where imagery may be required. The full upload must

be completed by 24 hours following the game, or 5 pm Sunday at the end of the weekend's round.

6.6.17. Post-game procedure

It is the responsibility of the Home Team to ensure that the following is completed as part of the post-game procedure:

- a) In accordance with Rule 6.6.12 at game end following reconciliation of the statistics and score sheet, the game shall be finalised within the statistics software program to upload the game statistics to the NBL1 WEST designated data warehouse;
- b) Make sure each head coach completes an MVP voting slip immediately after each game;
- c) Within one (1) hour of the game concluding, provide the League Manager with a copy of the final scoresheet, total attendance & vote slips in the provided format.

6.6.18. Post-game hospitality

To promote good sportsmanship, the Home Team may choose to provide post-game hospitality for opposition teams. Referees must always be provided water & a post-game meal. The hospitality is to be based on the following:

- a) The home team may choose to provide a post-game meal of a suitable quality, variety and quantity for consumption for opposition players & personnel on the team sheet for that game. This must be communicated with the opposition in the week leading up, oppositions must then communicate with their own teams.
- b) Referees are received and treated as guests and provided post-game hospitality.
- c) Approval for use of a post-game hospitality venue other than at the home stadium must be sought prior to the commencement of each new season;
- d) Post-Game Hospitality can be provided in the form of a Takeaway meal if preferred.

6.7. Visiting team responsibilities

The visiting team shall:

- a) For game program purposes, submit a complete team list including (4) personnel names, (12) players' numbers, names, heights and positions, with players listed in playing order number, by 5:00pm on the Wednesday prior to the game using the League approved format.
- b) The team list should be as accurate as possible and should not require significant variation on game day;
- c) Attend the post-game function if provided by the Home Team.



6.8. Protest procedures

6.8.1. Protest

Any Team desiring to lodge a protest (as defined by FIBA except no protest may be made concerning a decision by a Referee) in respect of any match, must lodge such a protest in writing with the League Manager within forty eight (48) hours of the match. The League Manager is not obliged to meet face to face and may deal with the protest by phone, video conferencing, email or such means as they deem appropriate.

6.8.2. Notification of protest

Upon receipt of a protest, the League Manager shall immediately notify the opposing team in the match, which is subject to protest.

6.9. Forfeited games

- a) A forfeit is deemed to occur when insufficient players representing a team are present at the fixtured starting time for a NBL1 WEST Game. An NBL1 WEST Club whose team for any reason fails to appear for or complete any fixtured pre-season, regular or finals game, including overtime, except for acts of God or events beyond such team's control shall be deemed to have forfeited that game and shall be liable to a fine and suffer such additional penalty as shall be deemed appropriate by the League Manager. In the event of an act of God or events beyond such team's control the League Manager will determine the outcome and if possible, reschedule the game.

Notwithstanding Rule 6.1.6 Game abandonment, a forfeited game shall not be replayed;

- b) In the event of a forfeit, the team forfeiting shall be deemed to have lost the game with a score of zero (0) points to twenty (20);

6.10. Competition ladders

6.10.1. Regular Season

- a) For displaying each competition's ladder during the regular season, teams shall be placed in order of number of wins.
- b) If two (2) or more teams have the same number of wins, the ladder order will be determined by the teams' win/loss percentage, then total points for / total points against expressed as a percentage.

6.10.2. End of Regular Season

- a) For displaying each competitions ladder at the end of the regular season to determine a finals fixture, teams shall be placed in order of most wins followed by overall percentage.
- b) If two (2) or more teams have the same win/loss percentage of all games in the competition, the ladder order for the tied teams shall be decided by;

1. Head to head only if all teams equal on win/loss percentage have played identical home and away games against one another.
2. Overall percentage for/against of all regular season games.
3. Largest win margin percentage for all regular season games.

If these criteria still cannot decide, a draw shall decide on the classification.

6.11. Finals

- a) The format of the finals will be determined by the League and published prior to the start of each season in accordance with the following: The competition structure;
- b) Regarding the men's and women's competitions, there are no conferences and a final eight (8) shall contest a final series for that competition.
- c) The winner of Grand Final will be awarded the title of NBL1 Conference Champions and will represent the League at the NBL1 Finals where applicable;
- d) The NBL1 West Grand Finals will be played at the Bendat Basketball Centre with the Women's and Men's games played on separate days, unless otherwise stated by the League Manager;
- e) Prior to the completion of the regular season games, the League will request finals venue availability and develop a draft finals schedule as soon as practical. The schedule will take account fixturing requests of the NBL1 WEST Clubs involved with a preference given to the Home Team. The draft schedule will be referred to the NBL1 WEST Clubs involved for comment prior to being finalised. The finals fixtures will then be finalised and provided to all NBL1 WEST Clubs;
- f) Appropriate seating should be reserved for NBL1 WEST representatives. The League Manager will advise of required seating no later than two days prior to the game;
- g) The designated Home Team for a finals game will assume all responsibilities normally associated with a regular season home game unless otherwise directed by the League Manager.

6.12. Other Game Provisions

6.12.1. Bench occupation

During the game the bench shall be occupied only by the contracted coach, and assistant coaches, contracted players, including squad and development players, team manager and trainer/physiotherapist until bench capacity is reached.

6.12.2. Ejected coach or player

A Player, coach or assistant coach, upon being notified by a Referee that they have been ejected from the game, must leave the playing area immediately and remain in the change room of their team during such suspension until the completion of the game or leave the building;



The use of messengers and/or telephones or any other electronic media to transmit information from an ejected coach to the bench is in violation of the spirit of this rule and is subject to appropriate penalties or further action that may be appropriate in such circumstances including but not limited to a fine, suspension, forfeit of match, loss of competition points, or compliance points.

7 PART 7 - OTHER

7.1. League awards

7.1.1. Award categories

In both the men's and women's competition the following awards will be made:

- a) A most valuable player (MVP);
- b) All-1st Team;
- c) Youth player of the year
- d) Defensive player of the year;
- e) Coach of the year;
- f) Referee of the year.
- g) Golden whistle award.
- h) Most improved referee of the year
- i) Referee evaluator of the year
- j) NBL1 West Club of the Year

The following statistical categories will be awarded in both the men's and women's competition:

- a) Leading scorer (regular season average);
- b) Leading rebounder (regular season average);
- c) Golden hands (total assists + total steals – total turnovers divided by games played);

To be eligible for statistical awards, a player must have played a minimum of 50% of games. In determining the statistical awards, statistics credited to a player for games in which they did not take the court shall be disregarded and that player's season statistics calculated using only those games in which the player entered the game to play.

A Grand Final MVP will be awarded in both the men's and women's competition.

7.1.2. Game by game voting

The coach of each team and the referees as a collective; shall award votes after each game; awarding three (3), two (2), one (1) vote for the match as directed by the League. The competition MVP winner, decided at the completion of the regular season, is the player who has received the most votes.



The League shall monitor coach voting and where appropriate, e.g. votes not cast in accordance with the criteria or within the spirit of voting and is empowered to request a coach to recast their votes after a game.

The voting will not be published during the season.

7.1.3. End of season voting

7.1.4. MVP

At the conclusion of the regular season, the player with the most votes will be declared the MVP.

7.1.5. All-1st Team (Non-positional)

At the conclusion of the regular season, coaches and team captains are to select their All-1st Team by allocating 5 players votes. The following restrictions apply:

- a) The MVP winner will automatically become a member of the All-1st Team.
- b) Coaches and captains can only vote for one player in their own team.

7.1.6. Defensive Player of the Year

At the conclusion of the regular season, coaches must nominate one (1) player from their team to be voted on for defensive player of the year.

The list of defensive players will be made available for coach and team captains to allocate votes, with three (3) being the best, two (2) and one (1) to three different players. Coaches and captains can only vote for one player in their own team.

7.1.7. Youth Player of the Year

At the conclusion of the regular season, a player aged 24 or under (in the year of the season) may be eligible to win the Youth Player of the Year, as voted by captains and coaches. Previous winners and Category A Restricted Players are ineligible are ineligible. Coaches/clubs must nominate one (1) player from their team to be voted for the award.

7.1.8. Sixth Player of the Year

At the conclusion of the regular season, coaches/clubs must nominate one (1) player from their team to be voted on for defensive player of the year. The 6th player of the year must come off the bench for a more games than starts.

7.1.9. Coach of the Year

At the conclusion of the regular season, coaches and captains must allocate votes, with three (3) being the best, two (2) and one (1) to three different coaches. Coaches and captains cannot vote for the coach of their own team.



7.1.10. Referee of the Year

At the conclusion of the regular season, coaches, captains, evaluators and referees must allocate votes, with three (3) being the best, two (2) and one (1) to three different referees.

7.1.11. Most Improved Referee of the Year

At the conclusion of the regular season, referees and evaluators must allocate votes, with three (3) being the best, two (2) and one (1) to three different referees.

7.1.12. Referee Evaluator of the Year

At the conclusion of the regular season, referees must allocate votes, with three (3) being the best, two (2) and one (1) to three different evaluators.

7.1.13. Golden Whistle Award

At the conclusion of the regular season, coaches and captains must allocate votes, with three (3) being the best, two (2) and one (1) to three different referees.

7.1.14. NBL1 West Club of the Year

The Club of the Year will be determined using a ranking system based on the following categories, but not limited to;

- Combined team performance in the regular season
- Game night presentation
- Community engagement
- Digital Media
- Involvement & engagement in specialty rounds
- Attendance figures
- Live streaming views
- Hospitality to guests, referees and travelling teams
- Club initiatives to support athlete mental and physical health
- Healthy options for café & post-game catering
- Good Governance
- Positive Club Culture
- Volunteer support and recognition
- Junior player representation
- Administration;
 - Timely payment of League fees
 - Minimal penalties and sanctions
 - Timely supply of player agreements and requirements

7.2. Use of Illegal Drugs

Participants in the League must abide by the Anti-Doping Policy of Basketball Australia, including participating in any required ASADA testing as requested.



7.3. Integrity

Participants in the League must abide by the Basketball Australia National Integrity Framework and Basketball WA Code of Conduct.

7.4. Spectator conduct

- a) Spectators will understand as a condition of entry that they may be asked to leave the venue by the Game Commissioner. This condition of entry must be displayed at the ticket office and/or at entry;
- b) If a Referee believes that a spectator's behaviour is unsatisfactory and worthy of a caution, then they will inform the Game Commissioner to issue the spectator with a warning. If the same spectator continues to act in a like manner, they will be ejected by the Game Commissioner at the direction of the Referee. The Referee shall then lodge an incident report to the league on the spectator's offences.
- c) If a Referee believes that a spectator's behaviour is reportable, they should inform the Game Commissioner to automatically eject that person from the stadium and make a Report to the Tribunal. The Referee shall then lodge an incident report to the League on the spectator offences.
- d) Any spectator guilty of intentional physical contact with a Referee before, during or after a game will be ejected from the venue by the Game Commissioner or their representative and be liable to further action.
- e) In accordance with Basketball Australia's Courtsiding Policy, posters stating that courtsiding is prohibited must be displayed and anyone engaging in courtsiding must be asked to leave the venue immediately by the Game Commissioner.



Appendix 1 Offences and penalties

The following table sets out the standard penalties to be applied for a breach of the Rules of Operations at the determination of the League Manager.

Offence	Rule reference	Penalty (per offence)
Administrative and procedural fines	2.2.3 Administrative and procedural fines	\$150
Forfeit	2.2.4 Fines and forfeits	\$1500 (Home team) \$2000 (Away team)
Change to fixture	2.2.5 Changes to venue/fixture, 6.1.5 Amendment to fixtures & 6.3.5 Starting time change (b)	\$100
Appeal	2.3.1 Introduction	\$500 bond
Conduct detrimental or prejudicial to League	2.4.2 Conduct detrimental or prejudicial to the League	Subject to the outcome of the BWA tribunal
League finance	2.5.1 Budgets	\$150
Failure to provide a copy of an Association budget on request		
Application for entry Withdrawal of a team	2.5.3 Withdrawal of entry	Minimum of 50% of the League annual licence fee
Sponsorship and League property. Non display of signage as directed by the GM	2.6 Sponsorship and League property	\$150 (per sign)
Venue requirements Failure to provide satisfactory equipment and services	3.3.1 Venue requirements	\$150 (per item)
Association uniforms and attire including placement of League trademark	3.4 Association uniforms and attire	\$100 (per uniform)
Seating Provision of crowd attendance numbers	3.5.2 Crowd attendance	\$250
Restricted player Unregistered player Uncleared player Unqualified for finals Unlicensed player	4.1.1 Restricted player limit, 4.2.1 Restricted players, 4.4 Registration, 4.6 Clearances, 4.7 Finals qualification, 4.3 Restricted and foreign born player procedures	FIBA fine and \$1000
Home Association obligation to referees	5.3 Home Association obligations to Referees	\$100 (per item)

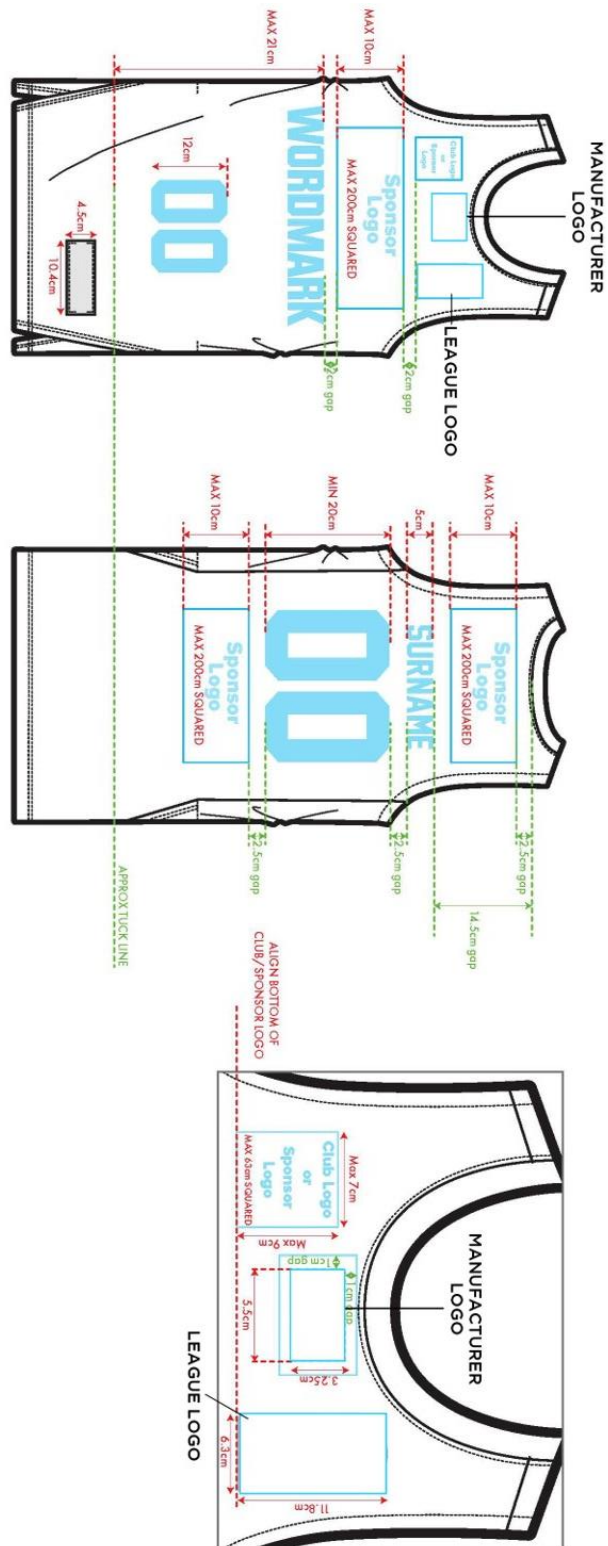


Offence	Rule reference	Penalty (per offence)
Administrative and procedural fines	2.2.3 Administrative and procedural fines	\$150
Game day timing	6.3 Game day timing	\$100 (per item)
Home team responsibilities	6.5 Home team responsibilities	\$100 (per item)
Uploading of game footage	6.5.18 (d)	\$500 (per item)
Visiting team responsibilities	6.6 Visiting team responsibilities	\$100 (per item)
Other game provisions	6.6 Visiting team responsibilities	Subject to the outcome of the BWA Tribunal
End of season voting	7.1.3 End of season voting	\$100
Use of illegal drugs	7.2 Use of illegal drugs	Subject to BA, ASADA, WADA penalties
Integrity	7.3 Integrity	Subject to BWA, BA and National Integrity outcomes
Spectator conduct	7.4 Spectator conduct	Subject to the outcome of the BWA Tribunal



Appendix 2 Uniform Style Guide

ON COURT JERSEY HOME / AWAY / ALTERNATE



ON COURT SHORTS HOME / AWAY / ALTERNATE

